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PREFACE



GOVARDHANA DĀSA



THIS YEAR THE AFRICAN BBT has seriously taken up the service of producing a Vyāsa-pūjā book for Śrīla Prabhupāda. We have received over 560 offerings, about three times more than what is published in the international book. We consider this service a sacred offering and a significant public expression of gratitude to Śrīla Prabhupāda for his causeless mercy on all of us.

The international Vyāsa-pūjā book is in its 49th edition. Hopefully we are able to follow in the footsteps of those who have been sincerely dedicated to producing the annual international book for devotees across the world.

We are encouraged by the enthusiastic response of devotees and hope that this yearly publication will truly represent all the devotees serving the African continent.

Śrīla Prabhupāda's Vyāsa-pūjā celebration has the potency to unite us and strengthen our resolve to share the sublime message of love of Godhead with

all people across Africa. As devotees serving the African continent, we have a duty to work together and support each other in our evangelistic outreach.

We are fortunate to have come under Śrīla Prabhupāda's influence. This influence is the best conductor of spiritual energy and keeps us connected to Śrīla Prabhupāda's books, his global society, the holy places, the holy name, and our real self.

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

I pray that those who come after us will continue producing this annual Vyāsa-pūjā book for the African continent for ages to come.

*Your servant in the service of Śrīla Prabhupāda,
Govardhana Dāsa (BBTA Executive Trustee)*

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THE MEANING OF VYĀSA-PŪJĀ

🕉️ MEDHĀVĪ DĀSA

*anarthopasamam saksad
bhakti-yogam adhoksaje
lokasyajanato vidvams
cakre satvata-samhitam*

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



FROM THIS VERSE, we receive an indication of the importance of Srila Krishna Dvaipayana Vyasa, the literary incarnation of the Supreme Lord who compiled all the Vedic literatures.

Lord Krishna, the Supreme Personality of Godhead, has unlimited forms and incarnations with which He performs wonderful activities and pastimes — *advaitam acyutam anadim ananta-rupam*.

One of the most important of these incarnations for all human beings is His appearance as Srila Vyasadeva.

The Vedic knowledge, which is essential for spiritual perfection, has been in existence since the beginning of the creation and was originally transmitted directly by Lord Krishna to Lord Brahma, the first created being, through the medium of the heart — *tene brahma hrda ya adi kavaye*.

Later Brahma instructed his son Narada and Narada instructed his disciple Vyasadeva. (In Vedic culture everyone must accept a guru, even though Krishna Himself is the greatest scholar and intellectual being, He also does so, to set the proper example).

This transmission was done thru the medium of sound. At that time, the culture was such that a disciple by once hearing from the spiritual master, he or she would retain that knowledge throughout their life.

Srila Vyasadeva, saw by spiritual vision, the coming effects of the age of Kali, “which destroys all the good qualities of a human being.”

*prayenalpayusah sabhya
kalav asmin yuge janah
mandah sumanda-matayo
manda-bhagya hy upadrutah*

“O learned one, in this iron age of Kali men have but short lives. They are quarrelsome, lazy, misguided, unlucky and, above all, always disturbed.” (*Bhagavatam* 1.1.10)

Therefore at the beginning of this age, 5000 years ago, Sri Vyasadeva committed all the Vedic teachings, which are thousands and thousands of verses, to the written word.

He showed the ideal character of the *sadhu*, “one who lives only for the welfare, development and happiness of others. They do not live for any selfish interest.” (*Bhagavatam* 1.4.12)

Understanding the different classes of men, some philosophically inclined and many others not, He edited the Vedas so that they might be assimilated by less intelligent men.

He compiled the Puranas, the Upanisads, the Itihasas, and so many other literatures. He also prepared the ‘Mahabharata’ by which even women, sudras and others (friends of the twice-born) can see the path of religion.

And ultimately, He compiled the *Srimad Bhagavatam*, the ripened fruit of all the Vedic literatures, so that fortunate persons could find the path out of this miserable world.

*krsne sva-dhamopagate
dharma-jnanadibhih saha
kalua nasta-drsam esa
puranarko ’dhunoditah*

“This *Bhagavat Purana* is as brilliant as the sun, and it has arisen just after the departure of Lord Krishna to His own abode, accompanied by religion, knowledge, etc. Persons who have lost their vision due to the dense darkness of ignorance in the age of Kali shall get light from this Purana.” (*Bhagavatam* 1.3.43)

To properly transmit, while maintaining the purity of these teachings, the “sastra”, there are the “guru” and the “sadhu”. The *gurus* and the *sadhus* comprise a *parampara*, an unbroken chain of

disciplic succession for the pure teachings of the *sastra* to be carefully transferred.

The sweetest mangoes are always at the top of the tree where they receive the most of the sun’s rays. They are harvested carefully by being brought down from hand to hand to prevent any bruising or damage.

Srila Rupa Goswami when giving the 64 principles of how to perform devotional service mentions as the very first item — *adau guruvasraya* — to accept the shelter of the lotus feet of a bona fide spiritual master.

The characteristics of a bona fide guru are also mentioned in *Srimad-Bhagavatam* (11.3.21):

*tasmad gurum prapadyeta
jijnasuh sreya uttamam
sabde pare ca nisnatam
brahmany upasamasrayam*

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

This disciplic succession includes also Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu, who is Krishna Himself appearing just over 500 years ago. Along with His personal associates and the great acharyas, who teach by their personal example, He espoused a life fully dedicated to the service of the Supreme Lord and delivered the “yuga dharma” – the process for spiritual advancement for this age: *kali-kalera dharma* — *krsna-nama-sankirtana*, “The fundamental religious system in the age of Kali is the chanting of the holy name of Krishna.” (*Sri Caitanya-caritamrta*, *Antya* 7.11)

Sri Caitanya predicted that the essence of devotional service – the chanting of His holy names — Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare, Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare — would be preached in as many towns and villages as there are on the surface of the earth.

*prthivite ache yata nagaradi grama
sarvatra pracara haibe mora nama*

These transcendental teachings were, for countless centuries, stored only within the subcontinent of India.

Recently, within the last 150 years, attempts were made to export this most vital information to the outside world by Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakur and his illustrious son, Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakur.

This order and desire of Lord Caitanya was ultimately fulfilled most wonderfully by the determined efforts of Srila Bhaktisiddhanta's foremost disciple — His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada — the Founder-*Acarya* of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness.

Srila Prabhupada personally would never accept any credit for his wonderful achievements for spreading the holy name of Lord Krishna throughout this world, establishing hundreds of temples with gorgeous worship of the most beautiful Dieties, initiating and training thousands of disciples, and above all his tireless translating of *Srimad Bhagavatam* and other Sanskrit works.

Srila Prabhupada often stated, his success was simply due to the mercy of his spiritual master, Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Goswami Maharaja, whose order was his life and soul.

Because he transmitted the unalloyed teachings of Srila Vyasadeva purely without adulteration through his Bhaktivedanta purports, because he exemplifies the actual quality of a *guru* and a

sadhu, because he connects us to the service of the Supreme Lord, Krishna, because he displays immense compassion for the most fallen, rejected souls of, not only the western world, but the entire world and continues to do so, because he showed his ecstatic love by utilizing every moment for Krishna's service, and for so many other countless reasons, Srila Prabhupada is accorded the respect and honor befitting Srila Vyasadeva Himself — Sri Vyasa-puja.

It is the tradition of the Vaisnava culture, that on the occasion of the appearance day of the spiritual master, his disciple's and followers gather before him to express their heartfelt feelings of appreciation and gratitude.

Each devotee has a unique experience of how he or she was delivered from a hopeless and miserable situation by the direct mercy of the spiritual master.

How a disciple appreciates the spiritual master's intervention on their behalf is an indication of their spiritual progress.

A person bound hand and foot cannot release himself by his own efforts, only someone free from bondage can do so. By the compassionate desire of the pure devotee, the Lord agrees for His material energy to release the devotee from her torture, and be placed on the pathway of devotional service. To hear each devotee's experience is enlivening for all. It increases our faith in the guru, the process of devotion, and our affection for one another.

Each and every devotee should take the opportunity to express their gratitude to the spiritual master and how only by his continued mercy does the disciple make further progress.

On this auspicious day of his holy appearance, Sri Vyasa-puja, we beg for Srila Prabhupada's mercy to fully dedicate ourselves to the service of his mission and to his lotus feet.

Jai Srila Prabhupada.





ŚRĪ GURVAṢṬAKAM


*Śrīla Viśvanātha Cakravartī
Ṭhākura*






1

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

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

2

*mahāprabhoḥ kīrtana-nṛtya-gīta-
vāditra-mādyan-manaso rasena
romāñca-kampāśru-taraṅga-bhājo
vande guroḥ śrī-caraṇāravindam*


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






3

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

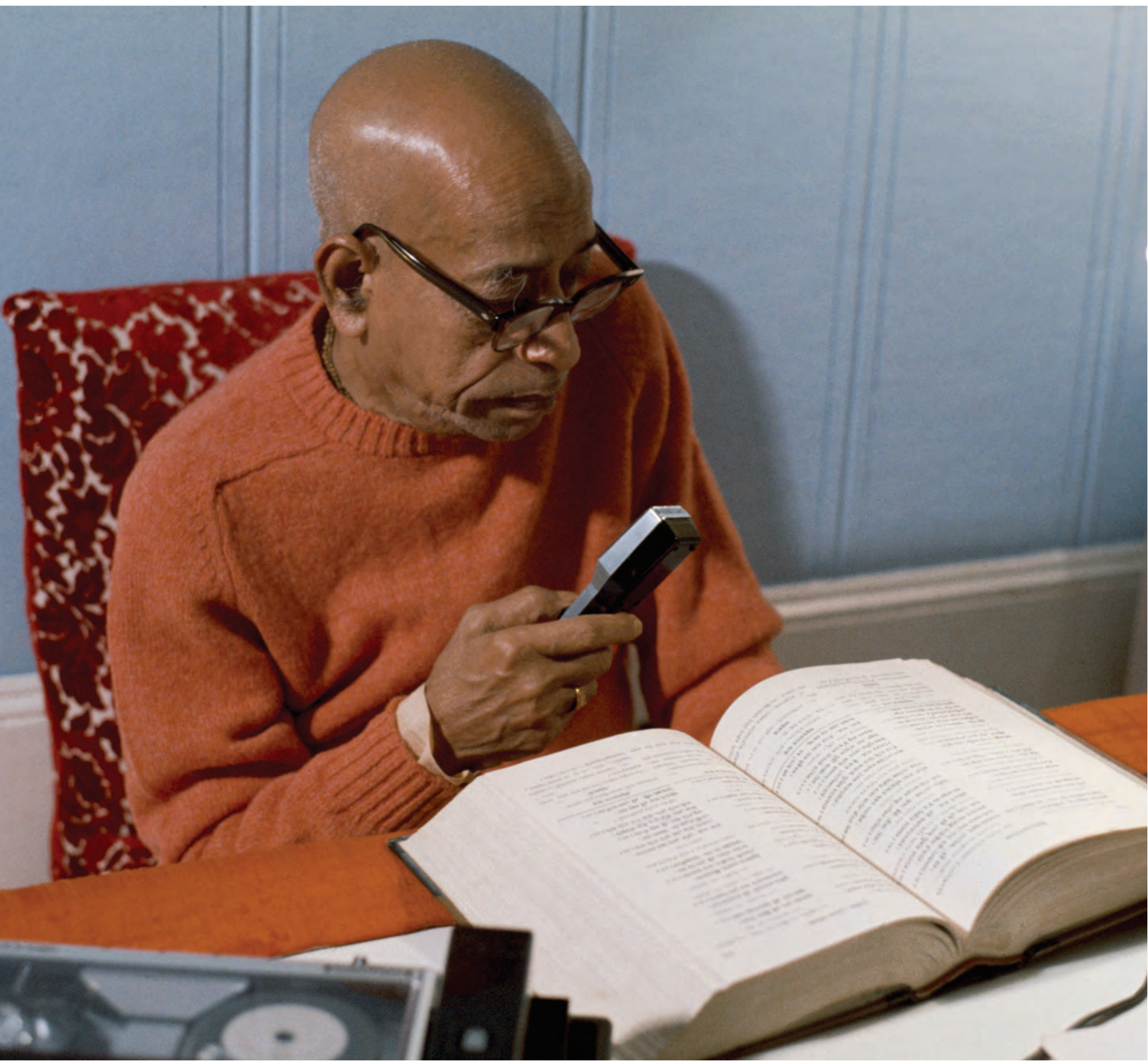
THE spiritual master is always engaged in the temple worship of Śrī Śrī Rādhā and Kṛṣṇa. He also engages his disciples in such worship. They dress the Deities in beautiful clothes and ornaments, clean Their temple, and perform other similar worship of the Lord. I offer my respectful obeisances unto the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

4

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


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






5

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

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

6

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


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






7

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

THE spiritual master is to be honored as much as the Supreme Lord, because he is the most confidential servitor of the Lord. This is acknowledged in all revealed scriptures and followed by all authorities. Therefore I offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of such a spiritual master, who is a bona fide representative of Śrī Hari [Kṛṣṇa]. 

8

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

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





OFFERINGS BY SANNYĀSĪS







My dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to your lotus feet, which are the shelter for the three worlds.

 Bhakti Caitanya Swami

TIME IS MOVING on for me. Gradually my material body is becoming old. I remember when I used to visit my mother in her later years, and each time she would tell me which of her friends had died since the last time I was there. Then one time she told me, “They’ve all gone. Every one of them.”

We have also lost a number of your disciples as time has passed, and it will come to me in due course. There is not so much time left, and I have to try to do something of some value for you before I go.

When you came to the Western world you were five years older than I am now, and look what you did! It is completely inconceivable. Could I do something like that? Definitely not. So should I give up? Definitely not. When I listen to your classes from the early days in New York, I feel the extreme sense of urgency in your voice, and it gives me a little insight into your heart. Sometimes your voice breaks momentarily into a higher pitch as your emotions of concern for the fallen souls overpower you. It becomes overwhelmingly clear that you are convinced that there is no question of there being any alternative to serious Krishna consciousness, striving for unalloyed devotional service. Convinced is not the right word. Actually you have clearly realized it.

Not that this sense of urgency was only there in those days. All the way through you showed it, every day.

In your purport to *Srimad-Bhagavatam* 10.13.53 you say: “One should understand that no one is independent, for everything is part and parcel of Krishna and is acting and moving by the supreme desire of Krishna. This understanding, this consciousness,

is Krishna consciousness.” When we read that, it sounds like straightforward Krishna conscious philosophy — nothing so very unusual.

But I remember a little while ago watching the movie *Your Ever Well-Wisher*, and to my surprise it showed you, emaciated on your deathbed, reciting this very sentence, surrounded by a small group of disciples, with Jayadvaita Maharaja holding the microphone to your mouth. Your physical condition was well beyond hopeless, but despite that you were continuing with unbreakable determination to give us the priceless gift of Krishna consciousness. Not only that, but you continued translating and commenting on the *Bhagavatam* for another eleven verses before stopping.

In your association, Srila Prabhupada, we have witnessed something beyond the constraints of this material world. We have been given not just a glimpse but a clear view of what it means to be a resident of the spiritual world, and how such a soul thinks, feels, and acts. As time goes on and I age, I am slowly digesting this more and more.

So what to do now? Not much time is left, and I have to try to do something more than what I have been doing. I don’t know exactly what, and that is sometimes a dilemma for me. But I guess I have to keep preaching your message and trying to help your devotees in their Krishna consciousness. If I carry on like this to the end, hopefully the devotees will say, “He was a Prabhupada man.” It would be very nice to be remembered like this.

Your servant,
Bhakti Caitanya Swami





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

*nama om visnu-padaya kṛṣṇa-presthaya bhu-tale
sṛimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine*

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

*namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvīśa-sunyavadi-paścatya-deśa-tarīne*

“Our respectful obeisances are unto you, O spiritual master, servant of Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvatī Gopīdhama. You are kindly preaching the message of Lord Caitanyadeva and delivering the Western countries, which are filled with impersonalism and voidism.” After the conveyance of the Juhu land was finally signed in October 1973, you declared, “It was a good fight. Someone should write a book about it.”

And in Vrindavan in June 1977, you repeated the instruction when speaking with Tamal Krishna:

Tamal Krishna: Always you came out victorious. Always. I have never seen you ever defeated. In Bombay it was absolutely impossible. It seemed to be impossible.

Prabhupada: Nobody encouraged. . . . Nobody, not a single man. Who could see such a big project would come out?

Tamal Krishna: Only you could see that, you and Rādhā-Rasabihārī.

Prabhupada: Nobody. Still, I was determined: “No, this place is very nice.”

Tamal Krishna: They should write a book about that.

Prabhupada: Yes, it is worth writing — history.

You had already instructed me, in February 1971, “You should write. This is your first business,” and over the years you repeated this instruction, and so I thought that you would want me to write that book about Juhu. As it is, I am the only devotee who was intimately involved in the project from the time you got possession of the land in 1972 to the time the temple opened in 1978.

So, with the encouragement and assistance of many well-wishers, I took up writing about you and Juhu as my first priority. In doing so, I became absorbed in your divine qualities, activities, and words, and I came to understand you—and even events to which I was party—in new, deeper ways. I felt like I was mining a limitless reservoir of precious gems.

Now, by your and Śrī Rādhā-Rasabihārī and the devotees’ mercy, I have finished writing the basic narrative of the book, entitled “I’ll Build You a Temple”: A Good Fight and a Promise Fulfilled. In the process, I have come to appreciate you—and your servants—even more, first and foremost those servants who assisted you in the Juhu project, and also those who have supported me in my efforts to write about it.

Your transcendental desire to establish a center of Krishna consciousness in the remote Bombay area of Juhu was awakened even before you left for America. When you would visit Sumatī Morārjī, you would pass the land and think, “This would be a nice place for a temple.” Years later, Mr. Nair offered to sell you the very same land, to be “profitably utilized

for big purpose, as yours,” and you brought Sri Sri Radha-Rasabihari from Their residence in a posh flat in Akash Ganga, overlooking the Arabian Sea, to a rented pandal on the property. From there They were moved onto a wood-plank platform under cloth supported by bare bamboo poles; then, for the rainy season, into a chatai hut with devotees; and on Janmastami 1972 into a makeshift structure of bricks and asbestos sheets. But you had vowed to Them, “I will build You a temple.” And finally, after years of struggle, we were able to offer Their Lordships the temple you had promised.

You expressed your spiritual desire to build Sri Sri Radha-Rasabihari a temple with great, intelligent endeavor. And in your purport to *Srimad-Bhagavatam* 10.13.50 you explained, “The word *sva-karthanam* refers to great desires. As mentioned in this verse, the glance of Lord Visnu creates the desires of the devotees. A pure devotee, however, has no desires. Therefore, Sanatana Gosvami comments that because the desires of devotees whose attention is fixed on Krishna have already been fulfilled, the Lord’s sidelong glances create variegated desires in relation to Krishna and devotional service.” Thus in “a place where there was no temple, . . . a devotee desired, ‘Let there be a temple and *seva*, devotional service.’ Therefore, what was once an empty corner has now become a place of pilgrimage. Such are the desires of a devotee.”

By the strength of your desire, an overgrown plot of land in Juhu became a place of pilgrimage and devotional service. And in the long process, you engaged so many of us in devotional service. As you explained in your introduction to *The Nectar of Instruction*, “This devotional service is a sort of cultivation. It is not simply inaction for people who like to be inactive or devote their time to silent meditation. There are many different methods for people who want this, but cultivation of Krishna consciousness is different. The particular word used by Srila Rupa Gosvami in this connection is *anusilana*, or cultivation by following the predecessor

teachers (*acaryas*). As soon as we say ‘cultivation,’ we must refer to activity. Without activity, consciousness alone cannot help us. . .

“We can offer many services with our bodily activities. But all such activities must be in relationship with Krishna. This relationship is established by connecting oneself with the bona fide spiritual master, who is the direct representative of Krishna in disciplic succession. Therefore, the execution of Krishna conscious activities with the body should be directed by the spiritual master and then performed with faith.”

You engaged us, your disciples—and so many others—in devotional service authorized by the principles of scripture and the instructions of previous spiritual masters, developing Hare Krishna Land on a grand scale, and after your departure, by your mercy, we were left with tremendous challenges of work and responsibility—for our own spiritual benefit and for the benefit of all those who would associate with the temple.

In spite of all opposition and obstacles, you remained perfect in Krishna consciousness—an ideal *sadhu*. During one of your talks on *Srimad-Bhagavatam*, you spoke about our situation in relation to a verse describing the qualities and behavior of a *sadhu*:

titiksavah karunikah
suhrdah sarva-dehinam
ajata-satravah santah
sadhavah sadhu-bhusanah

“The symptoms of a *sadhu* are that he is tolerant, merciful, and friendly to all living entities. He has no enemies, he is peaceful, he abides by the scriptures, and all his characteristics are sublime.” (SB 3.25.21)

You perfectly exemplified the verse, and while discussing it, you explained to us your inner mood and motivation, but you did so in such a way as to include us:

“Here all the boys and girls, the devotees, they

are concerned with Radha-Krishna. That's all. Their whole business, day and night, is Radha-Krishna. From early morning, three o'clock, to night, ten o'clock, their only business is Radha-Krishna. That's all. Therefore they are sadhu.

"And so many people are criticizing. We are not getting the sanction to build, because we have so many enemies. They say we are creating a 'nuisance.' We are chanting the Hare Krishna mantra, and that is a 'nuisance.' This complaint is going to the police. So that is very difficult."

Filled with emotion, you exclaimed, "Therefore a sadhu is advised, *Titikñavaù*, tolerate! Tolerate all this nonsense! What can be done? We have no other alternative but to tolerate. Nobody's coming to help us. Our business is so thankless. Because we are trying to create one temple, so many enemies are giving hindrance: 'You cannot do it.' Therefore *titiksavah*. You have to remain sadhu. You cannot become asadhu. You have to tolerate. What can be done?"

"At the same time, you have to become merciful. You know what has happened in this place, Hare Krishna Land? So much attack by the police, by the municipality: 'Break this temple.' We could have gone, concluding, 'What is the use of taking so much botheration? We have hundreds of temples outside India. If people here are not liking, let us go away.' No. Karunikah. We have come to distribute Krishna consciousness. We must tolerate and give this message to the people. Karunikah: very merciful, in spite of all trouble.

"These American boys and girls have come to help me—not that they have come because they are hungry. No. My mission is, 'You Americans, you chant Hare Krishna so the people of India will see, "Oh, Americans are also chanting. Why not we?"' But unfortunately—such dull brains—that thought is not coming. But still, we have to do it. We have to tolerate, and we have to become karunikah, merciful.

"Why should you want to be merciful? *Para-duh-kha-duhkhi. Kṛpambudhir yas tam aham prapadye*. A Vaishnava understands, 'These people are engaged like cats and dogs in sense gratification. They are

misguided, and in the next life they'll be punished. Let us do something for them.' This is karunikah: out of mercy. There is no question of getting something, money. No. We have got sufficient money. But just to become merciful upon these fallen, conditioned souls, who are suffering on account of becoming animalistic, without Krishna consciousness, the preacher, the sadhus. . . These are sadhus — *titiksavah*, tolerant: 'Never mind. Whatever hindrances and tribulations they are offering to us, never mind. Tolerate.'

"And *suhrdah*. *Suhrdah* means the heart is so nice. . . The Vaishnava is always thinking how a man can be saved from the clutches of *maya*. He has no other desire. The Vaishnava is so kind that *suhrdam-sarva-dehinam*: he is kind not only to the human beings but to all embodied souls—cats, dogs, trees, plants, insects. A Vaishnava will hesitate to kill even a mosquito. *Sarva-dehinam*. Not that 'I shall take care of my brother only. I am good, and my brother is good.' No. *Suhrdam sarva-dehinam*.

"And *ajata-satravaù*. When one is living in that way, as a sadhu, why will others become his enemy? The sadhu does not create enemies, but people become enemies out of their own character. How can a sadhu create enemies? Krishna says, *sarva-dharman parityajya mam ekam saranam vraja*, and we are simply teaching, 'My dear human being, my dear friend, you become a surrendered soul to Krishna.' So, what is our fault? So, we don't create any enemy, but they become enemy. Why shall I create enemy? *Suhrdah sarva-dehinam*. But they become, out of their own nature. . .

"So, we are in this society, human society, and because we are spreading Krishna consciousness, the envious, who are more dangerous than snakes, are putting so many impediments. But we have to tolerate. We have no other alternative. You see? *Ajata-satravah santah*. Be peaceful. What can be done? Depend on Krishna.

"These are the ornaments of a sadhu: *titiksavah karunikah suhrdah sarva-dehinam*. You must know what is a sadhu. First, a sadhu is a devotee. And if he

is a devotee, then all the symptoms are there. Now, you find a sadhu and associate with him. Then your path of liberation will be open.”

Srila Prabhupada, it has been our greatest good fortune to be able to associate with you, a perfect sadhu. And by your words and example, you encouraged us to try to become sadhus as well. And by the service of such a sadhu as you, one actually develops the qualities of the sadhu.

Along with your desires as a preacher, you also had your personal commitment and service to Sri Sri Radha-Rasabihari. “My dear Sir,” you had told Them, “You just stand here, and I will build You a temple.” And you did. You fulfilled your promise. And what a temple you built! And what a struggle to do it! But you did it. It was a good fight, but you did it: you kept your promise and built Them a temple.

All glories to Your Divine Grace, to your wonderful service to Sri Sri Radha-Rasabihari and to

all of Mumbai, all humanity, and all living entities — including this fallen soul. And all glories to your servants, who, by your mercy, are continuing your sublime mission.

*mukam karoti vacalam
pangum langhayate girim
yat-krpa tam aham vande
sri gurum dina-taranam*


“I offer my respectful obeisances unto my spiritual master, the deliverer of all fallen souls, whose mercy turns the dumb into eloquent speakers, and enables the lame to cross mountains.”

Hare Krishna.

*Your eternal, dependent servant,
Giriraj Swami*



nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhutale, srimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine
namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine, nirvisesa-sunyavadi-pascaty-tarane

 Jayadvaita Swami
New York City, United States
of America

QUIET IN HIS ROOM, the middle of the night. Speak, click ... think, speak, click. ... The message of *Bhagavatam*, urgent to present for the benefit of the world—or the upliftment of even one fallen soul—and for the pleasure and enlightenment of devotees. Krishna and the acaryas speak through him. “I have to think carefully about every word.” A monumental project — “I could never think small.” But every night he’ll write some more. “Little drops of water wear away stone.”

Through Srila Prabhupada’s efforts, Narada Muni “very kindly appears” in the pages. And so, do Vyasadeva, Dhruva, Prahlada. . . and ultimately Krishna himself, the Supreme Personality of Godhead, the ultimate substance in his ultimate feature. Satyam param dhimahi. Our relationship with Krishna, how to serve in that relationship, and the

highest, most cherished attainment—pure love for Krishna—all are disclosed, to become established as an irrevocable fact, as Srila Prabhupada speaks, contemplates, clicks, and goes on speaking. He aims at creating nothing less than “a revolution in the impious lives of this world’s misdirected civilization.” “I could never think small.” And he himself appears on every page, divine emissary, bearing Krishna’s message as received.

To give the world the *Srimad-Bhagavatam*, Srila Prabhupada works in the silent hours of the night—and yet his day is only beginning. From morning till night, he will tell us and show us how to serve Krishna. He will chant Hare Krishna, he will worship the Lord, he will give class, he will attend to Krishna’s work—“*Bhagavatam* in the morning, business in the afternoon.” And he will urge us and

plead with us, “Kindly help me.” Those who are fortunate, now and for generations to come, will heed his call. — *Jayadvaita Swami*



Kadamba Kanana Swami



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

GOLOKERA PREMA DHANA.... The wealth of Goloka that you brought all over the world is so extraordinary, we cannot imagine its greatness, but even with the little we know we are so satisfied.

Hari nama sankirtana.... you gave us the process of pure devotional service, you gave the chanting of the holy name.

“In the *Nectar of Devotion* (Chapter 12), the *Adi Purana* is quoted: “Anyone who is engaged in chanting My transcendental name must be considered to be always associating with Me. And I may tell you frankly that for such a devotee I become easily purchased.”

You have given us the means to purchase Krishna, to attract His mercy. The results are amazing, miracles are happening, the impossible becomes possible; we begin to behave like saintly persons! We follow regulative principles happily, relish bhagavata katha and chant the holy name, we can’t live without prasadam. Now we are eager for devotional service!

How can we adequately thank you for everything? You have done what we couldn’t do, you have changed us!

You prayed on the Jaladuta for our deliverance, you tirelessly preached all over the world, made temples where we found shelter, wrote books to give us vision and inspiration and prayed on our behalf at

every step. Your well wishes continue also now, by your request Krishna will not ignore us, although we are not deserving His mercy.

‘We’ are mankind; ‘we’ are all the living beings in the three worlds, you reached out to all of us and the miracles began to happen and there are more to come.

We are not very serious, not really servants, we are so distracted by material desires and the six enemies, lust, anger, greed, madness, illusion, and envy, we are not very sincere; nonetheless you never give up on anyone so we remain recipients of your causeless mercy.

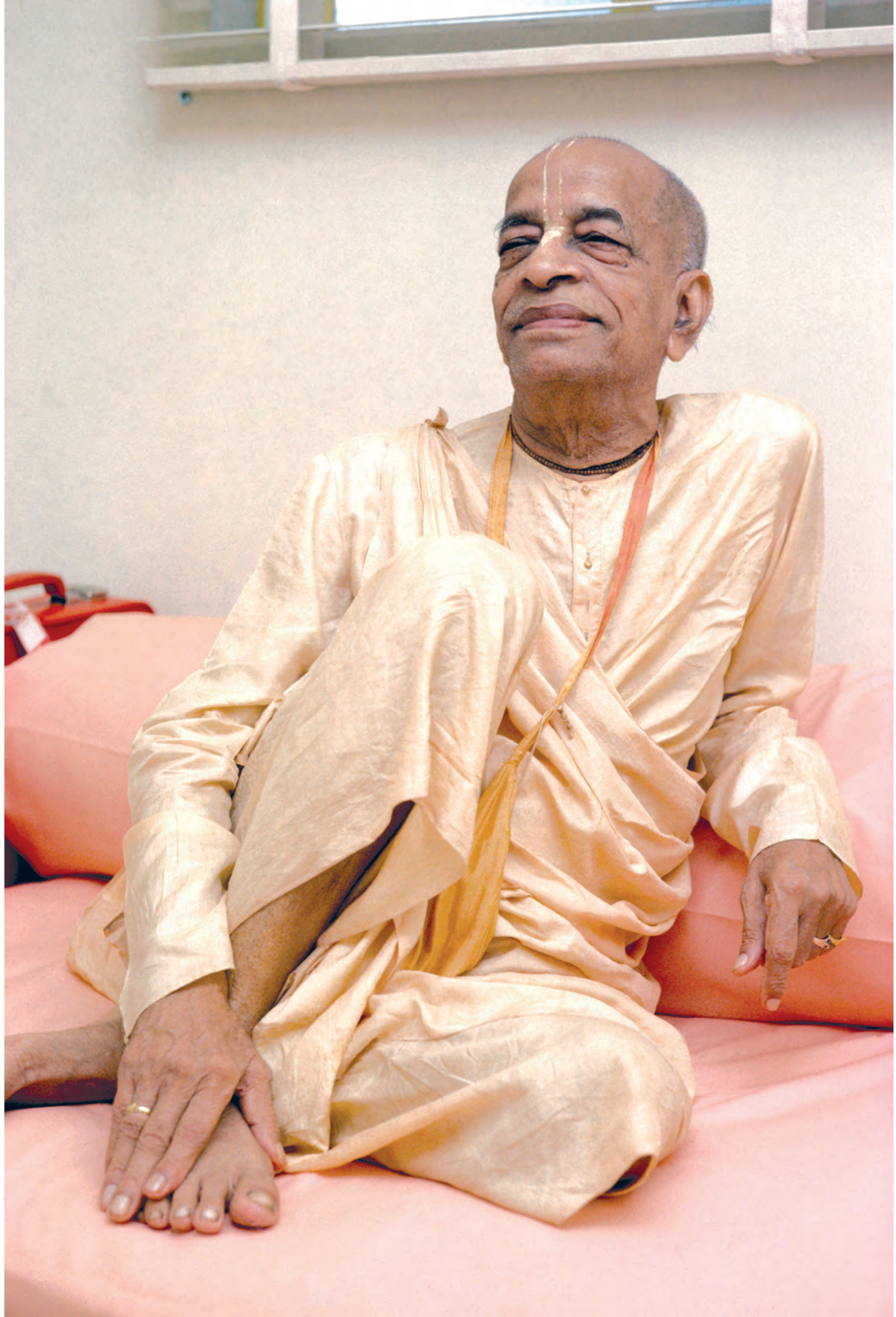
One page of your books, one sentence, one word can change our hearts.

I have no more independence I have become the servant of your servant; may I never stray from this. I am trying to give Krishna consciousness to others, although I am a shallow man with little realisation, I do have faith in you. I have changed by your mercy, and I am convinced that service to you can change anyone. So, I am optimistic for myself and for the world.

The news is great for all to hear; by Prabhupada’s grace devotional service is here to stay!

Your servant,
Kadamba Kanana Swami









My Dearest and Most Beloved Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most prostrated obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet
on the most auspicious occasion of your 123rd Vyasa-puja celebration. All glories to Your Divine Grace.

 Lokaṇāth Swami

SRILA PRABHUPADA, on 12 November 2017, the Vice President of India, Mr. Venkaiah Naidu, inaugurated the Premiere screening of the film *Hare Krishna! The Mantra, The Movement and The Swami Who Started It All*, directed by Yadubara Prabhu and Visakha Devi Dasi in New Delhi. Speaking at the occasion, the Honorable Vice-President, Mr. Naidu said, “He [Srila Prabhupada] established more than 100 temples, cultural centers and farm communities, and wrote commentaries for over 75 books, and traveled the world more than fourteen times – all in the short span of just eleven years. But to me – Swami Prabhupada’s greatest achievement was that he was an exemplary ambassador of India’s ancient civilization. He carried the same traditional values that you, his followers, are now promoting from inside and outside the shores of India.”

Srila Prabhupada, this epic documentary in many ways epitomized what you have accomplished as the ‘exemplary ambassador of India’s ancient civilization’. HH Sivarama Maharaja, on this occasion from the same podium recalled that in 1977 a gentleman had glorified you by saying, ‘India is the place where Krishna is worshipped. Since Krishna is now worshipped all over the world by Prabhupada’s preaching, it is to be understood that Srila Prabhupada is India’s greatest ambassador.’ His statement elicited a big applause which triggered a thought in my mind. Globally wherever we find ISKCON, those very places are like an extension of Bharat-varsa (India). With the passing of time those “towns and villages” where your ambassadorship of India’s ancient civilization has been established, will expand, ultimately encompassing the whole planet.

In the preface of *Srimad-Bhagavatam* you wrote: “We must know the present need of human society which is no longer bounded by geographical limits to particular countries or communities.

It is broader than in the middle ages, and the world tendency is towards one state or one human society. The ideals of spiritual communism, according to *Srimad-Bhagavatam*, are based more or less on the oneness of the entire energy of living beings.”

Srila Prabhupada, your Hare Krishna Movement has achieved the dictum, “the world tendency is towards one state or one human society’. It is the meeting of hearts, minds and thoughts. No other organisation could do this or has accomplished this. They may be talking of some kind of global brotherhood or peace and unity, but it’s all very superficial with no deeper understanding or commitment. Krishna Consciousness on the other hand makes us understand that all people everywhere are truly, factually and eternally brothers and sisters. When different persons claim that they are brothers, it means that they have someone in common — a common father, the Lord.

When I was much younger I had heard the slogan *hindi-chini bhai bhai* (Hindi and chini are brothers) I did not know any better and instantly made a literal translation. Hindi is a language and chini is sugar. I was left wondering how a language and an edible substance could possibly be brothers? As I grew older I realised that the people of Hindustan (India) are called Hindi and Chinese people are called Chini. That made more sense. *hindi-chini bhai bhai* — the Hindustanis and the Chinese are brothers. There was still that important missing link. Srila Prabhupada, you opened my eyes with the torch of knowledge. From your *Bhagavad-gita As It Is*, I finally learnt the underlying truth and fully understood the meaning of *hindi-chini bhai bhai* — that the people of India and the people of China are all brothers. Krishna says: ‘*aham bija-pradahh pita* - I am the seed-giving father.’ You taught the whole world that the Supreme Personality of Godhead is the common and Supreme Father of humanity. Not

just all of humanity, but all creatures who inhabit this world. Saint Francis of Sicily would speak to his “Sister Tree” and “Brother Bird.”

The Vedic point of view vasudhaiva kutumbakam is that everybody on this planet is certainly part of our family. To consider some people to be His and others not, is a duality that is a reflection of low and miserly thinkers. The magnanimous, high thinkers think in terms of vasudhaiva kutumbakam - considering the whole world as His family. God does not make any discrimination or divide people by their boundaries, race or colour. They are all His people, His devotees. Godly devotees think like God. For you Srila Prabhupada, India was never a boundary on a map. The philosophy you propagated is vasudhaiva kutumbakam - nurturing and guiding ‘the world tendency of going towards one state or one human society’. You inculcated in us a mental attitude that harbors world human brotherhood wherein the world unites as one family.

In an interview with Mr. Sharma, a United Nations worker, you stated that the United Nations are unable to accomplish anything. They were formed to stop war, and have been unsuccessful in their mission. You said, “The United Nations organization, they want to unite. For the last twenty years the United Nations are trying to unite, but the result is - we are disunited. Instead of making one flag, the flags are increasing every year. The United Nations has failed” During the public programs you would proudly point out, “This is my disciple from America. And this one from England. And this one from Germany.” Srila Prabhupada you said, “We are all very fortunate that different nations, from different parts of the world, are now combined together in Krishna consciousness.” You brought all of us together under the one banner of Lord Caitanya. ISKCON is the United Nations of the spiritual world. The last

Mayapur festival was attended by devotees from over seventy countries. All were united in spirit, staying harmoniously together under one roof; one kitchen, one family. There is much truth in the axiom ‘a family that prays together, stays together.’ We chant and dance together and all the differences, boundaries and designations disappear. The ISKCON family is growing from strength to strength.

*ekam sastram devaki-putra-gitam
eko devo devaki-putra eva
eko mantras tasya namani yani
karmapy ekam tasya devasya seva
(Bhagavat Gita Mahatmya, Text 7)*

All the members and followers of the Krishna Conscious movement have one common scripture - *ekam sastram devaki-putra-gitam — Bhagavad-gita*; we worship one God, *eko devo devaki-putra eva* - the son of Devaki, Krishna; chant one mantra - *eko mantras tasya namani* - Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare, Hare Rama Hare Rama , Rama Rama Hare Hare and universally we all have the same occupation - *karmapy ekam tasya devasya seva* - and that is devotional service unto the Supreme worshipable Lord, Sri Krishna.

“The world tendency is toward one state or one human society.” Srila Prabhupada, that society is the International Society for Krishna Consciousness of which you are the founding father, the senapati bhakta of Lord Caitanya.

ISKCON founder- acarya Srila Prabhupada Ki Jai!!

*Your insignificant servant,
Lokanath Swami*





Dear Srila Prabhupada, please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to your divine grace.
On this most auspicious day of your appearance anniversary in this material world,
I offer my obeisances at your lotus feet sata-koti times.

Partha Sarathi Das Goswami,
Durban, South Africa

YOU HAVE TWO purely spiritual and divine forms. One form, we have perceived by our knowledge acquiring senses and this form was present before us for eight-one earthly years. Your followers play your sound recordings, see you in films and videos, read your Bhaktivedanta purports and adorn the ISKCON temples and their homes with your pictures and deity form. On my altar, I have your toothbrush, silk kurta, remnants of sandalwood soap, and also a marigold garland you wore some forty years ago.

You also have another form — that of an eternal associate of Sri Sri Radha Madhava. Both forms are acintya bhedabeda, the same, yet different. The form we saw with our eyes is naimittika or occasional and your other form is nitya. One form is prakata and the other form is aprakata.

As your sincere followers, our prayers and meditations should be directed towards both — your *sadhaka* form and your *siddha* form.

“One should always think of the spiritual master in terms of his intimate relationship with Mukunda (Sri Krishna).” (*Caitanya-caritamṛta*, *Adi-lila* 1.46, purport)

The word intimate would infer to one’s stayi-bhava or eternal relationship with Lord Mukunda, which is in one of five primary relationships. The word “always” reminds me of the word *nirantara* [constantly, continuously, and without cessation]

You write in the same purport, “In all the ancient literatures of devotional service and in the more recent songs of Srila Narottama dasa Thakura, Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakura and other unalloyed Vaisnavas, the spiritual master is always considered either one of the confidential associates of Srimati Radharani or a manifested representation of Srila Nityananda Prabhu.”

I humbly pray that at some point in the course of my feeble attempt to practice devotional service I will be able to realise even to some small extent, your personality as one of Srimati Radharani’s confidential associates. Since, I am not qualified or advanced, it will take me many lifetimes.

In the meantime, I worship you as a manifested representation of Lord Nityananda. Just as Lord Nityananda is the *krpa*-avatara, so you are the parama parama patita pavana *krpa* avatara.

Your disciples and sincere followers are manifestations of your mercy. Therefore I also bow down to them and roll in the dust of their lotus feet.

On my altars in South Africa and Vrndavana I have the remnants of your numerous disciples and grand disciples. As Srila Krishnadas Kaviraja Goswami says in *Sri Caitanya-caritamṛta*, *Antya-lila* 16.60-61:

*bhakti pada dhuli ara bhakti pada jala
bhakti bhukta avasesa tina maha-bala
ei tina-seva haite kṛṣṇa-prema haya
punah punah sarva-Sastre phukariya kaya*

“The dust of the feet of the devotee, and the water that has washed the feet of a devotee and the remnants of food left by a devotee are three very powerful substances. By rendering service to these three, one attains the supreme goal of ecstatic love for Krishna. In all the revealed scriptures this is loudly declared again and again.”

I humbly pray that at some point in my future existence I will be able to see you again, serve you and attend to your every need. In the meantime, I shall worship your instructions, and deity form, and remain loyal to your personal preaching mission ISKCON.

Please always grant me the benediction that I can remain in the association of your exalted disciples and grand disciples.

*Your worthless, immature and fallen disciple,
Partha Sarathi Das Goswami*



Rama Govinda Swami



Param Pujya Param Guru deva,
Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of Your lotus feet.
All glories to Your Holiness on this auspicious occasion of Your Vyasa Puja.

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

PARAM GURUDEV! Time is on move. With your blessings and the restless efforts of your beloved disciples, the ISKCON preaching of Krishna Consciousness is spreading throughout the world like wild fire. With your blessings, I am also trying to contribute my services little bit, just like the little squirrel tried to help Lord Sri Ram to construct the Rama Sethu on the great ocean. Your purports on *Sri Bhagavad gita* and *Srimad Bhagavatam* are unique in the style of explaining the subject matter of God, His opulence, His pastimes, His pure devotees, pure devotional service unto Him, and gives a very clear understanding of the Supreme Personality of Godhead Sri Krishna, the tattva of the living entities, the material nature and the activities (karma) and their reaction. Any fortunate, sincere and intelligent person reading them will certainly try to enquire about himself, ie atma-tattva, and consequently will take up to devotional service to the Supreme Lord Sri Krishna. He certainly understands *parabhavas tavad abhoda jato, yavan na jijñāsata atma-tattvam*. That is the potency of your commentary/purports.

Param Gurudeva! In the purport to SB 2.4.16, you mentioned that “attainment of this perfection of life is easily available to a pure devotee of the Lord without his undergoing any difficult method of

perfection. Such a devotional life is full of *kirtanam, smaranam, iksanam*, etc., as mentioned in the previous verse. One must therefore adopt this simple way of devotional life in order to attain the highest perfection available in any category of the human form of life in any part of the world”. By the mercy of vaisnavas, and Sri Guru, I could also take up this wonderful process of devotional service which is even glorified Lord Brahma as the best of all other process to please the Supreme Personality of Godhead Sri Krishna.

*sreyah-srtim bhaktim udasya te vibho
klisyanti ye kevala-bodha-labdhaye
tesam asau klesala eva sisyyate
nanyad yatha sthula-tusavaghatinam
(Bhagavatam 10.14.4)*

Srila Prabhupada! You have summarized and explained entire process of bhakti yoga, loving devotional service, in a such a simple way that it can be appreciated and practiced by any one irrespective of cast and creed. The Krishna Consciousness is for every human being who is intelligent enough to seek the ultimate goal of human form of life, i.e. going back to Godhead. Many vaisnavas

from other sampradayas appreciate your purports on Srimad Bhagavatam and Sri *Bhagavad-gita* As It Is. You wrote in the purport to SB 5.5.5 that “Generally people think that one should act very piously in order to be relieved from misery, but this is not a fact. Even though one engages in pious activity and speculation, he is nonetheless defeated. His only aim should be emancipation from the clutches of maya and all material activities. Speculative knowledge and pious activity do not solve the problems of material life. One should be inquisitive to understand his spiritual position”. This statement is very relevant in the present world. I come across many people who think that one should be pious, and be little religious because that will please the Lord. Many even do not have clear understanding of God. Their understanding is not based on any scripture, but their mental concoction. But, your purports give very clear insight to the miseries of this materialistic life and the process to get out of this miserable life forever, and be situated in the transcendental life full of blissfulness, forever; and that process is to take devotional service under the guidance of a bonafide spiritual master. You trained and empowered your many disciples to preach and spread this process throughout the world. The results are seen. Krishna Consciousness is spread throughout the world. Your books are translated in to many languages of different parts of the world so that they can read, understand and purify their lives. As spoken by Sri-la Sukadeva Goswami, many thousands of people

from various countries are taking this Krishna Consciousness and chanting the Hare Krishna *maha-mantra* for purification and to achieve the goal of life.

*kirata-hūṇandhra-pulinda-pulkaṣa
abhira-śumbha yavanah khasadayah
ye 'nye ca papa yad-apaśrayaśrayah
śudhyanti tasmai prabhaviṣṇave namah
(Bhagavatam 2.4.18)*

For many people it is just like a miracle. But, for a pure devotee of Supreme Personality of Godhead Sri Krishna, of your stature, nothing is impossible. By your extensive touring, preaching and writing books on transcendental knowledge, you made the impossible possible. Many speakers on Sri Bhagavath katha, who do not belong to ISKCON, also glorify your ISKCON Movement for spreading Sri Radha Krishna bhakti, Jagannatha Ratha Yatra, Vaisnava way of life in every part of the world.

Param Gurudeva! Please bless me so that I can also become part of your mission of propagating the teachings of Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu. Without the mercy of acarya and spiritual master, it is not possible to be engaged in this preaching mission started by Your Holiness. Please bless me to remain at the service of Your Lotus Feet for ever.

*Your servant of servant of servant,
Rama Govinda Swami*





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

Medhavi Dasa
Cape Town, South Africa

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya
bhutale srimate bhaktivedanta-svaminn iti namine
namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvisesa-sunyavadi-pascatya-desa-tarine*

SRILA PRABHUPADA, you have changed the landscape of this material world by your wonderful preaching activities.

Whereas before you came, almost 99.99% of the population was “meritoriously” rushing toward hell and future lower species, now many persons are coming into contact with you through your wonderful books and are changing their direction ‘back to Godhead’.

Not only did you bring the pure understanding of *Bhagavad-gita As It Is*, *Srimad Bhagavatam*, *Caitanya-caritamrta*, *Nectar of Devotion* — veritable encyclopedias of transcendental knowledge, but you also established the International Society for Krishna Consciousness to train everyone in the standards of spiritual living.

In 1973, in Mumbai, H.H. Giriraj Swami relates that Mrs. Lilavati Munshi of Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, being astonished with your success, inquired “How did you do it.” She kept asking “How did you get them to shave their heads? How did you get them to wear dhotis and kurtas and tilak? How did you get the girls to wear saris?” You explained that although there were many editions of *Bhagavad-gita*, it had not been presented “as it is” and that there had not been any programs to train students to follow its principles.

Although there were so many branches of the Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan- both within and outside of India- and although they were disseminating books, there was no program for training young men and women to become followers of Vedic culture. Books were required, and training was also required. And he had given both.”

By definition “to train” means: “bring (person, animal, etc.) to desired state or standard by instruction and practice.” You left countless instructions for the application of Krishna-consciousness to any situation, to any person in any culture.

Meanwhile, the forces of Kali-yuga are more and more swallowing every aspect of a human being’s existence and consciousness thru marketing, the internet and social media. How social media, initially thought to be a tool for ease of communication, is now being revealed as a web of exploitation and control.

These last years have seen, in many parts, your sincere disciples and followers return to focusing on your primary desire of distributing your books. And, as you repeatedly instructed, that you have written these books for us, we must also study these books, imbibe their wisdom and teach it to others.

As we study the knowledge you have given, our faith becomes deepened and our conviction grows, our determination to see that your desire for Krishna-consciousness to flood the world becomes stronger.

In a famous letter you once surprisingly mentioned that “we have enough devotees,” and that now “we should boil the milk.” That rather than increasing the population of temples by numerical strength, we should concentrate on elevating the quality of devotion- from *sraddha*, to *sadhu sanga* to *bhajana kriya* to *anartha-nivrttih* to *nistha* to *ruci* to attachment and ultimately *bhava* and *prema*.

Of course, at this time, the vast majority of ISKCON members are in the congregation and not living within a temple. Still every devotee should have

a strong urge to deepen his or her consciousness and the association and encouragement to do so.

Dear Srila Prabhupada, on this auspicious day, I beg for your mercy to utilize the remaining time left for this body to help strengthen your movement by more deeply training myself and helping to train

those coming to your lotus feet in the standards and sadhana that you established for becoming genuine saintly persons and real devotees of the Lord.

*Still your aspiring servant,
Medhavi das*



Nanda Kumar Dasa
Sandton, South Africa



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

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

AMBASSADOR OF LOVE – the spiritual world
Fully blossomed consciousness – a lotus unfurls
Loving parents – they showed the way
A momentous meeting – a blessed day
You know English – preach it in the West
Depend on Krishna – He will take care of the rest
A lifetime in preparation – Contagious boom
Saviour of the world – Benediction Moon
Praying to Rupa – an impossible mission
Time to go – it's His decision
You chose America – not the royal crown
You opened the floodgates – in bhakti they will drown
Analogous strategy – the blind and the lame
By Your preaching – the world is not the same
The seeds of devotion – You have sown
See how mercifully – they have grown
Temples open – devotees galore
Sporting in delight – an unending shore
From Goloka – You did descend
A united world – we will ascend

*Your foolish servant,
Nanda Kumar das*





Dear Srila Prabhupada,

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

YOU WERE 75 YEARS OLD when I joined in Spring of 1971. In a little over five years, you had established an international society spanning the continents. You had taken your disciples to India where your countrymen were astounded to see the Westerners in *dhoti*, adorned with tilak, playing *mrdungas* while chanting the Holy Names. Already, the Hare Krishna mantra was made world famous by its association with the Beatles. The Krishna book had been published, artists were busy painting transcendental pastimes of Krishna under your direction, farms had been established. In 1972, at your Vyasapuja in New Vrindaban, you gave a lecture on the importance of one who sits on the vyasasana. You were asked, "If the purpose of life is to become Krishna conscious, then why is Maya so strong?" you immediately replied, "Because your purpose is not strong." Srila Prabhupada, you are an incarnation of strong intention - bold, decisive, fearless. Please bless me with that same single-mindedness - to serve the guru in his mission and be exemplary in behaviour with deeds and words.

You extend the mercy of Lord Caitanya all over the world. In Nellore, India, on a morning walk, Bhavabhuti prabhu mentioned that the local Gaudiya Math in Madras had said that if Caitanya Mahaprabhu wanted to preach Krishna consciousness in the West, why did He not go there Himself? You suddenly stopped walking, put down your cane, and said, "Because Caitanya Mahaprabhu wanted to give me the credit." The credit will be yours for the next ten thousand years. No one else can claim any because without your mercy, we would all be drown in the ocean of material life.



Nrsimhananda Dasa
Director ISKCON Television, Inc.
Director, Uplifting Cinema Pvt. Ltd.
Topanga, California
United States of America

Srila Prabhupada, you had the knack of knowing just how to engage everyone in devotional service. Becoming a devotee was not a cookie cutter process; you treated everyone as an individual. In 1972, London, George Harrison popped in unexpectedly to visit. You immediately invited him into your quarters and had an extended conversation. George had cut his beard and hair, and you tussled it affectionately as you embraced him to your chest. George asked if he should shave his head and move into the temple. You said, "No! You have a great gift for the world in your music. Just continue your music and Krishna will be greatly please. He will bless you." Then you said, "I will give you ideas for some songs." you got out Bhaktivinod's song book and recited translations of a number of songs. Not long after this time, George released the famous, "My Sweet Lord" featuring the Hare Krishna maha mantra. Who knows who will be empowered to extend the mercy of the Holy Names in every town and village. Only you have the transcendental vision to fan the sparks of bhakti and set fire to the materialist's plans to keep everyone enslaved by Maya.

You engaged Yadubara and Visakha dd with the same personal touch. They were photographers in India, and you encouraged them to dovetail their propensities for Krishna. This past year, Yadubara prabhu finished and distributed the glorious film about you. It has been playing in cinema theatres throughout the world to packed audiences. Just as you had said, "They (the materialists) are now feeling the weight of this movement. Formerly they thought these people come and go, but now they see we are staying. Now we have set fire. It will go on, it cannot

be stopped. You can bring big, big fire brigades but the fire will act. The brainwash books are already there. Even if they stop externally, internally it will go on. Our first class campaign is book distribution. Go house to house. The real fighting is now. Krishna will give you all protection. So, chant Hare Krishna and fight. One movie expert has opined there are so many ideas in our movement. Try to get our ideas into movies." (letter to TKG Oct 30, 1976) So as one fire can light many, your engagement of Yadubara and Visakha inspired myself, Janardradhi, and now others to dovetail our interests and talents in making Krishna conscious movies.

Janardradhi and I continue to focus on getting Krishna conscious feature films into the theatres.

After five years of endeavour, we finally got some financial support. We hired writers. The scripts are in progress. The first Iskcon leader has gotten behind our work - your beloved Giriraja Swami. Though we have little to show in our five years of work in contrast to yours, we are still very grateful for this opportunity to try to be of service to you in spreading Lord Caitanya's message all over the world. Please continue to shower your mercy on all the conditioned souls. Your instructions are forever in our hearts. We just pray to be able to serve you.

Your aspiring disciple
Nrsimhananda das



Prasuti Dasi 🌺
Johannesburg, South Africa



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

TODAY IS ONE of the most happy days in the kali yuga, the day when you were born, the day which many great devotees had been waiting for, the day that the salvation of the human race became possible.

There is no way that I can fully express my gratitude to you because it is so enormous that I cannot even see the amount of it myself.

Whichever way I turn there is something more that I am grateful for, even the really difficult circumstances which I had to endure were actually for my benefit because by your mercy they taught me many things about reality.

Reading the *Bhagavad-gita* As It Is gives me tremendous strength, and education which is not available anywhere else.

Associating with devotees is a pleasure which is not available to the billions of humans who are not aware of your mercy. I pray that sometime I will be able to serve you by distributing many more copies of your *Bhagavad-gita*.

The more I read your books the deeper my

understanding grows, it is a mystical experience because it takes me to realisations which are way beyond anything I could even imagine.

Krishna is so much more wonderful that anyone else, and only by your mercy has it become possible for me to connect with Him. He is with everyone, always, but for us to have a relationship with Him we need to know Him, and by your generous mercy you have given us The Krishna Book, and the other books which you translated, working diligently night after night, while we were sleeping!

Dear Srila Prabhupada, I love you and I pray all the time that eventually I will succeed in being able to be Krishna conscious, thus your giving me initiation will be justified.

Dear Srila Prabhupada without your loving care and attention my life would have been over many years ago, so I owe my everything to you. Without your guidance I would have been stuck in the abysmal ignorance that I grew up in, with no possibility of escape.

If not for your patient tolerance of the western

degradation which was prevalent when you came to America in 1965 none of us would have been saved!

Thus you gave me everything, a reason to be happy, a way to be happy, and many devotees to be happy with.

The joy I feel is almost overwhelming, and the only sadness I feel is that I have not been able to share this joy with many more people.

So dear Srila Prabhupada I beg that you will continue to guide me on my path back to Krishna,

and I pray that sometime I will do service which will make you glad.

Hare Krishna.

*Holding on to your lotus feet,
Your servant,
Prasuti dasi*



My dear Srila Prabhupada,

I OFFER MY RESPECTFUL OBEISANCES unto you, my spiritual master, who has opened my eyes, which were blinded by the darkness of ignorance, with the torchlight of transcendental knowledge. You are very dear to Lord Krishna, having taken shelter at His lotus feet. You are kindly preaching the message of Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu and delivering so many fallen, conditioned souls who were suffering out of sheer ignorance.

In *Śrī Caitanya-caritāmṛta* (*Antya* 2.3-4) it is stated,

*sarva-loka uddhārite gaura-avatār
nistārera hetu tāra trividha prākār
sākṣāt-darśana, āra yogya-bhakta-jīve
‘āveśa’ karaye kāhān, kāhān ‘avirbhave’*

“In His incarnation as Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu, Lord Sri Krishna descended to deliver all the living beings in the three worlds, from Brahmāloka down to Pātāla-loka. He caused their deliverance in three ways. The Lord delivered the fallen souls in some places by meeting them directly, in other places by empowering a pure devotee, and in still other places by appearing before someone Himself.”


Later in the same chapter (*Antya* 2.13-14),

Krishna dasa Kaviraja Gosvami states,

*tā-sabā tārīte prabhu sei saba deśe
yogya-bhakta-jīva-dehe karena ‘āveśe’
sei jīve nija-bhakti karena prakāśe
tāhāra darśane ‘vaiṣṇava’ haya sarva-deśe*

“To deliver people in regions throughout the universe who could not meet Him, Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu personally entered the bodies of pure devotees. Thus He empowered living beings [His pure devotees] by manifesting in them so much of His own devotion that people in all other countries became devotees by seeing them.”

From the above verses we can conclude that you are a *śaktyāveśa-avatāra*, or a person directly empowered by Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu to fulfil His prediction and spread Kṛṣṇa consciousness all over the world. We are all so fortunate that we have come into contact with you. You have given us so many valuable gifts—your divine association, the chanting of the holy name, your books, Kṛṣṇa *prasādam*, the holy *dhāmas*, the worship of the Deities—to name a few. By following the process that you have given us we can make our lives and existence perfect. It is said that the disciple can

 Ramanujacharya Dasa
Chatsworth, Durban, South Africa

never repay the debt to his spiritual master. In other words we are eternally indebted to you. We can simply try to repay you by following your instructions to become pure devotees ourselves and to further spread this Kṛṣṇa consciousness movement.

In the *Kṛṣṇa Book* (p. 441) you state, “In the *Bhagavad-gītā* it is said that pure devotees of the Lord execute devotional service with great determination. Such determination, as exhibited by Rukmiṇī-devī, is the only price for purchasing Kṛṣṇa’s favour. One should be strongly determined in Kṛṣṇa consciousness, and that is the way to ultimate success.” Śrīmatī Rukmiṇī-devī declared that she was

prepared to undergo austerities lifetime after lifetime in order to gain Kṛṣṇa’s favour if was not possible in one lifetime. This should be our attitude. *Janme janme prabhu sei*. You are our lord, birth after birth.

So on this occasion of your Vyāsa-pūjā celebration, I fall at your lotus feet and beg for forgiveness for my countless offenses. I beg to be forever engaged in expanding your movement birth after birth. I beg for the ability to always meditate on you and to understand what you want. I beg to become a humble servant of your divine lotus feet.

Rāmānujāchārya Dāsa



Sriniketana Dasa 🌺
Bon Accueil, Mauritius



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most humble obeisances at your lotus feet.
All glories to your divine appearance day, the most blessed event of Sri Vyasa-puja.

While listening to your *Srimad Bhagavatam* lectures I came upon verse 7.9.28. In that verse Prahlaḍa Maharaja requests the Lord to keep him engaged in the service of his spiritual master Narada Muni, who had saved him from falling gradually into a blind well full of snakes. He felt this to be his first and foremost duty. And then he added the following: “How could I leave his service?”

I was deeply touched by the reality of this statement. Reflecting on my own situation I could immediately identify with what Prahlaḍa Maharaja said.

It is on occasions like your annual Vyasa-puja that we commit ourselves again to serve you to our last breath. We are so much indebted to you that even lifetimes of service cannot pay back what we owe you. Had we not met you we would have glided further and further into the dark well of material existence in which we were already sunk quite deeply. By your causeless mercy you gave us the means to get out of this fearful situation.

By some incredible good fortune we were chosen to be the recipient of this guru kṛpā. Even now it seems to me to be miraculous, something like

winning the jackpot of the lottery. It’s too good to be true — as we realized much later after our ignorance was removed to some degree.

In order to really show proper gratitude we can only pray to the Lord to keep us engaged in your service as a menial servant, *so 'ham katham nu visrjetave bhṛtya-sevam*. You not only pulled us out of the dark well of Maya but you also gave us meaningful seva. And to me the most important aspect of your saving grace is service to Your Divine Grace and consequently service to Krishna. In this way you gave us back our real life.

*Message of service
Thou has brought
A healthful life
As Caitanya wrought
Unknown to all
It's full of grace
That's your gift
Your Divine Grace*

Every day I am grateful for this opportunity to serve

you, however imperfect this seva maybe. I pray to you to Your Divine Grace to never reject this servant of yours. As you mention in the purport of the above verse.

This is the secret of success. First we should try to serve the Spiritual Master and then one should try to please the Supreme Personality of Godhead.

Practice makes perfect. I am therefore begging with all humility at my command for continued service at your lotus feet. You taught us that the only way to eradicate offenses against the holy name is to keep on chanting with full faith and conviction. Similarly I am convinced that by simply executing your instructions to my best capacities I can someday attain the desired goal of the process of Krishna consciousness, *kṛṣṇa-prema*.

Srī guru karuṇa sindhu adhama janara bandhu — you are the ocean of mercy, the friend of the poor and master of devotees. *Guru mukha padma vakya cittete kariya aikya* — my only wish is to have my consciousness purified by the words emanating from your lotus mouth.

Please bestow upon this fallen soul the ardent desire to always want to hear your divine instructions and be absorbed in reading your transcendental books and 24 hours remain engaged in your service and the service of your dear followers.

*Your fallen servant,
Sriniketana das*





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& OTHER DEVOTEES**







Dear Srila Prabhupada.

Please accept my humble and respectful obeisances.

All glories to Your Divine Grace.

CAUSE AND EFFECT has been connected with Mankind for time immemorial. One may know it as, for every action, there is a reaction, Karma. When I have to think about the cause and effect that Your Divine Grace has contributed, it overwhelms me with joy and gratefulness.

The cause Your Divine Grace has contributed is, living in a world where everyone learns about Krishna Consciousness and becomes the loving servants of the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Lord Sri Krishna. The effect is so powerful, sometimes we don't comprehend how Your Divine Grace has had such a huge effect on our lives for the better good. The effect is, us living today with a strong spiritual mind,

associating with devotees, and serving the Lord with love and devotion and surrendering onto Him.

Thus, we are eternally grateful for the contribution in the form of ISKCON to become pure and fortunate souls, serving Their Lordships with love and devotion. We are definitely in an ocean of mercy in the age of Kali Yuga, where we can see the action of sin in this material world.

Therefore, please bless us with the strength and intelligence to love and serve Radha and Krishna and to remember Them at the time of death.

*Your eternal servant of your servants,
Abhay Sarves Haripaul*



Dearest Srila Prabhupad,

Please accept my humble obeisance at your lotus feet.

All glories to Your Divine Grace.

I HAVE NOTHING of substance to say. Your Divine Grace deserves words and offerings which are soaked with love, respect, emotion and knowledge. I have yet to attain any of these.

Within my limited vision I could never really understand what separation meant. I hear members of your home speak of it. I hear them discuss the longing, the pain and the desire but never could I understand the pain it caused.

This year against any of my understanding, by providence I had been granted the most merciful arrangement of entering Sridham Vrindavan for the first time.

Srila Prabhupad, I know now that I took you for granted. Your books I abused and your arrangements I misused.

The glories that is Sridham Vrindavan is beyond measure. You have so much love for us that you gave us a chance to understand, to relish and to return home.

Srila Prabhupad, it hurts now to be away from the holy Dham, to be away from your presence and from all the devotees and the Lord's pastimes.

The only thing I accept is that if this separation opens my heart and soul to your mercy and to Caitanya' Sankirtan movement, then I want to hurt, I want to feel the pain that makes my heart yearn for the Supreme personality of Godhead, Sri Krishna.

I have a very long journey across many lifetimes ahead of me, but I pray that my pains in separation may break down the hardened surface of my heart allowing me to continuously fall in love



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Acyuta Gauranga Das

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with Krishna, His names, and His pastimes. I beg I may able to render some pleasing services to your lotus feet and those of my beloved spiritual master, your son.

Srila Prabhupad, please forgive me. Please

pardon my ignorance and lack of intelligence. I love you.

In separation,

Acyuta Gauranga Das



Acyutananda Dasa 🙏
Phoenix, Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada.

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

All glories to Your Divine Grace on this most auspicious day.

PLEASE FORGIVE ME for causing any offences in ignorance against the Vaishnavas. I must admit that I am greatly indebted to you Srila Prabhupada for having introduced the Hare Krishna movement in the West. It is only through Your Grace that I am one of those fortunate souls who have taken to the movement.

Due to my imperfect qualities, all I can do is watch your wonderful disciples chant your glories and dance in ecstatic moods of love and devotion.

But I know and pray that someday I may be able to glorify you in the same manner.

I pray that Your Divine Grace will shower your causeless mercy upon me, so that I may advance in Krishna Consciousness.

Your most fallen servant,

Acyutananda das



Adharamrita Devi Dasi 🙏
ISKCON Lenasia
South Africa

O MOST PERFECT LEADER!

Your Divine Grace!

Warmth of love fills me up when I see your face.

You gave us peace.

You gave us bliss.

Never left a moment amiss.

O' most perfect leader!

Your Divine Grace!

You gave us books, taught us to cook and

Corrected our looks.

Just by reading your verses.

We received the taste of services.

You sang Krishna's glories.

Told us His stories.

You never deviated.

Or re-created.

O' most perfect leader!

Your Divine Grace!

You gave us so much for nothing in return.

Yet we hesitate to give you what we earn.
 You gave us so much of compassion.
 And your books never went out of fashion.
 You are the Lord of my soul.
 And I can only love and worship your whole.
 O' most perfect leader!
 Your Divine Grace!
 You did not rest in your cosy nest.
 You came to the west and gave your best.
 For us, you shed many tears.
 And made us overcome our fears.
 O' most perfect leader!
 My dearest Srila Prabhupada,
 there are no suitable words to glorify a person like you.
 For you are also THE BEST GURU too
 And always remember that we love YOU
 O' most perfect leader! My most perfect leader!
 The world's most perfect leader!

Your servant of all servants
Adharamrita devi dasi



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



Adhokshaj Das

IT IS AMAZING what you have achieved in a few short years of your mission to spread Krishna consciousness around the world. You gave us eternal life, community, family, real knowledge, shelter, culture, a true sense of belonging, leadership and integrity.

It is also amazing how such feeble things can test our resolve and commitment, yet the austerity and hardships that you had to endure were overcome by you with such poise and grace.

By the Lord's mercy, you were able to build and manage hundreds of temples around the world, and yet we need teams and teams of devotees to manage just one.

Who else could inspire millions of devotees all over the globe to carry out your instructions with

so much enthusiasm and determination? Despite that Kali-yuga is burning with all its might, it is certain that the devotees will be continuing their deity worship, distributing your books and going out on harinam.

All this by your mercy, so that we can be saved and go back to Godhead. You have truly given us a life that others can only dream of. Happiness, prosperity, peace and security – these are priceless needs that you have distributed freely to us whether we were qualified or not.

Forever grateful, your servant
Adhokshaj Das

Aditi Devi Dasi 🍁
Pretoria
South Africa



All glories to Srila Prabhupada,

WHAT CAN A FALLEN SOUL SAY besides how you have shown us just to love God Shri Krisna and serve the Vaisnavas. You have gone through so much pain to lift ISCON I thank you eternally. Your temples around the world are so beautiful. You will always be our anchor.

*Your dependent servant,
Aditi devi dasi*



Akina Kasil 🍁
Johannesburg
South Africa



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

I FEEL COMPLETELY UNQUALIFIED to be writing this offering to you, however I would like to express my gratitude to you for all that you have done for us.

First of all, Srila Prabhupada, I would like to thank you for bringing Krishna Consciousness to the West. Millions of lives have been completely transformed due to your teachings about Lord Krishna, including my own.

I grew up in a normal Hindu home learning the pastimes of Lord Krishna, Lord Rama, as well as those of various demigods from my parents and grandfather. When I went to school, I interacted with children from different religious and cultural backgrounds, and I often heard that people were taught to fear God instead of understand him, which did not make sense to me at all.

After school, much to my enjoyment, my grandfather often narrated Lord Krishna's pastimes to my brother and I, stating that he was "The Supreme Personality of Godhead". Simultaneously, my parents took us regularly for the 7pm Arthi to Sri Sri Radha Radhanath Temple in Durban. I slowly but surely became attracted to Lord Krishna due to our visits to the temple and hearing about his pastimes

from my grandfather, as I began to learn more about Lord Krishna.

When I was 13 years old, my family and I moved to Johannesburg. One of my early memories when we moved was visiting ISKCON Lenasia. We started going for Sunday Program at ISKCON Lenasia, and often the speaker would refer to Lord Krishna as "The Supreme Personality of Godhead", and quote from *Bhagavad-gita* as well as the other books written by you.

Essentially, the lessons which I took from the classes and your teachings was the fact that everything in the universe belongs to Lord Krishna and all He wants from us is our love. There is no need to fear Him, as He is our Eternal father, and the purpose of life is to develop our love for Krishna, remember Him during our lifetime, so that at the end of our lives we can remember Him and go back to Godhead.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for teaching me about the importance of love for Krishna and the true purpose of life. Thank you for establishing the International Society for Krishna Consciousness where I have met and associated with great devotees of the Lord, and have been inspired and encouraged

to become more Krishna Conscious.

Srila Prabhupada, I humbly ask for your mercy and blessings to help my family and I become more Krishna Conscious. At some point in my life I hope for my family and I to become sufficiently qualified

in terms of knowledge and love to get onto the boat steered by you that is going back to Godhead.

*Your grand servant,
Akina Kasil*



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



Akincana Krishna Dasa
Middelburg
South Africa

ON THIS MOST AUSPICIOUS OCCASION of your Vyasa-puja, I pray that you continue to shower me with your blessings so that I can assist in spreading this important movement of yours and bring more souls to your lotus feet.

I am very appreciative that you have brought Krishna consciousness to the West, without your selfless acts, I the most fallen conditioned soul

would not have the good fortune and mercy of Lord Krishna, yourself and your wonderful disciples.

I am most fortunate to have found shelter at your lotus feet via His Holiness Bhakti Caitanya Swami and I pray to forever remain there.

*Your most unworthy servant,
Akincana Krishna das*



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



Alanath Dasa, Radhika Priya Dasi,
Sharisha and Gopika Manjari
Durban, South Africa

THERE ARE MANY WORDS that one can use to describe a personality that is magnanimous such as yourself, I choose two words for now: sincere compassion. This is what you have imparted to humanity at large and by practical lessons taught your disciples. You cried tears of sorrow at the pitiful condition of mankind and taking strength in the words of your Guru Maharaj you embarked on a spiritual journey that gave birth to the International Society for Krishna Consciousness. With this came an entire offering of spiritual bliss that awaits the discerning practitioner. Thank you for bringing the spiritual world to our planet and giving us conditioned souls a glimpse of what the real spiritual awaits us.

I would like to offer my prayer to you and seek your blessings and mercy. My prayer is that all the

devotees of ISKCON cooperate with one another and spread the joy of devotion to one and all using all means available like book distribution, harinaams etc. I would like to further study the books you have written and hope to one day share this knowledge with others. Bless us so that we grow your ISKCON movement and inspire others to take up this service. You gave us devotional service in which we can become regulated in our spiritual practice, please bless me so that I fully appreciate this and embrace it. Please give me some mercy to fully appreciate the maha mantra and take full shelter in it at all times. I've taken a vow to never leave the shelter of your lotus feet and the shelter of ISKCON, please guide me and bless me to uphold this vow. Please continue to bless and guide your disciples, grand disciples

and the generations to come. Guide me to take full shelter of my Guru Maharaj and fully execute the orders that he gives to me. Thank you Srila Prabhupada. My family and I are eternally grateful to you, your disciples and the devotees of ISKCON.

*Your aspiring servants,
Alanath das, Radhika Priya Dasi,
Sharisha and Gopika Manjari*



Alanna Maharaj 🙏
Durban
South Africa



Jai Srila Prabhupada,
I offer my humble obediences unto my eternal spiritual master.

I OWE EVERYTHING TO YOU, Srila Prabhupada. You have given me the greatest joy on this earth, which is Lord Krishna. This movement has given me immense happiness and bliss. It has given me a genuine purpose in my life. The knowledge I have gained from you, Srila Gurudeva, is so pure and meaningful. There is no greater pleasure and privilege than serving the Lord and His devotees. It is due to the mercy of such an elevated and divine soul

such as yourself, that I am given this special opportunity to serve Sri Krishna.

I kindly ask that you guide and bless me on my spiritual journey and help me in my endeavour to become a better devotee.

All Glories to Srila Prabhupada.

*Your servant,
Alanna Maharaj*

Ambika Gopi Dasi 🙏
Nairobi
Kenya



Dearest Srila Prabhupada
Please accept my most humble obeisances unto your lotus feet.

TODAY AS I SIT HERE TO MEDITATE on your glories, I am lost for words, as it is very difficult to find words to adequately glorify an extraordinary personality as yourself. Seeking inspiration from your dear disciple His Holiness Jayapataka Swami's song, "jadi Prabhupada na haita", I write this glorification to you.

You are a most benevolent and merciful person whose compassion knows no bounds. You planted the seed of bhakti in many barren hearts without any discrimination and as a caring father, you opened up a path that leads to eternal joy and awards one freedom from the miseries of this material world.

You are that gift that Caitanya Mahaprabhu gave to humanity that in turn bears the gifts of the Holy Names of the Lord, the transcendental

literatures like the Bhagavad Gita, Srimad Bhagavatam and Caitanya Caritamrita that are nectarine oceans filled with the jewels of Krishna's glories, the deities that we can all serve, festivals in which we can all make merry and sumptuous prasadam that satisfies both the belly and the soul.

Your enthusiasm and eagerness to serve the Lord was seen in how you vigorously preached the glories of the Lord, carrying the instructions of your Guru Maharaja in your heart and circumambulating the world 14 times to carry out that very instruction. At a very ripe age, when most people seek retirement you worked tirelessly to plant the seed of bhakti in everyone's heart and gave a home in every continent that is open and welcoming to all.

Your glories are unlimited and with a heartfelt

with gratitude I bow before you again and again and
beg for a drop of your mercy to be an instrument in
the service of your lotus feet and the lotus feet of
your servants.

Jai Srila Prabhupada!

*Your humble servant,
Ambika Gopi Dasi*



Dear Srila Prabhupada.

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



Amritamani Devi Dasi
Johannesburg
South Africa

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

AS I SIT TO WRITE THIS OFFERING to you today, yet
another year goes by where I am left with the
thought of where do I even begin?

I find myself thinking about events during the
last year, some really pleasant ones and other really
not so pleasant ones filled with tons of pain. During
these situations I always find that it is always about
me, what do I feel? How will I tolerate? What will
my end result or outcome be? Just me, me and more
me all the time. Srila Prabhupada, today as I write
this offering I am trying to think a little about you.

From a lame man's point of view, you surely did
not have the most perfect and pleasant situation
when you decided to follow your spiritual masters
instructions to bring Krishna consciousness to the
west. You faced a tremendous amount of pain and
suffering while following your spiritual master's
instructions.

This did not stop you in any way. No matter
what the troubles may have been, you still overcame
every battle perfectly with full faith in your spiri-
tual master's instructions, and full faith in Krishna
and His plans.

Srila Prabhupada, you faced a great deal of

pain to give us the language of love, the language
of the heart, the Holy Name. You gave us the most
precious treasure anyone could ever give us in life,
Krishna consciousness. You had full faith that Krish-
na's plans are always perfect no matter what they
are. You showed us and continue to show us how
to live life the perfect way, with full faith in Guru
and Krishna.

Srila Prabhupada, no amount of words can say
thank you enough to you, for giving me the only
pain killer I will need in life, Krishna consciousness.

This fool prays that one day I can wake up and
realize what a precious gem you have given me. I
pray that when those painful moments do appear
in life that my eyes will be filled with tears saying,
"Krishna you know best" and mean those words
with all my heart and not just be words on my lips,
not eyes filled with tears saying, "Krishna why me".
Please guide me and bless me with your priceless
mercy to have fully faith in my Spiritual Masters
instructions, just like how you did.

You have given us everything in your books Sri-
la Prabhupada. This verse from Caitanya Caritam-
rita, Antya Lila 1.2 has been on my mind lately "My

path is very difficult. I am blind, and my feet are slipping again and again. Therefore, may the saints help me by granting me the stick of their mercy as my support.”

With that said this fool begs for your continuous unconditional mercy, love and care eternally so

that one day I can become your worthy servant, one day I can become a worthy servant to your son, HH Bhakti Caitanya Swami.

*Your struggling granddaughter,
Amritamani devi dasi*



Amrtavani Devi Dasi
Durban
South Africa



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

AS ALWAYS, I am completely incapable of comprehending what you have done for me as well as for the entire world. I cannot understand the depth of your compassion or the broadness of your vision or your great love for Krishna.

But one of your qualities that really touches me is your boldness that comes from your unshakeable faith in Krishna. You could fight any battle, endure all hardships and make statements that ‘impossible is a word in a fools dictionary’ because of your complete confidence in Krishna.

I pray for your blessings that I too may have a drop of this faith. I pray that I may fearlessly and

wholeheartedly dedicate myself to your mission in fulfilling the dream of Krishna, as you often requested.

Dear Srila Prabhupada, you have transformed the world in such a short time. I pray that my family and I may add in some substantial way to your legacy. Please bless and empower us to do so, and please help all your devotees to overcome difficulties so that your beloved ISKCON may become a shelter for the entire world.

*Your aspiring servant,
Amrtavani devi dasi*



Ana Kishori Peres
(11 years old)
Durban, South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

YOU STARTED THE HARE KRISHNA MOVEMENT at the age of seventy, in the freezing cold with no job in America, just for us. Only a pure devotee would do that. You never gave up and always persevered in spreading the holy name, even on the edge of passing away.

I am reading the Srila Prabhupada Lilamrita, and I will never see you the same again. The way you always relied on Krishna in good times and in bad times inspires me. I learnt that I should always focus on the present because anything can happen at any moment. I learnt that I need to rely on the

Supreme Personality of Godhead, Krishna, just as you did. I know that if something bad happens, it's Krishna's way to show us never to forget him even in the toughest of times. You have shown us great mercy that we have devotee families who love and care for us and that we are all devotees of the Lord. You are truly a pure devotee of Krishna.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for everything.

*Your great granddaughter,
Ana Kishori Peres (11 years old)*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,



Anand Naidoo
Chatsworth
South Africa

THANK YOU Srila Prabhupada for your tremendous insight into eternal life. Thank you for the indweller experience which is beyond intelligence. Thank you for ISKCON.

Anand Naidoo



Dearest Srila Prabhupada

Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet on this very auspicious day of your Vyasa Puja.



Ananda Tirtha Dasa
Mpumalanga, Witbank
South Africa

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

I WAS BORN IN THE DARKEST OF IGNORANCE, and my spiritual master opened my eyes with the torch of knowledge. I offer my respectful obeisances unto him.

“Five hundred years ago each of the Goswamis of Vrindavana had their own Deity for worship. But, Srila Prabhupada, was empowered to install and maintain many Deities around the world. In his western world head-quarters were the opulent Rukmini-Dwarakadish, in New York Radha-Govinda, in Dallas big Radha-Kalachandji, on a travelling bus in America with Kirtananda Swami and Vishnujana Swami were Radha-Damodara, in London Radha-Londonisvarah, and in Paris Radha-Parisishvarah.” Quoted from Lilamrta.

On January 1971, Your Divine Grace attended the Ardha-kumba-mela (halfway through the 12 year cycle). Your Divine Grace purchased a set of 24-inch brass Radha Krishna Deities to take to the festival. Your Divine Grace is such, a visionary individual. Thousands of people had come daily to take darshan of your Deities. Amongst the millions of

people that attended the festival Your Divine Grace was the only individual who took Radha Krishna Deities to the festival. In February 1971, Your Divine Grace, installed these Radha Krishna Deities in Gorakhpur and named them Sri Sri Radha Madhava, thus giving the mercy to all the residents of Gorakhpur. Thereafter Your Divine Grace ordered two large sets of Radha Krishna Deities, in preparation of the Bombay pandal program at Cross Maiden. Daily, ten thousand people attended the morning programs and twenty thousand attended the evening programs for eleven consecutive days. In this way, many thousands of people were benefitted by witnessing the artik ceremony of Radha Krishna, together with your lectures, they became more inspired to embrace their own culture.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for visiting South Africa in 1975 and planting the seed of devotional service to the locals. By your valuable instructions and inspirations, we now have Radha Krishna Deities, Sri Sri Radha Radhanath in Durban. In doing so, Your Divine Grace has opened my eyes with the

torchlight of knowledge as well as many thousands of the South African natives of their constitutional position, who are now accepting Radha Krishna as the Supreme Absolute Truth.

In this way, Your Divine Grace, travelled around the world installing Radha Krishna Deities thereby inspiring the natives of the land to worship Radha Krishna and many successive generations will benefit in the future. This is the sign of a world preacher in firmly establishing the worship of Radha Krishna

on all the continents of the world. Now we have become educated of our original parents and can therefore connect to our original identity with them. Thank for all the struggles that you had undergone just to bring Radha and Krishna to us.

Srila Prabhupada Ki Jai!!!

Aspiring to become a servant of the servant.

Ananda Tirtha Dasa



Ananda Tirtha Dasa
Palika Devi Dasi
Nandadulal Dasa
and Raghuvir Dasa
Johannesburg
South Africa



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

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

IT IS THAT TIME OF THE YEAR AGAIN were disciples, granddisciples and great-grand disciples are penning down their heartfelt appreciations of you, for your divine pleasure on this most auspicious day,

your divine appearance day celebrations. Your divine Vyasa-puja celebrations is the most important day for the entire ISKCON as you dearest Srila Prabhupada are ISKCON...

Tirelessly you have travelled around this miserable globe
To give the world of quarrel and hypocrisy the greatest of hope

Treading on treacherous, dangerous and really degraded places
Simply to bring us the chanting and put a smile on our dull faces

No consideration for any personal comfort, fortune or fame
You selflessly gave the teachings of Godhead in the chanting of the holy name

You dearest Srila Prabhupada cared not about your ill health and pain
Your only agenda is to give to humanity the Lords mercy as their gain

A simple yet most effective chanting of the holy names in the square
Led to the beginning of your body ISKCON and this caused many to stare

This is a feat that most religious scholars of the modern era agree

You assisted the world to grow spiritually to the highest degree

Dearest Srila Prabhupada on this day of your divine appearance
I take this opportunity to say thanks for our spiritual inheritance

Srila Prabhupada, we can never repay our debt to you all I can say is thank you,
thank you and thank you in a feeble attempt to repay some of that debt...

*Your Servants of the Servant in your service,
Your ISKCON and the devotees,
Ananda Tirtha das, Palika Devi dasi,
Nandadulal das and Raghuvir das*



Hare Krishna to my dearest, most loving, Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada.
Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your most merciful lotus feet.



Ananda Vrindavana Dasi and family
Durban
South Africa

ON THIS MOST AUSPICIOUS DAY of your Sri Vyasa-puja, please allow me to thank you for everything you mean to me:

Srila Prabhupada, you are a pure devotee, Doyamoya (mercy personified) you gave yourself to us, to help us foolish conditioned souls, like me. Thank you Srila Prabhupada.

Srila Prabhupada, I went through real trauma at the end of 2014. It shook my whole world. Not many people understood. People expected me to just shake it off and move on but I struggled. Then with the guidance of pure devotees, I spent more time with you via your voice chanting, kirtan and reading your books. That put me back on the right road. I was able to deal with what I am going through. That is when I became deeply attached to you and started the preaching service. It is such bliss to see people appreciate you. Almost everyone knows the "Hare Krishna Swami" and I smile when they know you, my dearest Srila Prabhupada. You taught me that I worry for nothing and that if we are sincere, honest and faithful, then you will take care of us, as you have Sri Sri Radha and Krishna and can give Them to us.

Srila Prabhupada, recently, around the second week of June, I had a health wake up call. It gave me a chance to assess my current life. Am I living up to your standards if the time comes for me to leave? Then I ticked off all the things that I do not want anymore, even at the loss of friends who manipulate me by playing God, with material things. You are there. You will take care of me always and send Krishna's pure devotees to guide us along. You taught everything by your own example. You even guided my mother, at the most crucial time, along this path. With her on your spiritual trail, I am happy deep in my heart.

Srila Prabhupada, you allowed your deity form to be in temples around the world, for our benefit. You were prepared to take the reactions of anyone, so selflessly. I love to sit and chant or talk to you or just sit near you. I love your voice. I can recognise that distinct voice anywhere and I smile when I hear it and remember that my dearest caring grandfather is around to be with me. That voice that guided all the early devotees from the USA to today is from the spiritual world. How fortunate are we.

Thank you for everything my dearest Srila Prabhupada: the Lord's Holy Name, merciful pure devotees, loving Vaishnavas, the Deities, your books, Harinam Sankirtan, kirtan and prasadam. Thank you Srila Prabhupada. I do not know many things but I do know that I love you.

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

*Your foolish servants,
Ananda Vrindavana dasi and family*



Ananda Vrindavana Dasi
Durban
South Africa



Hare Krishna to my dearest HDG Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your most merciful lotus feet.

YOU ARE SO AMAZINGLY MERCIFUL, and I am just a pure fool...all I can simply say is thank you Srila Prabhupada.

Thank you for every bit of causeless mercy you have bestowed upon my family and I. Thank you for being my friend at my neediest moments and thank you for giving me the mercy of Sri Nama Prabhu and shelter in your worldwide loving family.

Please allow your voice and beautiful smile to always stay in my heart.

Thank you for everything Srila Prabhupada.

Please accept my humble, grateful obeisances at the dust of your most merciful lotus feet.

*Your foolish servant,
Ananda Vrindavana dasi*



Anandamaya Krishna Dasa
disciple of HH Bhakti Charu Swami
Durban, South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

*ananyas cintayanto mām
ye janah paryupasate
teṣāṁ nityabhīyuktānāṁ
yoga-kṣemaṁ vahamy aham
(Gita 9.22)*

TRANSLATION: “But those who always worship Me with exclusive devotion, meditating on My transcendental form – to them I carry what they lack, and I preserve what they have.”

When I think of your struggle to bring the message of Lord Caitanya to the West, this verse from Bhagavad Gita comes to my mind. At the age of 70 you crossed the ocean in a cargo ship. Despite suffering two heart attacks on board the ship, within

two days, you still persevered being driven by the instructions of your spiritual master His Divine Grace Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakur. Being completely surrendered, at the lotus feet of Krishna, the supreme personality of godhead, you endured so many difficulties just to save us. In the beginning You were penniless but still you built temples all over the world and created a family in which the world can live.

You have shown us by your practical example how Krishna preserves what we have and carries what we lack.

Thank you Srila Prabhupada for being so merciful to us.

*Your servant of Your servant,
Anandamaya Krishna das*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Your Divine Grace.
All glories to the holy names that you have distributed so widely.



Ananga Manjari Devi Dasi (KDS)
Durban
South Africa

RECENTLY I HAVE BEEN TRYING to absorb myself in the holy names, and I am realizing more and more how much you have saved me. You have given me the most valuable treasures that would make my human life successful. Through the holy names, your priceless books, the association of devotees, and the wonderful process of Krishna consciousness, you have given my life true meaning and purpose.

After my Guru Maharaja, Srila Krishnadas Swami Maharaja, left this world two years ago, I was heartbroken and lost. He always glorified you as the thirteenth mahajana and as the greatest revolutionary the world has ever seen. He was dedicated to your ISKCON movement, so I knew that I would only get shelter and solace in your followers and compassionate disciples. I was able to feel my Guru

Maharaja's presence through their mercy, compassion, and guidance. You have certainly built a house in which the whole world can live. How can I ever repay you?

I pray that by the mercy of your dedicated followers I may develop attachment to the holy names and to the sublime process of Krishna consciousness that you have so mercifully given so that someday I may become a worthy instrument in your preaching mission. I hope to please you by serving your devotees. Then the purpose of my life would be fulfilled.

All glories to Your Divine Grace!

*Your indebted servant of your servants,
Ananga Manjari Devi Dasi (KDS)*



Dear Srila Prabhupada
Please accept my obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet.
All glories to you!



Ananta Sesa Dasa
Fourways, Johannesburg,
South Africa

EVERY YEAR I get the opportunity to write a Vyasa-puja offering to yourself, and although I have not been consistent with this, during these times of increased focus on yourself, your sacrifices, endeavours and accomplishments, there is one predominant feeling that wells up within me.

When we reminisce, amongst devotees, about where we would have been, were it not for yourself, that very same feeling washes over me.

The feeling that I refer to, is one of deep gratitude and appreciation. Through your books, instructions, disciples, and temples, you have showed us

how our short life in this body should be led. You are the perfect teacher, always guiding by meticulous example. My good fortune for being in ISKCON, is incomprehensible to my very own self and the value of what you have given me is priceless.

It will be an exercise in futility if I think that I can attempt to express my gratitude and

appreciation for everything that you have done for me and my family, in the same order of magnitude - my dear Srila Prabhupada, all I am capable of saying is "Thank you".

Ananta Sesa das



Anasuya Dasi
Queensburgh
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada

Please accept my most humble obeisance at the dust of your divine lotus feet
on this most auspicious day of your Vyasa-Puja.

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

AS I REFLECT ON MY LIFE I realise that it is only by the mercy of you Srila Prabhupada that I have been saved and continue to be protected from the onslaughts of this material nature. You were very saddened to see the suffering of the living entities, so you have translated so many books with your precious purports to help to save the souls in Kali Yuga.

Srila Prabhupada, your books have even reached the most fallen places like the prisons.

Many prisoners have changed their entire lifestyles because of your books. Many have become vegetarians and are chanting daily.

I pray that you give me the strength and intelligence to overcome my shortfalls. I beg you Srila Prabhupada to please keep me under your protection.

*Your very fallen granddaughter,
Anasuya Dasi*



Andrisha Chunderparshad
Durban
South Africa



His Divine Grace A.C Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, whom we are nothing without.

Please accept my humble obeisances at your divine lotus feet.

All glories to Your Divine Grace.

ON THIS VERY SPECIAL DAY of your hundred and twenty second appearance anniversary. I would like to take this opportunity to offer my gratitude and appreciation, in regard to all the sacrifices and hardships you had to endure at such a tender age. In order to carry out the mission of Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu as well as your spiritual master's instruction by bringing Krishna consciousness to the west.

I personally am eternally indebted to you as my life would be meaningless if I did not have the opportunity to be a part of the ISKCON movement which serves as a platform for us youth to escape the madness of this material world and come together and serve the Lord's mission as well as His devotees.

Thank you Srila Prabhupada for saving such a fallen soul as myself and I pray by your mercy I

am able to help spread the movement and always remain at your lotus feet.

*Your aspiring servant,
Andrisha Chunderparshad*



O Srila Prabhupada,

 Anesh Klawan
Centurion
South Africa

I AM THANKFUL and grateful to you for having the vision and courage to start the Hare Krishna movement. It is through your dedication to travel the world under extreme conditions that made it possible for us to enjoy Krishna Consciousness today.

Your pain and suffering is very much appreciated by us all. We are forever indebted to you.

Anesh Klawan



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

 Bhaktin Angela (Mother of
Prema Sindhu Dasa, Lila Mohini Dasi
and Krishna Balarama Dasa)
Johannesburg, South Africa

I AM TRYING to always increase my service to you, but only with your mercy, can I become a worthy servant. You have taught me the greatest truth. I would like to thank you for giving us Krishna consciousness and for your mercy.

I beg at your lotus feet, to keep me fully engaged in your service. Thanking you

*Your Servant,
Bhaktin Angela (Mother of Prema Sindhu das,
Lila Mohini dasi and Krishna Balarama das)*



Dear Jagat-Guru Srila Prabhupada
Please accept our prostrated obeisances at your lotus feet.
All glories to Your Divine Grace.

 Anil and Sheena Basdew
Durban
South Africa

YOU HAVE DONE SO MUCH for the whole world. You went through so many hardships just to spread this message of Godhead. You never gave up hope because of faith in your guru. You were the one chosen by Krishna to do this task. Today we are enjoying the fruits of your hardships and still today you are preaching through your wonderful family of

devotees. We can never repay you. Please bless us that we always take shelter at the lotus feet of your exemplary disciples. Please bless us with the knowledge to advance in our spiritual lives.

*Your fallen servants,
Anil and Sheena Basdew*

Anjanaya Das & Anjana Devi Dasi
Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada
Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet
on this most blessed event of your divine appearance.

I AM THE MOST UNQUALIFIED to glorify you but please be merciful and allow me to express my gratitude on this most glorious day.

Thank you Srila Prabhupada for giving the Krishna Bhakti tradition to me and thousands of people worldwide, teaching us that true happiness can only be found through simple living and high thinking.

Thank you for giving us ISKCON, the Hare

Krishna maha mantra, prasadam, deity worship, Kirtan, for revealing the holy lands and most significant contribution - Your Precious Books.

Srila Prabhupada you are a true well-wisher and friend of every living entity. May your fame be spread throughout the world.

Your servant of the servant
Anjanaya Das & Anjana Devi Dasi



Ankita Vyas
Mulbarton
South Africa



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

THANKS PRABHUPADA for changing my life, thanks for holding my hands during my hard times. Thanks for showing me the actual path to live life with your love, grace, devotion and the maha mantra. I love this life as a devotee and it completes my existence on this earth.

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

Your servant,
Ankita Vyas



Anonymous
Sandton
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

UTMOST GRATITUDE for sharing your divine revelations bestowed upon you by Sri Krishna. Allowing us the opportunity to access undistorted knowledge of the secrets and laws of the Absolute, the creation and the cosmic universe so that we may progress by your mercy. Your teachings are an antidote, a

combat to the material poisons the 'leaders' of this world wish us to suffer.

Hare Krishna.
Anonymous





Dear Srila Prabhupada,



Anonymous
Sandton
South Africa

MORE THAN TWENTY YEARS AGO, when I was visiting the magnificent ISKCON temple in Bangalore, I was fascinated by one particular book “Bhagavad Gita As It Is”. At that moment though I had no intentions to buy anything. That particular book I was extremely interested in as I was always looking for a translated copy of the Bhagavad Gita without any philosophical inclination.

I am glad that I purchased that book and that I was introduced to Srila Prabhupada, and I have very high regard for his works and his contribution to mankind and society.

Anonymous



Dear Srila Prabhupada,



Anonymous
Sandton
South Africa

HARE KRISHNA. Thank you for showing us the correct path to Godhead and making serving Krishna so easy.

Anonymous



Dear Srila Prabhupada,



Anonymous
Sandton
South Africa

GURU PURNIMA is a wonderful day to to pay homage to and ask blessing from your Guru for guiding you on your spiritual path. — *Anonymous*

Anonymous



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,



Anonymous
Sandton
South Africa

THANK YOU for bringing the Bhagavad gita to South Africa and the rest of the world! You have awakened spirituality in this dark age. I needed a path, we all do.

I hope more people will become enlightened with the powerful knowledge you have gifted us.

Anonymous

Anonymous
Sandton
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

THANK YOU for bringing happiness through finding a spiritual path in my life.

Anonymous



Anonymous
Sandton
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
All glories to Sri Sri Radhanath!
All glories to your Divine Grace!

THANK YOU, Srila Prabhupada, for giving us Krishna Consciousness. I was not fortunate enough to have met you but because of your tenacious desire to spread the holy name throughout the world, my parents were drawn to your movement, ISKCON.

From the time I can remember I have only

known of Krishna and his past times due to your causeless mercy. I would be lost in this material world had it not been for your tenacity to give Krishna Consciousness to the world.

Anonymous



Anonymous
Sandton
South Africa



All Glories to Srila Prabhupada.
Dear Prabhupada.

MY ONLY DESIRE is to serve you and your devotee's, to make sure you are satisfied and pleased, what you've given me has no price, nor will I ever repay this.

Thank you Prabhupada.

Anonymous



Anonymous
Sandton
South Africa



Dear Prabhupada,

THANK YOU Srila Prabhupada for going west and starting ISKCON and translating the sacred text into a language everyone can understand. Thank you for all the sacrifices you made without which

many people including myself will be lost in this material existence. There are not enough words to express my thanks.

— *Anonymous*



My Dear Prabhupada.



Anonymous
Sandton
South Africa

I THANK YOU every day for coming into my life.

By all that you have revealed to me, I know that you are no ordinary soul. Sometimes I think that you are Krishna himself.

For I know you are very special. My dear Prabhupada in you I seek salvation. Please deliver me from this material world to the abode of Lord Krishna.

*Your loving granddaughter,
Anonymous*



Dearest Srila Prabhupada.
Hare Krishna.



Anonymous
Sandton
South Africa

THANK YOU For blessing my family with your teachings and the ISKCON way of life. For providing guidance and spiritual understanding of how we can aim to go back to Godhead. I pray that with your teachings and guidance provided we get closer to Krishna and that our lives continue to be blessed by Krishna. Please guide us on a spiritual path that allows us to

serve Krishna in this life. Please bless my children with spiritual knowledge throughout their lives.

Please keep my family in your divine protection.

*Your Servant Always. Hare Krishna.
Anonymous*



Dear Prabhupada,



Anonymous
Sandton
South Africa

THANK YOU for bringing us this beautiful movement. Thank you for bringing us the means of leaving this horrific world. Giving us true happiness that can only really be felt by doing service, singing kirtan on the streets so that we can spread the movement to the people. Bringing us association of devotees which inspire us to do more in the movement.

Thank you for inspiring our different maharajas watching their devotion and love alongside yours

is so inspiring and bring me so much joy and happiness to watch it in there kirtans and lectures. A happiness in the heart that is so warming that can't be explained but only felt.

Thank you for also giving us the opportunity to feel the ecstasy and love for Krishna through service of spreading the ISKCON movement.

Anonymous

Anubhav Devi Dasi 🍁
Isipingo, Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
All glories to Your Divine Grace.
All glories to Sri Sri Radha Radhanath. All glories to Sri Nitai Gaurahari.

YOU ARE AN OCEAN OF MERCY, the friend of the poor and the master of the devotees. Please shower your mercy upon me. Please help me to be successful in my spiritual journey. I beg for your mercy so that I can become an instrument in your hands.

Please forgive me for all my offenses.

*Your most unworthy grand-disciple,
Anubhav Devi Dasi*



Aradhya murti Devi Dasi 🍁
Durban
South Africa



Hare Krishna, my dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my dandavat pranams in the dust of your lotus feet.
All Glories to Sri Sri Radha Radhanath. All Glories to You dear Srila Prabhupada.

I AM VERY FORTUNATE to have the opportunity to write to you on the auspicious day of your appearance. I also consider myself very fortunate that you have entered my life. It scares me to think where I would be if I did not come into contact with your movement, Srila Prabhupada.

When our forefathers came to South Africa, they came for a materially better life. They suffered spiritually as there were no temples here and each family had their own little temple. However, their spiritual practices got diluted as each family started their own way of praying, according to the head of the household. When I was 11 years old in 1978, my parents got to know about the “tent campaign” that was being held nearby. Our family attended and I was hooked. Srila Prabhupada, at 11 years old I used to distribute Back to Godhead magazines although I did not know any philosophy.

I only knew how to chant and have love for Krishna. I was going strong, attending Nama Hatta and learning kirtans under senior devotees. One day I decided this was the life for me. I wanted to live this life full time. I thought about going to Cato ridge to live and serve with the devotees and advised my parents. My mother was most upset and stopped me from attending the Nama Hatta and made me return

whatever BTG magazines I had with me. My parents said I should finish my education. However, my parents did not stop me from practising at home. They still supported the movement by donating monthly. Due to this I was not fortunate to meet you, Srila Prabhupada, when you came to Durban. However, by your divine mercy I am most fortunate to have met my Gurudev, HH Lokanath Swami.

Lord Krishna says in *Srimad-Bhagavatam* (10.80.34);

I, the soul of all beings, am not as satisfied by ritual worship, brahminical initiation, penances or self-discipline as I am by faithful service rendered to one's spiritual master.

How dear you must be to Krishna for your faithful service to your Gurudev. You were always absorbed in your service to your spiritual master, setting such an exalted example for all your disciples to follow. You travelled from one country to the next in your relentless preaching efforts.

You touched the souls of people that did not even know you. Srila Prabhupada, I even see your mercy working in this present day. Although you are not physically here, you are here. You are still guiding us. My family and I do our devotional service in the Sankirtan Book Office. I see so often how

your books turn peoples' lives around. This really inspires me, and my faith in Krishna Consciousness is solid. There is no other way for us.

Srila Prabhupada, I feel humbled when I see your disciples using every minute to spread Krishna Consciousness like there is no tomorrow. The urgency with which they preach is amazing. Srila Prabhupada I was very touched when I watched videos of your lectures and interaction with devotees and the general public. I cried when I read your final days.

However, I realised that you never really left. You are still with us.

Srila Prabhupada THANK YOU for that you have done for me and my family and for rescuing us from this hellhole.

Please forgive this ignorant servant of any offences that I may have caused.

*Your servant,
Aradhya murti dd*



My Dearest Srila Prabhupada

Please accept humble obeisances all glories to You
on this most important and auspicious occasion of Your vyasa puja.

*nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshtaya bhu-tale
srimate bhaktivedanta swamin iti namine
namaste saraswati deve gaura-vani-pracharine
nirvishesha-shunyavadi pashchatya-desha-tarine*

I HAVE REALISED how difficult it was for me to find a few minutes to write an offering to You on Your most auspicious vyasa puja day. Yet I easily find the time to do so many mundane activities. That is my unfortunate position of taking the single most important thing in my life, You Srila Prabhupada for granted. Please forgive me for procrastinating and neglecting to spend a few minutes to tell You how much You mean to me. To thank you for the wonderful opportunity that you have given me and the world to serve the supreme personality Lord Krishna.

By Your mercy Srila Prabhupada my family, friends and I are engaged in so many Krishna Conscious activities in our small town of Tongaat. With the help of a few sincere followers of your ISKCON we managed to successfully host our second Ratha Yatra Lord Jagannath Chariot festival in Tongaat. This festival was a great success.

There are a few reasons why I am passionate about helping organise this Ratha Yatra festival of Chariots in Tongaat. First and foremost being Your

passion for the Ratha Yatra festival which You started at a very early age. The second reason being Your instruction to take Lord Jagannath out of His temple to His people and the third reason for me is that the first ever Ratha Yatra festival in South Africa took place in Tongaat.

Dearest Srila Prabhupada I beg You on this most important and auspicious day of Your vyasa puja that You bless us with your ocean of mercy to continue with Lord Jagannath festival of Chariots annually in Tongaat.

I thank You for the Food for life programme that you started. By your mercy my family, friends, well wishers and I go out every Saturday and serve out a minimum of 250 plates of Prasad hot meals to the underprivileged in our town of Tongaat. Our reward is to see the joy this simple act brings to those receiving Krishna Prasad. Thank you Srila Prabhupada.

*Your servant
Aravinda dalayataksha das*

 **Aravinda dalayataksha Dasa**
Tongaat
South Africa

Arjuna Peres 🙏
Durban
South Africa



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

IF IT WEREN'T FOR YOU, my life would've been very different. You brought my mother and father together in Krishna consciousness, so I was born surrounded by a whole family of loving devotees, from devotee parents to grandparents and great grandparents, aunts and uncles. I didn't know anything else besides what you have given us. Now I am realizing the significance of your gifts to us when I see people in the world with no purpose or meaning. You have given us meaning by showing us who we really are and that there is something higher than just working hard to enjoy material life. You taught us

that our relationship with Krishna will give us a greater happiness.

Your example of sacrificing for the sake of others and making the best of any situation teaches me to focus not on myself and to face challenges positively by thinking about Krishna.

Thank you for all you have done for me and my family.

*Your servant,
Arjuna Peres*

Asha Singh 🙏
Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada
Please accept my humble obeisances.

I AM YOUR HUMBLE SERVANT Asha Singh. Dear Prabhupada, I never failed to realize how much knowledge I have received reading your books. My gratitude goes to you for giving me the desire to chant the maha mantra.

Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna
Hare Hare / Hara Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama-
Hare Hare.

I always have a desire to be like other pure devotees. I know in my heart my desires will be fulfilled one day and I know that you are extraordinary person. If I follow your teachings I will never go wrong.

*Your humble servant,
Asha Singh*

Ashika Singh 🙏
Crystal Park, Benoni
South Africa



Dearest Prabhupada
Haribol to you.

YOU HAVE INSPIRED ME to take to book distribution with my children in our living area to encourage our neighbours and our fellow citizens to read your books and learn about Krishna.
Thank you for temples, the prasadam, books and all our wonderful devotees.

You are an absolute inspiration. One man that changed the world.

*Thank you Prabhupada.
Ashika Singh*







My dear Srila Prabhupada

Please accept my humble obeisances at your divine lotus feet.



Ashim Krishna Dasa

Phoenix

Durban

WHEN I OFFER MY OBEISANCE TO YOU, I always regret and lament why I missed such a wonderful opportunity to serve you in the way I was trying to a few years ago. I still remember in detail how those years were just full of Krishna conscious activities from the morning till late evening. It was something that should have been treasured rather than taken for granted.

Living directly at the lotus feet of Srila Prabhupada is really one the rarest gift in one's existence. And I always thought with confidence that I will be able to maintain the same standard of Krishna Consciousness while living outside the temple. But I was completely in illusion by my own wrong decision.

It is so conducive to cultivate Krishna Consciousness by being directly connected to Srila Prabhupada. And for me personally I was more Prabhupada conscious than Krishna Conscious. And even up to now whenever I offer obeisances in any temple or whenever I am doing some offering to Srila Prabhupada, I still feel myself offering obeisances to Srila Prabhupad in the temple which I was trying to serve.

This is how merciful Srila Prabhupad is. Although I had thousands of flaws, still Srila Prabhupada kindly ignored all of that. Srila Prabhupada built a house in which the whole world can nicely live in harmony. And that house is surely known as ISKCON with Srila Prabhupada in the centre.

Prabhupada, I am sincerely praying that somehow or other please reconnect me how I was serving couple of years ago. Maybe if not possible in this lifetime but surely give this really fallen soul a chance to serve you birth after birth after birth. Thank You Srila Prabhupada for giving me and everybody else the priceless gift of Krishna Consciousness.

With my limited effort it is surely impossible to get even a glimpse of access to Krishna Consciousness. I humbly pray to your sincere disciples and grand disciples who despite so many challenges are making people aware of who they really are by introducing Krishna Consciousness.

Your aspiring servant

Ashim Krishna das



My Dear Srila Prabhupada

Please accept my humble obsciences all glories to you!



Ashita Hargovan

Johannesburg

South Africa

THANK YOU Srila Prabhupad for giving up everything to come to the west despite the conditions you had faced and the hardships you endured, all so we could be saved from this material world. You opened my eyes with the light of knowledge and have given me the most precious gift anyone could receive in all three worlds. No words can express my gratitude to you as you have truly given me purpose in life.

I humbly beg for your mercy birth after birth and pray I may always remain at the shelter of your lotus feet eternally.

Thank you Srila Prabhupad!

Your servant,

Ashita Hargovan



Asit Krishna Dasa and family
Newcastle
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our most humble obeisances

BY GIVING US KRISHNA through your grace, you gave us the only true meaning of our lives. Please bestow your mercy on us to continue to think and chant the mantra: Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare / Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Hare Hare.

Please guide us this most fallen souls to assist

you and your devotees in the worship of the Lord and His associates. I pray that through your causeless mercy we may continue to serve you in this life and the next.

*Your unworthy servants,
Asit Krishna das and family*



Atmadarshini Dasi
Cape Town
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada
Please accept my most humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet.
All glories to you on this most auspicious occasion of your Vyasa Puja.

*nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshtaya bhu-tale
srimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine
namas te saraswate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvishesha-shunya-vadi-pashchatya-desha-tarine*

IN MY HUMBLE OPINION, no words that I say can fully describe your greatness. I feel completely indebted to you for giving me this chance to practice Krishna Consciousness and for showering me with so much of mercy. I would like to say Thank you for being part of my life.

To be honest, I could never truly understand your great position and the amount of sacrifices that you have done for us. This year by some unfathomable mercy, I got the chance of staying one month in Mayapur and one month in Vrindavan in the extreme summer months. I got a chance to take Darshan of your rooms at the Sri Sri Radha Damodar temple as well as your rooms at the Sri Sri Krishna Balarama Mandir. I also got to take Darshan of your rooms and your Bhajan Kutir in Mayapur.

A huge realisation struck me. At that time, when you lived in Vrindavan and Mayapur, there was no massive and luxurious temples or buildings. There was actually no temples in the beginning. Just

construction sites. You stayed in simple small quarters completely undisturbed be it winter or summer. There must have been so many mosquitoes for instance but it didn't bother you. Experiencing the Vrindavan and Mayapur heat for the first time, I thought it to be intense but you dear Srila Prabhupada hardly ever took a break in any condition and were always serving the mission of your spiritual master. You were far above requiring any bodily comforts. The realisation hit me that you built all these big temples for us so that we could be comfortable in our Krishna Consciousness. You knew that we would not be able to withstand the same austerities that you could perform. So you ensured that we had nice temples to worship Lord Krishna and comfortable living arrangements. That immensely struck me. Who can be as selfless as you?

Another of your qualities that has really made a deep impression on me is your humility. You have done so much for us by trying to save us from the

clutches of this material existence but you never took any credit and gave all the credit to your spiritual master.

The more I read about you from biographies written by your disciples and their personal experiences with you, the more gratitude I am developing for you. I am praying immensely that these experiences soften my heart and the gratitude for you keeps on growing more and more in my heart.

Dear Srila Prabhupada, you have really given me a family that I always yearned for. I feel like I am in a place where I truly belong which satisfies

my soul. I know I have made a lot of mistakes and I am still struggling to be an ideal disciple and grand disciple but I am begging you to please keep me as part of your family always and to give me shelter at your lotus feet.

You are my only shelter.

Begging to always remain under the shelter of your lotus feet.

*Your fallen servant,
Atmadarshini Dasi*



Hare Krishna.

Dear Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my humble obeisances.



ON YOUR VYASA-PUJA, I would like to ask for your blessings to speak a few words and offer my gratitude.

Srila Prabhupada, if it were not for your love, sacrifice, unflinching faith, strength and compassion for the human society it would have not been possible for Krishna consciousness to spread outside India to the Western countries and now to the entire world to way it is.

Krishna consciousness is now being spread all over the world at a very rapid pace, in homes, families and within individuals and is bringing lots of joy peace and happiness.

This powerful movement is built on the

foundation of your strength and devotion to Lord Krishna. To this I offer my humble obeisances.

Now that I am embracing Krishna consciousness in my life, I experience its benefits especially during challenging situations.

The chanting of the lords holy names, the maha mantra, kirtan and your books have become a beacon in my life and provide me direction and shelter. With humbleness I offer you my sincere gratitude.

Thank you Srila Prabhupada. I pray to always serve your lotus feet.

*Your aspiring devotee,
Avinash Jaykaran*



Avinash Jaykaran
Durban
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada

Please accept our humble obeisances at your divine lotus feet.

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



THANK YOU for your love, guidance and association. Thank you for giving us the most precious gift, the maha mantra. We are so grateful that you have accepted our family into your Krishna

consciousness house because our lives are so much more meaningful. Please help us remain fixed at the shelter of your lotus feet always.

We pray to you, on this most auspicious occasion



Balacharan Dasa and
Revati Priya Devi Dasi
Roodepoort, Johannesburg
South Africa

of your Vyasa-puja to help us remain at the shelter of the Lord's lotus feet. We hope and pray through your guidance and mercy that we will always serve and co-operate with all your wonderful devotees.

Your aspiring servants

Balacharan das and Revati priya devi dasi



Balaram Das
Durban
South Africa



Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada on this most auspicious occasion of Vyasa-puja.

IT IS ONLY BY YOUR MERCY, Srila Prabhupada, that I am able to give this offering to you. Words fail me in my gratitude to you for creating this wonderful movement of ISKCON in which I have found a home and purpose. Srila Prabhupada your strength and courage in devotional service is inspiring. I pray to you today to please give me the strength to constantly be engaged in devotional service to Sri Sri Radha Radhanatha and bless me with guidance so that I may help to spread your teachings in some way.

Srila Prabhupada please accept this humble offering of mine and always keep me in your service and the service of their Lordships Sri Sri Radha Radhanatha.

Your Humble Servant

Balaram Das



Balaram
Cape Town
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my humble obeisances on this auspicious day.

I AM HONOURED to be able to write about how appreciative I am of being taught who Krishna is. I might have been born in a devotee family and raised generally as a devotee, but as the teenage phase was approaching I started to be like a 'cool kid' and show that I am not interested in religion even though ISKON is more than just a 'religion'. I believe it is a way of living. And I regret throwing Krishna away like that, even though it may have been a fairly recent realisation, I still did realise, and was bewildered by what you have molded for us. The key to going back to Godhead is right there in your books, translated by you from Sanskrit. I am so happy that this movement has all the answers I seek, even in those times we always feel alone, I know

that Krishna will always be there for me whenever I need Him.

None of us would be able to understand the truth and how to leave this planet if it wasn't for you. I cannot comprehend the amount of drive and willingness to spread the holy name across the entire world which just baffles me how it is that is possible, as well as you personally read and answered any letters and messages delivered no matter how many. Just watching the movie about you which described what you have done, and some amazing clips of how you were doing it, and also hearing kind words from devotees who personally met you and accompanied you on Harinam's and travels. To this day I am happy that I worship Lord Krishna & Balaram and being

able to call Him my best friend. All of what we have also done could not have been done without you having the answers. I cannot thank you enough for what you have done for me personally. Thank you

*Your servant,
Balaram*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,



Balarama Bhodram
Newcastle
South Africa

*namo om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine
namaste sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvisesa-sunyavadi-pascatya-desa-tarine*

BEAUTIFUL VRINDAVAN,
Land of devotion,
Where hearts rejoice.
A sacred refuge
Now forsaken.
Far across the fearful deep
To lands of velvet roads
Where Kali's sprawling capital
Reaches for the sky
Silent and unnoticed
A Vaishnava saint's arrived.
New York City. Vast and expansive.
Threatening like that colossal Aristasura menace.
Alone and almost empty-handed
The swami stands his ground.
Which way shall he turn
Into the belly of the beast.

“Prahlada Pacifies Lord Nṛsiṁhadeva with Prayers“
My dear Lord Nṛsiṁhadeva, I see that there are many saintly persons indeed, but they are interested only in their own deliverance. Not caring for the big cities and towns, they go to the Himalayas or the forest to meditate with vows of silence [mauna-vrata]. They are not interested in delivering others. As

for me, however, I do not wish to be liberated alone, leaving aside all these poor fools and rascals. I know that without Kṛṣṇa consciousness, without taking shelter of Your lotus feet, one cannot be happy. Therefore I wish to bring them back to shelter at Your lotus feet. [SB 7.9.44]

No history book has written
 Nor could mighty heroes imagine
 An organized worldwide network
 of desire trees.
 Born of your intense devotion to Sri Guru
 Is the wonder
 Of an international society
 for Krishna consciousness.
 Supremely charitable
 Pure of purpose
 “Here is Krishna. Take Krishna.”
 Built with unearthly stamina
 Nourished by your words and deed
 Made strong by battles won and lost
 With formidable Maya.
 Incredible ISKCON
 A branch of the Caitanya tree.
 Maya’s playground
 Is but a stage
 “I will kill the demons and protect my servants,”
 says the great dramatist.
 Master and servants natural love
 Permeate all purpose here.
 What more is there to say.
 Victory is always yours.

Brahma’s prayers to Lord Krishna “ There are people who say, “I know everything about Kṛṣṇa.” Let them think that way. As far as I am concerned, I do not wish to speak very much about this matter. O my

Lord, let me say this much: As far as Your opulences are concerned, they are all beyond the reach of my mind, body and words.” [SB 10.14.38]

An unexpected gathering of old friends.
 Fallen soldiers and yesterdays sankirtan heroes.
 Brotherhood and high adventure rekindled.
 Words we spoke,” Yes, we were never qualified.”
 Laughter and happiness shared deep into the night.
 Hours seem but moments.
 The nectar of serving your mission
 Unforgettable and cherished.
 The best days of our lives
 When we made some attempt to serve you day and night.
 Into the dark we go our separate ways
 Words unspoken,”Thank you”,”We loved you. And still do.”

Kali Yuga, black ocean of faults
 Made darker by our deeds.
 In that dense blackness
 Radiant and bright
 Sails the regal Prabhupada moon.
 Think the unthinkable – had you not come
 we would be lost to darkness

“The nectar of Your words and the descriptions of Your activities are the life and soul of those suffering in this material world. These narrations, transmitted by learned sages, eradicate one’s sinful reactions and bestow good fortune upon whoever hears them. These narrations are broadcast all over the

world and are filled with spiritual power. Certainly those who spread the message of Godhead are most munificent.” [SB 10.31.9]

*Aspiring servant of the Vaishnavas,
 Balarama Bhoodram*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,



Balarama Singh
 Sandton
 South Africa

MY MOST HUMBLE OBEISANCES TO YOU. All glories to your divine lotus feet. All glories to Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu’s Sankirtan mission.

I would like to thank you for giving me a life that I love living. Everything that I love doing I learnt from you and your expansion as this ISKCON movement. You have shown me really love and real life.

I love you with all of my heart, which I offer to you full of gratitude to your insurmountable service to the whole world. Thank you so much

*Your grandson,
 Balarama Singh*



Our most revered Srila Prabhupada,



Bhagavata seva Dasa,
 Prema bhakti Devi Dasi
 and Bhakta Visvanath
 Chatsworth, South Africa

*namo on visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhutale
 srimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine*

*vidyara vilase, katainu kala, parama sahase ami
 tomara carana, na bhajinu kabhu, ekhona sarana tumi
 podite podite, bharasa barilo, jnane gati habe mani
 se asa biphala se jnana durbala, se jnana ajnana jani*

— Vidyara Vilase (from Saranagati by Srila
Bhaktivinoda Thakura)

ALL GLORIES to His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, the ever felicitous eternal paramahansa, a maximalist and prolific master of all pulchritudinous vedic literature.

All glories to Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu, perfect embodiment of munificence and absolute bestower of exhilarant and exigent spiritual knowledge for all humanity.

All glories to Sri Sri Radha Radhanath,, the original source of illimitable material and spiritual existence.

Srila Prabhupada, you have persistently humanized our existence by providing series of mental activities, with inconceivable rapidity, against dogmatic pantheistic conceptions and illusive phantasmagoria of life as well as revealed the way to *nitya-mukta* for the obsequious sui generic followers of Krishna Conscious adherents. Culmination of commitment in religious practices pivoting around

your exhaustive discourses to establish and ingeminate firmly our final blissful journey back to Godhead establishes your primordial kavaca-mantra to humans around the materially plagued world. As an authoritative primus inter pares you have irreversibly captured the ailing hearts of every bewildered citizen throughout mother earth by profusely offering the greatest maha mantra that will echo concomitantly for the next 9500 years. Your status-quo as the Founder-Archarya and Diksha/ Shiksha Guru of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness will undoubtedly remain firmly established throughout the remaining 9500 years.

All glories to you!!! Srila Prabhupada ki jai!!!

*Your most insignificant and resourceless servants of
all your aspiring servants,
Bhagavata seva das, Prema bhakti devi dasi and
Bhakta Visvanath*

Bhakta Nash
Johannesburg
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most humble obeisances at your divine lotus feet.
On this indelible day of your glorious appearance, I beg you to kindly allow me to become a speck of dust at your lotus feet.

I DEDICATE THIS LITTLE PROSE in honour and tribute to you, Srila Prabhupada; your inspiration; and your love (for Sri Radha and Sri Krishna, the fallen souls) who aspire for the dust on your lotus feet, your merciful love and principal guidance through ISKCON

and your books.

Please accept my humble prayers, forgive my offences and imperfections and receive my love shared on this glorious day:

The sweet commander of Sri Shymasundhar's Sena,
who traversed treacherous sea's;
from one world to another.
Inspired in love and devotion in humility beyond
and beneath holy grass and trees,
directed by Guru's instructions,
guided by our bountiful, merciful Lord Sri Krishna's control
— time and circumstance.
Opaque, and uncertain is the cloud of Maya

dreary and unfulfilled;
 egoistic and contaminated.
 Your peaceful graceful, our gift by Sri Krishna
 to release our moments restrained
 helped us begin this journey,
 crawling out of material nature.
 Your sacrifices and endeavour hath been magnanimous,
 with my taste in Lord Caitanya's mercy caught so early.
 Your disciples inspired us and your books helped us endure;
 Tears moisten our sorrow in your absence.
 We, the aspiring devotees of the Lord, wish and pine
 for your loving Grace, in this Supreme design.
 Our dreams filled by pastimes with you,
 Our prayers for your guidance and mercy
 as we fulfil our material treaty.
 We grow with knowledge away from ignorance;
 practice thy teachings, in spite of Maya's forces.
 As you enjoy in surrender,
 we wish upon your love and at our demise, to us remember.
 Our reliance remains on thee, and thine devotees
 to guide and inspire us,
 in our endeavour of Maya's shackles be free.
 Love us and help us,
 to be thine worthy warriors,
 humble and peaceful - as the world transforms before us.
 Inspire our love and devotion
 our beloved Srila Prabhupada.

*Love, your unworthy most fallen lazy servant,
 Nash*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,



Bhakta Nkosinathi
 Cape Town
 South Africa

AT THE AGE OF 70, a man hopped on a cargo ship with a few rupees and an unlimited worth of transcendental literature. Coming from the East he was headed to the West to share this knowledge with us, the poor suffering souls. Following his spiritual masters' instruction, he has made us richer than the richest

with this knowledge. I write this to show great gratitude to a spiritual teacher and a well-wisher, His Divine Loving Grace A.C Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada.

Bhakta Nkosinathi

Bhakta Rupa Das 🙏
Durban
South Africa



My dearest Prabhupada
Please accept my obeisances.
All glories to you.

I THANK YOU for everything that you have done for me and my family. Firstly, you engaged my daughter in the SSRR temple here. Today she is the happiest girl in her life. She has simple living and high thinking and that made her Mum and I very proud parents.

A few years later my wife took initiation and now I have taken initiation. This Krishna consciousness is the happiest life for us all. Prabhupada you have taken us out from darkness and have shown us the light. Without you there is no Krishna consciousness. You have given this Krishna consciousness to

the whole world. It is a pity that I have started quite late but by your mercy I will reach my goal.

The day I saw you at Laxmi Narayan hall, I thought nothing about you. I was wondering, “Who is this Swami?” There was only one thing I remembered you say, “Chant Hare Krishna.” And that’s all I did with my daughter. And I know that was your mercy to me and my family. Thank you.

*Your servant
Bhakta Rupa das*



Bhakta Vishal Solanki 🙏
Nairobi
Kenya



Hare Krishna,

I OFFER MY HUMBLE OBEISANCES to Srila Prabhupada and all the devotees engaged in Krishna's service.

I would wake up every day and hear lectures by Srila Prabhupada and I would always learn something which I could apply in my life and it helped me a lot to advance in Krishna consciousness. I therefore thank Srila Prabhupada who was a pure devotee to always engage me in Krishna consciousness for without this my life is nothing. Devotional

service begins when one hears from a pure devotee so I therefore pray to Prabhupada that always give me his mercy so that I can become like him, to love God always.

*Hare Krishna.
Your most humble servant,
Bhakta Vishal Solanki*



Bhakti Devi Dasi 🙏
Durban
South Africa



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

THANK YOU for this most wonder spiritual path which you have so lovingly given us. Thank you for your love, affection and mercy which has allowed me entrance into devotional service.

I am undeserving of this good fortunate and I

sometimes wonder when will the day come when I can fully appreciate the treasures that you have given us.

I am eternally indebted to you and I know that this debt cannot be repaid.

I humbly beg for your merciful glance so that I may be of some assistance to you and your dear devotees.

Thank you again for everything in my life and especially for allowing me residence and service at the Sri Sri Radha Radhanath Temple .

I pray on this most auspicious day that you

please always keep my children and myself under your divine lotus feet which is the perfection of life.

Please bless me to deepen my Krishna Consciousness as time passes by.

Your granddaughter,

Bhakti Devi Dasi



Dear Srila Prabhupada,



Bhakti Prasad Dasa
Suburb

SIRLA PRABHUPADA said that Krishna consciousness means always thinking of Krishna's form, name, pastime etc. If you want to concentrate on Krishna continuously you have to hear from a person who

knows about Krishna according to his direction of the spiritual master.

Bhakti Prasad das



Dearest Srila Prabhupada

Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet.
All glories to you on your vyasa puja.



Bhaswan Hari Dasa and
Bhana Prabha Dasi
NJP Temple Phoenix,
Durban, South Africa

ON THIS MOST AUSPICIOUS DAY of your vyasa puja I feel very happy to glorify your divine grace. You have given us so much knowledge in all your books and by reading your books we can feel your presence. You made so many devotees all around the world. If it was not for you, there would be no ISKCON and

I would not be a devotee. You are a pure devotee of Lord Krishna. You preached the holy name in every town and village. Srila Prabhupada ki Jai!

Bhaswan Hari das and

Bhana Prabha Dasi



Dear Srila Prabhupada

Please accept my humble greetings, my dear wonderful grandfather.



Bhavananda Rai Das
Cape Town
South Africa

I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY to send my warm wishes to you on this special day as we aspire to make our lives purer. I am really thankful for being given an opportunity again to be your student of Bhakti and hoping our endeavours can be

fulfilled in this lifetime.

The only thing I am asking you, is to always be my guardian angel in the midst of this Maya. I hope what we seek to achieve is your desire to be a Krishna conscious family with my partner. I also pray that

she grows nicely in our practise of grihastra ashram. I promise to serve her as well as we grow to be better spiritually

As we endeavour to organize festivals and help use our media platforms to bring unity to the

movement and let love always be the centre of creating more Krishna conscious families.

*Your servant,
Bhavananda Rai Das*



Bhavita Keshav
Centurion
South Africa



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

I FOUND A NEW APPRECIATION for this Hare Krishna movement when a few months ago my father (who introduced me to Krishna Consciousness) applied for divorce against my mother. After nearly 22 years of having him in my life on a full time basis that chapter had now reached its end. I was shattered and still am. It was in that moment that I turned to Krishna. I then came to a deep realization, despite the fact that his role in my life has changed, he gave me the greatest gift, Krishna Consciousness! Had he left before I was able to receive such a wonderful

gift where would my life be. That may have been his purpose in my life. Instead of being sad I am grateful and I am happy. I know you, Krishna and His wonderful devotees. This fallen soul counts herself lucky each day. Thank you for bringing this movement to us. I will try daily to improve in my spiritual life and do service for the satisfaction of Krishna, you and the devotees.

*A fallen soul
Bhavita Keshav*



The Persadhs
Durban
South Africa



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

THANK YOU Srila Prabhupada for everything that you have done for my family, myself and the world , you have changed the world into a better place and made others see your teachings and principles which help us in daily life . I have three thing to offer to you which is my gratitude, love and that all the problems that I face in my life can change into solutions and that there can be peace in my life and that

my family can be protected and nothing bad can happen to them . I really appreciate and love everything you have done for me so far and my family and I are blessed and grateful for having such an amazing person come into our lives and help improve it.

*Thank you Srila Prabhupada.
From the Persadhs*





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



Bhima Dasa, Krishna-laya Dasi,
Aditi, Tulsi, Radhe and Kirtan
Pretoria, South Africa

THERE IS A NICE DESCRIPTION by H.G. Tribhuvanatha Prabhu, of when he had to receive you by putting a garland around you. When you arrived with your party, he explains that he became frozen or immobilized because he saw and realized that you were not of this world and that you were from another dimension. He emphasized it in different ways. For a few minutes he was mortified and incapable of moving.

Now we stand before you stunned and disabled in the same way. How can we attempt to do such a thing, but it is our duty to try and shed something about your life and glory.

Some of these sweet things I'd like to share are...

When you were a little boy of three, you were playing with matches and then set yourself alight. A man appeared and put out the fire. You retained a small scar on your leg.

As children, every day you all would go the Temple, and take darshan of the Radha-Govinda deities before school. Sometimes you wouldn't want to go to school, so your mother employed a man at four Rupees a day to take you. At that time for such behaviour it was customary to tie such a child by the waist with a rope, which was done. Even then sometimes you ran away from school, then the servant would catch you and carry you in his arms and present you to the teacher.

You were a well behaved little student but one time a teacher pulled on your ear and you became upset, threw a kerosene lamp to the floor and accidentally started a fire.

During the violent riots between the Hindus and Muslims you were once chased by a man with a knife, he tried to kill you. Running very fast you managed to escape with your life. Your parents all the while we're awaiting your arrival outside. You never told them what happened. But went immediately to bed.

At the age of six you asked your father Gaur

Mohan Baba for your own deities, he purchased a set of Radha-Krishna deities for you. Since your childhood you would think when would you worship Krishna like your father. From then on whatever you ate you offered first to your deities. You also dressed Them, offered incense, and even ghee lamp. You also offered full prostrated obeisances, all this as a little child. Incredible.

You also were very dependent on Krishna as a child, and not surprising as a fully-fledged adult too. In your playing with your sister tagging about as your assistant you turned to God to remove any obstacles in your childhood. Once while you both were struggling to fly a kite you chanted special mantras: "Please Krishna help us fly this kite."

Later in your household life you worked and travelled very hard. After meeting Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati, you always meditated on his 1922 instructions. Just before he left this world he replied to the letter you wrote to him two weeks before that. You intimated you were a grhasta and doubted you could achieve much. He replied that he had full confidence in your ability to preach in English to the western world (notwithstanding the sanyasi disciples he had). He also said that he had great hope in you to benefit your audiences. What an amazing form of encouragement. You then took this to be confirmation of your life's mission, based on this letter and on your 1922 meeting.

Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati had many leading sanyasi disciples. When he gave you initiation he added Charanaravinda to you name. He was particular about giving Brahman initiation, to him it depended on the disciples progress and level of advancement. Even first initiation he awarded after some time. In your case he did something unusual, he awarded you first initiation and the Brahman thread at once. He sure knew your position and recognized your future works.

In your preaching as a householder you invited people home, held Bhagavada-Gita katha talks, kirtans were had and prasadam was served. You practiced ideal family life even without family support.

While difficulty travelling around India you expended your life serving your family and running your business. Your family hardly helped, if at all. Thus, you expended more than 36 years without dividends. Rather in the process you had your business fail, costing you thousands. You had a shop burgled, losing Rs7000, and stocks. You also had your cherished 1200-page work of the Githopanishad lost or stolen. You had high hopes of having it exquisitely published in rich lavish style. This was your only copy and went missing from home. It must have been so heart-breaking. Its loss baffled you.

Eventually you tipped the balance of your material life towards full surrender to Guru and Krishna and began printing little effective works in English. Your efforts with significant people of India and in the government sector didn't meet with the scale you had in your vision. You met sometimes with cold rejections from politicians and influential people. You weren't significant in the circles they considered falsely important. Though your sanyasi god brothers recognized your level of devotion and advancement, that even though a householder you were given the seat of honour to speak on Bhagavata and Bhagavada-Gita every time in their association.

All these failures ushered you towards the

west...towards us mlecchas and yavanas. Oh! How grateful we can be for that.

The rest is etched in the famous Hare Krishna history of the world. None before you have crossed over to the west and totally transplanted a religious repository going back millennia. None have before transplanted an entire culture and wealthy plethora of immeasurable dimension. The last such phenomenon were the Romans a few thousand years ago and that also wasn't a spiritual but a mundane achievement of theirs. That too has eventually collapsed.

You did it as an old man, with no money, no material basis for any hint of success, and you did it totally alone.

Is that not the most incredible achievement of cultural and religious and spiritual history? And yet this spiritual empire you have spawned will not fail like the Roman Empire. It will actually be unimaginably gigantic. Spanning beyond this small planet too.

The work is done, all we have to do is maintain it and double it, and then double it all over again.

Thank you Srila Prabhupada, thank you Srila Prabhupada, thank you Srila Prabhupada!

Your fame is spread all over the three worlds. We take shelter at your lotus feet.

*Your servants,
Bhima das, Krishna-laya Dasi, Aditi,
Tulsi, Radhe and Kirtan.*

Brahmadev Das
Cape Town
South Africa



My dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to the most blessed event of your appearance day!

THERE ARE SO MANY WONDERFUL FESTIVALS you have given us to celebrate and enjoy the activities of The Supreme Lord, Sri Krishna. One of these glorious festivals is Rathayatra. It brings so many people of many different denominations together to sing

and dance with a common goal of love for God. My desire is to increase my service for this year's Rathayatra in Cape Town.

Your love and spiritual guidance in the purports of the Holy Scriptures continue to deepen the

connection between the devotees of the Lord and me. Recently I have grown increasingly attached to the service of Tulasi Devi. Caring for Her and worshipping Her is a daily priority for me. I play Srila Prabhupada's Chanting and Srimad Bhavatam lectures for Her regularly.

Srila Prabhupada, you brought Caitanya Mahaprabhu, Lord Nityananda, the Goswamis, the Holy Dhams and Kunds, Ekadasi fasting, and many pastimes of The Lord into my life, previously

unknown to me. Mine and my family's lives were never the same again.

My humble request is that Srila Prabhupada will always keep me in the association of devotees whom I can serve and through whom I may make a tiny contribution to the expansion the mission of Caitanya Mahaprabhu.

*Always your servant
Brahmadev Das*



Hare Krishna most dear Srila Prabhupada.
Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Your Divine Grace.

SRILA PRABHUPADA, you have made Krishna Consciousness easy with your ISKCON. Your Divine Grace very easily fully fills my / our desire and we love you for your reciprocal mood.

Today is Nirjal Ekadasi and it is the last day to submit a Vyasa Puja offering.

I have one request but I am too afraid to ask as I have heard from Your Divine Grace's disciples the "Hardships" one has to face to be purified.

It is also confirmed by Guru, Sastra and devotees.

Srila Prabhupada may I request Your Divine

Grace to please guide me this spirit soul to someday in some life time or in this lifetime (own my own its impossible) to at least practice pure devotional service to Your Divine Grace under the guidance and shelter of His Divine Grace HH Srila Giriraja Swami Maharaja.

Thank you very much for allowing this fool shelter within the parameters of your ISKCON.

I aspire to be your servant of your most dear servants someday.

Braj Mohan Dasa



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

FIRSTLY, I would like to say that being in Krishna consciousness is a blessing and I hope that I can encourage many more people to join this wonderful movement that you have made. Joining the devotees in the harinam and kirtan is so amazing and merciful. I've been in Krishna consciousness for 6

years and it's been a divine experience, from worshipping the Lord, to having the most delicious maha prasadam and being able to do some service. I have to say that this is the best life that you have given me. I am grateful that you have given me the most wonderful people in my life which Maithili Mataji and



Braj Mohan Dasa
Germiston, Gauteng
South Africa



Bryton Jansen (13)
Durban
South Africa

Bhakta Rupa das for bringing me into this movement and you on the other hand Srila Prabhupada have done the best thing by welcoming us to Krishna consciousness. I hope that Krishna blesses you

on this most special day. Haribol!

Your servant

Bryton Jansen (13 years old)



Caitanya Carana Dasa
Sridham Mayapur
India



Hare Krishna, Srila Prabhupada.

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Your Divine Self on this most auspicious occasion of your Vyasa-pūja celebration.

SRILA PRABHUPADA, my very continued existence in Kṛṣṇa consciousness is because of you alone. You continue to sustain me to the degree that I take shelter of the wonderful opportunities You have set up for making spiritual advancement in your Hare Kṛṣṇa movement, ISKCON.

Whatever tools I need to extricate myself from the harassing ensnarement by the material energy are provided for me by you, my dear ever well-wisher.

I feel your presence in your Bhaktivedanta pursuits, in your Society of devotees, in your lucid, illuminating lectures and a very special, unique part of you has been invested into each one of your disciples. I experience you daily through these and many other forms.

Such magnanimity must surely induce a sense of owing from my grateful heart! So, how can I reciprocate with your selfless love? The answer has been given by your good self, “Work cooperatively.” Also, I must adhere to the basic regulations of daily

chanting a minimum of 16 rounds of japa and following the 4 regulative principles. I must read, study and discuss Your books threadbare.

But more than that, I have to get out of my comfort zone and tell others about Kṛṣṇa. I must cultivate a mood of serving the Saṅkirtana Mission of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu with a determined and sincere attitude.

I am not perfect, but let me make a maximum effort to become perfect, by following your teachings to the letter perfectly. On this most blessed event, I beg for your blessings upon me so that I may improve, live and share Kṛṣṇa consciousness with everybody I meet.

Thank you for loving me unconditionally, and bless me to do the same.

Your servant,

Caitanya Carana Dasa



Caitanya Dasa
Lenasia
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you, Srila Prabhupada.

ANOTHER YEAR, another offering and another opportunity to reflect on your impact on me. To be honest, I'm shocked that I am still here another year.

I recently asked a question during a class, “How is it that Krishna Consciousness becomes harder as

the years go by?” The answer was piercing as it was true, “because you are not doing it right.” It jolted me because it is true. The speaker explained that it's because I'm causing offenses and not following the instructions properly. I knew that but hearing it out

aloud in a class somehow made it more impactful.

It's true Srila Prabhupada. I try hard to be the best I can but often I feel inept at just doing things right. There was a time when everything seemed to work like magic. I would go on sankirtan and come back brimming with success. I would run youth groups and inspire youngsters to rally together in the fun of Krishna consciousness to do cool things, I would arrange marathons and see newbies rise to the occasion in excellence ... I have had tons of magical moments.

These magical moments are still there but they are farther apart and the periods in between are the challenge. I can only guess that the last few years are a real reflection of where I really am.

Phase 1 was, "let's use this rascal to do something" and phase 2 is "How much do you want it?"

I'm honoured that you are guiding my development. I may not be the best student but I'm still here. Perhaps in time, instructions will be drilled into my head. That's why I'm waiting in service.

I recently came across this verse and immediately smiled.

*nirapeksam munim santam
nirvairam sama-darsanam
anuvrajamy aham nityam
puyety anghri-renubhih*

Translation: "With the dust of My devotees' lotus feet I desire to purify the material worlds, which are situated within Me. Thus, I always follow the footsteps of My pure devotees, who are free from all personal desire, rapt in thought of My pastimes,

peaceful, without any feelings of enmity, and of equal disposition everywhere." (SB 11.14.16)

The first part made me feel all warm and fuzzy. You are "My devotee", it is your dust that is touching our heads and purifying us, and it is your lotus feet that we are dedicating our lives to ... at least attempting to.

The 2nd part made me feel all special. The Lord follows the pure devotee. That means wherever you are, Lord Krishna is present and because you are present in our lives, it means Krishna is present in our lives.

We are blessed with this spirit of yours to transform the world and by bringing Lord Caitanya to every inch of the earth. If it's reached me down in a simple and remote - place like Lenasia, its surely really going to reach every town and village.

My Guru Maharaja always tells me to be of service to you through your servants, like His Holiness Bhakti Caitanya Swami. I humbly ask for a bigger dose of dust from your lotus feet as I need it to drive my progress internally and externally. Receiving that mercy is my only means of survival and success.

Lastly, thank you so much for your presence in our community. I'm looking at some of the new devotees coming through and it's inspiring to see how your magic has touched them too. I'm looking forward to seeing different devotees offering their service in different ways to make this society a diverse and exciting kaleidoscope of love.

*Your servant,
Caitanya dasa*



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

THIS YEAR I wanted to say a simple thank you. When I reflect on my life over the years I see how I'm a

product of your mercy. I see how you've moulded my thinking and my perception of reality. Through



Candrakshara Dasa
Sasolburg
South Africa

association with your ISKCON and truths contained in your writings you've saved me from becoming a product of society. It's so frightening to see the different "spiritual" viewpoints in the world and how far they are from the truth. It's even more frightening to see how passionate people are about these untruths. And like this the world has laid so many traps for us, some less conspicuous than others. I'm so grateful that through your perseverance to spread the great message of Lord Caitanya and the parampara I've been given the tools to discern between truths and untruths....I'm now a step closer

to getting out of this miserable world.

I know that I have no qualification of my own for receiving your kindness. It is mercy alone. To date, I've not seen a process more sublime than Krishna consciousness and I still can't believe my good fortune. I pray for your blessings to continue on this path you've given me. And I pray that I may become one of your assets.

*Your servant,
Candrasekhara dasa*



Caranaravinda Dasa 
Durban
South Africa



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

WHILE GROWING UP, I have taken life for granted. Living in a Hindu family, it was all about demigod worship. It was family tradition to fast on certain days and perform prayers when we had problems.

My life changed after my marriage. I was introduced to Namahata programs, Ratha Yatras and eventually temple programs. It was at this time that I became attracted to your lectures, kirtans and transcendental vibrations. You have created a better world for our future generations. I was really inspired by the way you single handedly formed this ISKCON movement. Your lectures on Vedic cultures, illusion and materialism have changed the mind-set of many people, thus taking them a step closer

to becoming devotees and eventually trying to go back home, back to Godhead.

You constantly help me remember and serve Krishna. With your mercy we are trying to perfect our spiritual lives so that we do not take another material birth.

All glories to you Srila Prabhupada our ever well-wisher and founder Acarya of our ISKCON movement. You have set a strong foundation for our preaching work and all we have to do now is to follow your footsteps. You are indeed priceless.

*Your fallen soul,
Caranaravinda das*



Caranarenu Devi Dasi 
Durban
South Africa



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

AT THE AGE when most people prepare for retirement, you were making arrangements to travel to the West,

to carry out your spiritual master's instructions. You took with you the most basic necessities but in your

heart you carried love for your Spiritual master and complete faith in Krishna to take care of you. So many disappointments came your way; non co-operation from the Indian government, no help whatsoever from your God brothers.

You were all alone in a foreign country and no one willing to go the extra mile to assist you in your endeavours. But as we all know, this was Krishna's arrangement. To make you wholly dependent on Him and to show the world what complete faith and surrender to the Supreme Personality of Godhead could achieve.

Srila Prabhupada, you struggled so much to ensure that Krishna Consciousness was available to all the fallen souls.

Your compassion and mercy is way beyond words and truly makes you the eternal Spiritual Master.

On this occasion of your Vyasa-puja, I humbly beg to remain at the dust of your lotus feet eternally.

*Your granddaughter
Caranarenu Devi Dasi*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

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

All glories to Your Divine Grace, the founder-acarya of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness.



Champakalata Dasi

Durban

South Africa

IN JULY 1966, at the time of registering ISKCON as a legal entity, it was a far cry from being international. With just 19 initiated disciples and the only temple being a storefront on 26, 2nd Avenue, New York, it was mind-boggling why you would ever name it the "International Society for Krishna consciousness." However, it was just a matter of time, and a short space at that, before "Hare Krishna" synonymous with ISKCON became a signature tune, attracting ever increasing multitudes of people to the holy names and the process of Krishna consciousness.

As your disciples, on your instructions, transplanted your teachings to various corners of the globe, heralding your arrival to every major city of the world, this organization became truly international in nature and likewise your disciples and grand-disciples reflect the global footprint of ISKCON. Especially when traveling, whether it is visiting the holy dhamas in India or cities around the world, sojourning at ISKCON temples and meeting the devotees, I realize that you truly built a house which the whole world can live in.

Associating with your disciples, I am constantly

reminded of the powerful influence you've had on their lives and how they remain steadfastly committed to your mission. This kind of faith and loyalty is as a result of the purity of love that you have evoked in them.

Serving on a few committees with your disciples, I never cease to be amazed that despite the fact that many of your disciples are advanced in age, their minds and intelligence remain very sharp. They have acquired this attribute from you, Srila Prabhupada.

I have observed how His Holiness Prahlaṇānanda Swami, despite all his preaching responsibilities, still invests so much of care and attention to his managerial responsibilities as the head of the sannyasa ministry, always seeking out ways to improve the service he has to offer. Likewise with Sesa, Anuttama, Hansarupa and Praharana prabhus, whom I also serve closely with. This trait forms a magnetic thread amongst all the GBC and committee members who are heavily invested in ensuring that your legacy continues for centuries into the future; always trying to improve the organizational

structure and facilities for devotees. Your teachings remain unadulterated and jealously guarded by your sincere followers and their association inspires me in my continued journey in service to you and your mission.

I consider my link to you to be my greatest good fortune. I have no good qualities but am hopeful that you will cast your merciful glance upon me and

make me a useful instrument in your ISKCON. I beg you, Srila Prabhupada, to infuse in me the physical and mental shakti and bhakti required to render service and to progress on this spiritual path.

*Your aspiring servant,
Champakalata dasi*



Chandradevi RamDasas 🌸
Ladysmith
South Africa



My dearest Srila Prabhupada

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

WHEN I WAS INTRODUCED TO YOUR MOVEMENT by my family, I was bewildered and confused as I had grown up with the understanding completely different to your teachings.

My dear Srila Prabhupada as I began to read the Bhagavat-gita and your purports it then dawned upon me that your teachings are the correct way back home to Krishna and that all that has been taught to me and all my practices were not very

beneficial to my spiritual life.

Dear Srila Prabhupada I am now 80 years old and beg of you to please be merciful upon me on this day of your Vyasa-puja and accept me into your ISKCON family.

*Your daughter,
Chandradevi Ramdass*



Candrakantha Dasa & 🌸
Ambika Devi Dasi
Cato Manor, Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

All glories on this wonderful occasion in celebrating your Vyasa-puja.

All Glories to Gaura-Nitai and the Lordships Sri Krishna and Radharani.

*om ajnana-timirandhasya jnananjana salakya
caksur unmilitam yenya sri gurave namah*

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

I WANT TO THANK YOU for keeping my family and I in the shelter of your ISKCON. Our menial service to your society is the only way we can show some gratitude in receiving your mercy. It is said that by

the lotus feet of the spiritual master one can receive pure devotional service to Lord Krishna. Our only wish is to be always under the shelter of your lotus and never go astray.

I have some of your instructions specifically meant for us, “so we shall not be concerned with pious activities or impious activities. We shall be concerned with transcendental activities. That

will save me from this bondage of birth, death, old age and disease. That should be our aim of life.

We should not be hankering after good or bad things. Because everything here, in higher consciousness, everything is material.”

Another quote : “A Vaishnava should take care of those who are bewildered by this maya instead of becoming angry with them, because without them a Vaishnava’s mercy they have no way to get out of the clutches of maya. Those who have been condemned by maya are rescued by the mercy of the devotees.”

Lastly one interesting quote “whether you are following the Bible, the Vedas or the Koran. The result must be that you are increasing your

eagerness to hear about God and love Him.”

Srila Prabhupada your internationally screened movie of your life and struggles “HARE KRISHNA – The Mantra, The Movement and the SWAMI who started it all“ was very sad, emotional and inspiring to us. We will always treasure your life struggle of your saving the humanity at large at such an old age.

Those who have surrendered to you are very fortunate to be saved from the onslaught of maya and make spiritual advancement to back home, back to Godhead from the cycle of birth, death, old age and disease.

Thank you Prabhupada for making us understand your transcendental message.

*Your Aspiring grand-disciples
Candrakantha das, Ambika dd*



My dearest Srila Prabhupada
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories at your Lotus Feet.



*samsara-davanala-lidha –loka
tranaya karunya-ghanaghanatvam
praptasya kalyana-ghunarnavasya
vande guroh sri-caranaravindam*

THE FIRST VERSE OF THE GURU-VASTAKAM reminds us that: “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.”

Only a pure soul has the ability to deliver the materially afflicted souls and to obtain that benediction from the ocean of mercy. Only a pure soul has the heart to feel for the conditioned souls that are suffering in this material world, even when the

conditioned souls themselves do not know it. Had it not been for your purity and love for your dearest Krishna, Guru Maharaj and for us - the fallen souls, we would have never known Krishna, the eternal ocean of mercy.

For many of us, that eternal ocean of mercy is also you Srila Prabhupada. Your compassion and love for Krishna and His devotees is unlimited. It is only through your sacrifices that we have been blessed with this opportunity to redeem ourselves. Your life story is a tale of sacrifice, love and dedication. Thank you for being the best inspiration that one could ever pray for.

Thank you for sharing your knowledge with us



Chandramukhi Radhe Devi Dasi
Midrand, Johannesburg
South Africa

and for allowing a fallen soul like me to be part of your wonderful ISKCON. It is a blessing which I will never be able to repay and a boon that I am so grateful to have. I am extremely undeserving of this mercy and I pray that someday I am able to give back to ISKCON, the Vaishnavas and to make you proud, Srila Prabhupada.

I pray that I always remain in your shelter and am able to bring more souls to your wonderful movement.

*Your fallen granddaughter,
Chandramukhi Radhe devi dasi*



Charlene Lutchman
Midrand
South Africa



Hare Krishna Srila Prabhupada
Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet.

A FEW DAYS AGO I dreamt off you. I have heard that it is a great blessing to dream off you. And I know you were bestowing your kind mercy upon me. I only pray that I may be given sufficient knowledge, intelligence and enthusiasm, to assist you, most rigorously and always, in your mission of spreading Krishna consciousness to every town and village.

You have given us so much, an entire new way of life, I owe you my very life and soul. I hope to always be of service to you. You are so kind and compassionate to us fallen souls. I pray for even a drop of that kindness. Please accept me in your mission. Help me

to always live my life to please you. You are aware of everything. You know of my many faults, please bless me with the courage and determination to change and portray only good righteous qualities. Please help me to advance in Krishna consciousness and help others do the same. Please forgive me for many offenses and mistakes caused and allow me to remember and be true to you, through all of time.

Thank You Srila Prabhupada for everything.

*Your servant,
Charlene Lutchman*



Chitrakleha Devi Dasi
Westville, Durban
Kwa Zulu Natal
South Africa



For His Divine Grace A C Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada,

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

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

HARE KRISHNA! Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Sri Sri Radha Radhanath, all glories to Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu, all glories to Gira Govardhana, all glories to Lord Jagannatha, Baladeva and Subhadra Maharani, all glories to Nitai Gaurasundara and all glories, all glories, all glories to You, our dearest most Srila Prabhupada!

In *Srimad-Bhagavatam* 8.7.8, the powerfully yet simplistic content espouses personally the absolute essence of this Krishna conscious process and philosophy which you so compassionately and emphatically expounded:

*vilokya vighnesa-vidhim tadesvaro
duranta-viryo 'vitathabhisandhih
krtva vapuh kacchapam adbhutam mahat
pravisya toyam girim ujjahara*

vilokya — observing; vighna — the obstruction (the sinking of the mountain); isa-vidhim — by the providential arrangement; tada — then; isvarah — the Supreme Personality of Godhead; duranta-virya — inconceivably powerful; avitatha — infallible; abhisandhih — whose determination; krtva — expanding; vapuh — body; kacchapam — tortoise; adbhutam — wonderful; mahat — very great; pravisya — entering; toyam — the water; girim — the mountain (Mandara); ujjahara — lifted.

“Seeing the situation that had been created by the will of the Supreme, the unlimitedly powerful Lord, whose determination is infallible, took the wonderful shape of a tortoise, entered the water, and lifted the great Mandara Mountain.”



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

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

PURPORT Here is evidence that the Supreme Personality of Godhead is the supreme controller of everything. As we have previously described, there are two classes of men — the demons and the demigods — but neither of them are supremely powerful. Everyone has experienced that hindrances are imposed upon us by the supreme power. The demons regard these hindrances as mere accidents or chance, but devotees accept them to be acts of the supreme ruler. When faced with hindrances, therefore, devotees pray to the Lord. Tat te 'nukampam susamiksamano bhunjana evatma-krtam vipakam [Srimad Bhagavatam: 10:14:8]. Devotees endure hindrances, accepting them to be caused by the Supreme Personality of Godhead and regarding them as benedictions. Demons, however, being unable to understand the supreme controller, regard such hindrances as accidental. Here, of course, the Supreme Personality of Godhead was present personally. It was by His will that there were hindrances, and by His will those hindrances were removed. The Lord appeared as a tortoise to support the great mountain. Ksitir iha vipulatare tava tisthati prsthe. The Lord held the great mountain on His back. Kesava dhrta-kurma-sarira jaya jagadisa hare. Dangers can be created by the Supreme Personality of Godhead, and they can also be removed by Him. This is known to devotees, but demons cannot understand it.

*Thank you Srila Prabhupada! Haribol!
Your eternal servant,
Chitrlekha devi dasi*



 Cit Sukhananda Dasa
Blantyre
Malawi

*namaste sarasvate deve gaura vani pracarine
nirviseśa sunyavadi paschatya deśa tarine*

I OFFER MY RESPECTFUL OBEISANCES unto His Divine Grace A.C Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada who is very dear to Lord Krishna, having taken shelter of His lotus feet. Our respectful obeisances are unto you, O Spiritual Master, servant of Sarasvati Goswami. You are kindly preaching the message of Lord Caitanya deva and delivering the western countries, which are with impersonalism and voidism.

Jaya Srila Prabhupada!

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

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

There are innumerable adjectives that could be used to describe you, O Srila Prabhupada, my our spiritual master, one is ocean of mercy. What a thankless task it was to come to a civilization corrupted and in complete darkness and worldly suffering, a place with little or no good qualities. What a mission you embarked on to deliver the fallen souls in the deepest clutches of material illusion, with no hope or direction, covered grossly by ignorance, misguided and heading for destruction. But following Krishna, Lord Caitanya, your own Gurudev and your own heart you embarked on a mission to bestow Lord Caitanya's mercy in the darkest regions of material darkness, with a message of goodwill, a message of love, you came armed with bhakti and transplanted the seed of devotion to our Supreme Father, Krishna into our hearts. How more indebted could we be to the person that reminded us of our identity when we had forgotten and showed us our home, parents and family when were orphans on

the street of material existence.

Indeed O glorious spiritual master you deserve all the glory for such mercy that came unsought and that came timely, when we were suffering in this ocean of illusion. An ocean of mercy, never thinking of yourself, but always thinking how to deliver the fallen and forgetful souls. Always thinking how can I remind them of Krishna, how can I get them out of suffering and be happy and serve Krishna our eternal and Supreme relative. Not only did you come with a message of Krishna consciousness, you yourself were and are still the personification of that message - a pure devotee of Krishna. The zeal you had was driven by the order of Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Marahaja and your own compassion to deliver us fallen souls and by your words and actions you were and are purely, my, our ever well-wisher, and what best way could you wish someone well than to give them their most significant, important, and most crucial gift than to awaken them to their eternal significant identity. With this you embarked as one man to deliver the most precious gift of Krishna consciousness and restlessly, untiringly and unceasingly till the very last moment worked to distribute this message all over the world and somehow I believe universe.

When I read Srila Prabhupada lilamrta I am awe struck by your incredible, magnanimous, excellent, loving, kind and compassionate character, all the qualities of Vaisnava were exhibited in you, arcarya, one who lead by example, everything affirming your position as a pure devotee. And you preached and spoke strongly and firmly on Krishna consciousness and never deviated at any moment, always fixed and pure. As much as everyone was and is attracted to our eternal message of Krishna consciousness, that attraction came through attraction to you, your purity, your character, your genuineness, your love. Through this your disciples gave their lives and the

rest followed. Now we have the real United Nations, one big Krishna conscious happy family.

We thank Lord Caitanya and Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Maharaj for sending you and we thank you for coming.

*Jaya Srila Prabhupada!
A servant of your servant
Cit Sukhananda das*



Om tat sat,

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

ALL GLORIES TO YOU, Srila Prabhupada for giving Lord Sri Krishna to the world and especially Malawi. Your sincere endeavours and determination is removing the darkness of ignorance that lies within the hearts of we people. Your understanding of vedic literature has and will shut down all sentimentalist approach to religion and will open the gate to pure love of Godhead, a dimensions of religion, Malawi and the world has not come to witness, pure love for the all attractive Supreme being.

If it were not for your endeavours, there would be no devotees to spread the Hare Krishna movement, especially in Malawi, and the general public view of Hinduism would remain that of multi gods. His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada has pre-read through Christianity, Muslim and many other religions expressing how God is one and how a soul

must re-establish its eternal relationship with the Supreme Lord by chanting his Holy Names. By your many books I have come to understand what religion is, what we must do and what is the purpose of life. Otherwise before coming in contact with the Hare Krishna movement all I saw was vanity, an incomplete view of religion. On this path so far I have found a level of happiness and peace I have never experienced before and for this I would love to thank you Prabhupada with all my heart and soul, may Lord Sri Krishna be with you and devotees forever and I pray that by your mercy we may come to know and worship the Supreme Lord with all our hearts.

*Hare Krishna
Clive Yamikani*



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

I LOVE THE DAYS leading up to your Sri Vyasa puja, because it makes us reflect and meditate on your glories more and more. It is also a time to relish your

great pastimes which have been shared by your wonderful sons and daughters.

We were watching a video of your dear son HH



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Blantyre
Malawi



Damodar Dasa (BCais)
ISKCON Midrand
South Africa

Tamal Krishna Goswami Maharaja where he was sharing some intimate pastimes that he had with you.

Maharaja was reading his Vyasa puja offering to Srila Prabhupada. While Maharaja was reading his offering Srila Prabhupada interrupted him three times and said that he (Srila Prabhupada) learnt everything from his father, but this printing and distribution of books he learnt from his spiritual master Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakur. Maharaja remarked that this was very noteworthy that Srila Prabhupada had interrupted him three times and each time Srila Prabhupada was stressing the importance of book distribution. We can understand from this how much Srila Prabhupada wanted to please his spiritual master and took his instructions as his life and soul.

Another pastime that I heard from HH Kadamba Kanana Swami was when Srila Prabhupada wanted The Bhaktivedanta Book Trust (BBT) devotees to publish the Caitanya-caritamṛta.

Srila Prabhupada had ordered his disciples at the BBT to print seventeen volumes in two months. The devotees initially replied that it was


an impossible task. Srila Prabhupada told them that, “impossible is a word found in a fool’s dictionary.” So the devotees worked hard and organised themselves in shifts and worked around the clock to fulfil Srila Prabhupada’s order.

When this huge task was completed in the allotted time, the devotees knew that both the order and its execution were the causeless mercy of Krishna’s pure devotee.

So we can learn from this how Srila Prabhupada bestowed his mercy upon the devotees because with his order also came his mercy to fulfil the order.

Thank you Srila Prabhupada for everything that you have given to us. You have said that you will live forever in your books. So please allow me to always have your association through reading your books. Please bestow your mercy upon me so that I may always serve you by distributing your books. Please let me always be in the loving association of your sincere followers.

*Your grandson,
Damodar das (BCais)*

Damodar Prasad Dasa (BCaiS) 
Johannesburg
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my prostrated obeisances at your Lotus Feet.



SRI GURU KARUNA SINDHU ADAMA JANARA BANDHU: Our Spiritual Master is an ocean mercy and a friend of the poor. You are an ocean of mercy Srila Prabhupada, and that is why I am still here, trying and struggling to write you a worthy Vyasa Puja offering. By all rights, I should not be here, because, long ago, and many times since, I have betrayed the trust you have placed in me, as your representative.

Because I am your representative. You have granted me that status, because I wanted it. But did I truly want it? Or was I merely attracted by the opulence of your movement? I guess there must have been a spark of sincerity, or else I would not be here

today. But have I truly accepted the fact, that I am your representative?

To live by your teachings is one thing, but your teachings emphasise the importance of spreading the message you came to give, and sharing the mercy which is flowing through your institution, ISKCON, and what have I done to do that? Have I truly felt the urgent need, the overwhelming desire, to share your mercy with others? Have I ever been properly grateful or appreciative of the mercy of your teachings, and your International Society for Krishna Consciousness?

When I consider my time in ISKCON, it appears

to me to be simply a catalogue of failures and disappointments. It is only by your mercy that I am still here, hanging on, by a thread. I have made so many mistakes.

Does not all this prove that you are indeed an ocean of mercy? And because you are an ocean

of mercy, and a friend of the poor, I am still praying unto you, Srila Prabhupada, to keep us in your Society.

*Your aspiring servant,
Damodar Prasad das (BCaiS)*



Dear prabhupada.

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.



Damodara Dasa
Midrand, Johannesburg
South Africa

THANK YOU for fulfilling the prediction of Lord Chaitanya that his Holy Names will spread in every country and village. It seemed impossible before you started preaching in the west. Thank you for giving me access to the Hare Krishna maha mantra. I can't imagine anything in this world that can give similar bliss as the one derived from chanting Hare Krishna. Thank you for telling who is God, about his creation and who we are. You gave us the key to the true happiness.

I will never be able to pay what you did for me. I request that you give me privilege to serve once a sincere soul who following your teachings in your ISKCON.

*Your aspiring great grand disciple,
Damodara das*



Dear Prabhupada,

THANK YOU for spreading Krishna consciousness all over the world. I really like especially when my father reads the *Lila-amrta* to me. I really like when my father tells me about your pastimes from the *Lila-amrta*. When I hear of your preaching programs and activities I get excited.

Someday, I would like to follow in your footsteps, to do preaching and harinama with devotees.

When I grow-up I want to serve you, Srila Prabhupada in your mission. When I grow-up I want to go to your temple everyday so that I can be close to you and Lord Krishna.

Thank you very much, Srila Prabhupada! Hare Krishna.

Dana Keli Harinarain (7 years)



Dana Keli Harinarain (7)
Mpumalanga, Witbank
South Africa





*nama om visnu-padaya krishna-preshthaya bhu-tale
srimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine
namas te saraswate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvishesha-shunyavadi-pashchatya-desha-tarine*

ON THIS MOST AUSPICIOUS DAY of your Sri Vyasa-puja please accept my humble appreciation for allowing me to serve you in your divine deity form.

Some years ago my spiritual master told me something that had stayed with me forever. At that time I was living as a brahamacari in the temple. Your disciple, my spiritual master, used to give us these simple words of encouragement.

On one occasion I was walking with him in the car park and he told me “if you ever have any problems, go Srila Prabhupada’s room and talk to him. He is not a statue. He will listen to you”.

“The arca-vigraha, or the worshipable deity in the temple, is a similar manifestation of the Lord for the neophytes. But in spite of their material touch, such forms of the Lord as the virat and arca are all non-different from His eternal form as Lord Kṛṣṇa.

Just as the deity of Krishna is non-different from Krishna, similarly, your deity is non-different from you.

In the early days of your movement, your disciples would feel immense separation from you. You then instructed them to keep a photo of you on the vyasasana. You taught them from the very beginning that your photo and deity is not different from you.

This was another valuable gift that you bestowed upon the World. As I sat down to write this offering, by Krishna’s divine working I recanted a beautiful pastime that explains the depth of sacrifice you went through just we can become Krishna Consciousness.

“When the deities were installed in the Hyderabad temple, some South Indian brahmins

came. Srila Prabhupad told Yashodanandan and Achyutananda that these are real brahmins and must be treated nicely and given anything they wanted. Generally when the spiritual master is in the planet, His murti is not installed in the temples. When one of the south indian brahmins Sampat Kumar Bhattacharya heard Srila Prabhupad’s murtis were going to be installed in different temples around the world, he travelled on his own expense from Hyderabad to Bombay to meet Srila Prabhupad. His concern was, according to sastra, when the guru’s murti is installed when He is still in the planet, people will come and offer prayers, they will think they are seeing him and they will touch his feet, which will result in the guru suffer from taking their karmas. Out of affection, Sampat Kumar Bhattacharya told Srila Prabhupad all the sastric evidences. He wanted to serve Srila Prabhupad in this way. Srila Prabhupad listened to him patiently and finally said “Don’t you understand that’s why I have come?” When the brahmin heard this, he immediately stopped talking. He folded his hands and circumambulated Srila Prabhupad three times, offered him prostrated obeisances and then left as he understood who Srila Prabhupada was.”

- (Memories Anecdotes of a modern day saint (Volume three) by Siddhanta das.)

From this pastime we can understand that you had only one mission, to deliver all fallen souls from this material contaminated world and reconnect them with Krishna. Even though that you knew that there would be consequences for the ordinary people worshipping your deity form, you still gave us this divine form.

The inspiration for writing this Vyasa-puja offering came after a working colleague told me about his visit to our temple. He said that when he came inside the temple, he noticed you sitting on the vyasasana. In his mind he was convince that you was personally present, but he could understand why you were not moving. He was in awe of your deity form.

Hearing his realisation, it took me down memory lane. While he told his story, I reminisced the days when I used to personally serve you. In those days, when the namahatta had a festival then would invite you. I was giving this service to take you over to the programmes. Along with a good friend, we would be your personal servant. This service gave me much encouragement and Faith in You.

Although that service has been stopped, you still allowed me to serve you by engaging me in dressing you at the temple. This is such an intimate service. It's just you and me early in the hours of Brahma-Murtha. Devotees that get that service should be extremely fortunate. When you was in your manifested pastimes here, only a few of your disciples got an opportunity to serve you in this way. Now I get that same opportunity to serve you in your deity form.

I just want to say thank you and please continue giving me this wonderful service.

*Your servant,
Danagati das (PSDG)*



Hare Krishna, please accept our humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet.
All glories to our founder acharya jagat-guru Srila Prabhupada.
All glories, all glories to Your Divine Grace on this most auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja.

OUR MOST DEAREST SRILA PRABHUPADA, our saviour, our spiritual father and guiding light. We were lost and you opened our darkened eyes and hearts to the world of Krishna consciousness. You have given us the simplest method required in Kali to go back to Godhead in this very life and that's "chanting of the maha mantra", we are forever grateful. Our lives have changed with chanting of the Holy name, previously we had no meaning in this world of illusion

before you entered, thank you. You are forever our saviour, our guide, our shining light and our link back to our home Goloka Vrindavan. We are all eternally indebted to you for saving us.

*Thanking you, your most fallen servants,
Dayal Govinda Das, Thirtha Rani Devi Dasi,
Radha Bhakti Devi Dasi, Nadira, Advaita, Damodar*



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept this attempt at humble obeisances.
All glories to you and the mercy of your dust, that has engulfed the lives of so many.

THANK YOU for allowing me to witness, faith anchored in the instruction of their spiritual master. Trying to follow the many examples of those who give their mind, body and selves at your lotus feet.

Who shower your feet with their love manifested in time, energy and gratitude.

Who, having received your mercy, have made it their mission to radiate that mercy to every jiva.



Dayal Govinda Das
Thirtha Rani Devi Dasi
Radha Bhakti Devi Dasi, Nadira,
Advaita, Damodar,
Stanger, KwaZulu-Natal
South Africa



Bhaktin Dee
Chatsworth, Durban
South Africa

Who, although deep within the ocean of love,
always seek your shelter to remain there.

Whose hearts overflow with meditation on
your sacrifice, manifested as these gifts of vijnana
given by Krishna.

I hope to comprehend the debt I owe to you.

I hope to understand what loving you means.
I hope my gratitude for you will be ever growing.

An aspiring devotee of your devotees.

Bhaktin Dee



Deran Ramdhani 🙏
Pietermaritzburg
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

THANKS for enlightening us with your spiritual
knowledge and showing us the way back to the
Supreme Godhead.

Deran Ramdhani



Deshan Hiralall 🙏
Johannesburg
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

On this most revered and auspicious day.

I beg to offer my most humble obeisances at your divine lotus feet.

BECAUSE OF YOUR PURITY AND BRILLIANCE, you have
been benedicted with the most exalted position on
this earth.

Only you could be trusted to fulfil Lord Caitan-
ya's prediction that the holy name will be chanted
in every town and village.

Your supreme devotion to Lord Krishna was
exhibited throughout your life. Your every action
was done as an offering to the Supreme Lord and
every instruction was to help others come to Krish-
na consciousness.

I was born in the darkness of ignorance, but you

have so mercifully opened my eyes with the torch-
light of transcendental knowledge.

On this auspicious day, I beg for your continued
mercy. Please bless me with a tiny fraction of enthu-
siasm and determination to serve Lord Krishna and
the spiritual master.

My only desire is to be engaged in your service
birth after birth.

Servant your servant,

Deshan Hiralall









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



Devaki Priya Devi Dasi
and Raseshvari Dasi
Cape Town, South Africa

I'M NOT THE MOST ELOQUENT WRITER and neither am I one to use any flowery language, but I couldn't miss out on this opportunity to say something to glorify you on your Vyasa-puja day.

I always knew of your magnanimous nature and your steadfastness to carry out your spiritual master's orders of spreading Krishna Consciousness to the West, and for that I was and continue to be grateful as I had the good fortune of meeting devotees and finding a spiritual father who accepted me and welcomed me into your family. It is only now that I have a child that I truly understand the importance of this.

Without knowing you in person or meeting you, at the age of one, your name was the first word she uttered. There is never a time that she will not acknowledge you whether paging through a book and seeing your photo or driving to the temple and seeing your photo. She offers obeisances to you everyday at home and at the age of two she is already making garlands to offer to you.

Even in your physical absence her attachment to you grows with every passing day and is definitely her connection to Krishna. So today I would like to thank you for all you did to persevere to make Krishna Consciousness available to us in the West. Thank you for making a home which my family and I can be part of and can relish in devotional service together. Thank you for all the sacrifice you made for our good fortune.

I promise to try harder in my devotional life by reading your books everyday and studying them to understand how to be a better devotee to Krishna and work harder to better become a good example of a devotee to my daughter, and teach her to always strive to grow in her spiritual life and be a good devotee to Krishna, and in that way try to always appreciate that whatever you have done does not go in vain.

*Your humble servants,
Devaki Priya devi dasi and Raseshvari dasi*



My humble obeisance to you Srila Prabhupada,



Devika Moodley,
Chatsworth, Durban
South Africa

THROUGH YOUR LOVE, patience and commitment to fulfilling the directions of your spiritual master, you have given us, the ignorance and materially minded persons, the sweet nectar of Krishna Consciousness. Knowing that our ultimate aim is to overcome the clutches of Maya, be released from the cycle of birth, death and rebirth and reach the eternal abode of our Father the Supreme personality of Godhead, Sri Krishna.

It's a parent's responsibility to guide their children on a path of goodness and spirituality, and you dear father have done so and will continue to guide future generations, through your books, lectures, devote disciples and the legacy you have left behind.

Thank you. All glories to you!!!

Devika Moodley



Devona Haripersad 🍷
Gauteng
South Africa



All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

THANK YOU for everything you have done. I would have not been here today if not for you and your efforts. You went through so many hardships and experiences so that we could be in Krishna consciousness. I am very grateful for all that you have done. I will remember and cherish what you have

done throughout the world. ISKCON is successful only because of you.

I love you and worship you.

Your humble servant.

Devona Haripersad



Dvarakadisa Dasa 🍷
Rukmini Priya Devi Dasi
and Krishnachandra Dasa
Johannesburg, South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada

Please accept our humble obeisances.

All glories to you.

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Your compassion has no bounds.

Each day by your mercy, devotees all over the world are able to,

- distribute your books;
- distribute *prasada*;
- engage in deity worship;
- clean temples;
- chant the holy names.

You are equal to everyone. In your purport to *Srimad-Bhagavatam*, 7.5.12 you mention “Demons

think of everyone as friend or enemy, but Vaisnavas say that since everyone is a servant of the Lord, everyone is on the same platform.”

You are spreading Krishna consciousness and teaching that we are all one as servants of the Supreme Lord. This is your most magnanimous quality, compassion to all living entities.

In your humility you said on a morning walk in Bombay, “I have little taste for it, therefore I am preaching all over the world. I don’t say I am perfect. I have got little taste of Krishna bhakti.” We know you have fully surrendered to Krishna and have immeasurable taste of Krishna bhakti which is why your efforts have inundated the whole world with Krishna consciousness.

Dearest Srila Prabhupada, we pray that by your mercy we may develop some taste for Krishna bhakti and thereby make advancement in performing devotional service and assist you in some little way to spread Krishna consciousness. Please bless us

that we may develop the mood of service to Krishna and His devotees.

*Your insignificant servants,
Dvarakadisa das, Rukmini Priya devi dasi
and Krishnachandra das*



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



Dhanudhara Dasa (KKS)
Pretoria
South Africa

YOU ARE THE MOST MERCIFUL! You have stretched your hand, surpassing your physical body to save the living entities.

If it was not for your mercy, I would not have been near Krishna consciousness at all.

I will forever be indebted to you because

without you I would not have been blessed with a spiritual master, and the support of your ISKCON.

*Your most insignificant servant
Dhanudhara Dasa (KKS)*



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



Dhanwanthi Sewpersadh
Phoenix, Durban
South Africa

SRILA PRABHUPADA, it is because of you, that we are devotees of Lord Krishna. We are following in your footsteps.

I am very proud to have you as my Guru. If it were not for you, we would have been lost in this world. You brought us on the right path. I hope you offer us guidance and protection so that we continue our Krishna conscious journey.

I am very happy for the fact that I have found

a meaning to my life by serving and performing service.

I surrender my mind, body and soul to you. I chant my 16 rounds of japa every day and by your mercy I will one day take initiation.

*Your servant,
Dhanwanthi Sewpersadh*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my prostrated obeisances at your lotus feet.
All glories to Sri Sri Radha Radhanath.



Dharamraj Das
Durban
South Africa

THIS YEAR I travelled to Europe which afforded me the opportunity to awe at your glory and greatness upon seeing the ISKCON centres in Netherlands,

Paris and Belguim. For the first time it dawned on me how much of an impact you have made to the western world by bringing to it the ancient and

timeless bhakti culture. Srila Prabhupada, I pray that I may gain more appreciation for you and my Guru Maharaja (HH Krishna Das Swami) and in so doing hope to assist you in your service to Radha and Krishna. I know that your blessings is always shining upon your disciples and grand disciples and it is up to us to receive that grace and use it to go

back home to Godhead.

Thank you Srila Prabhupada. Srila Prabhuda ki Jai!

*Your servant,
Dharamraj Das*



Dinanukampa Dasi
Cape Town
South Africa



My dearest Srila Prabhupada.
Please accept my most humble obeisances at the dust of your divine lotus feet.
All glories to your divine grace on this auspicious day!

IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN MY DESIRE to want to know more and more about the one Vaisnava we all love and respect without a doubt. That is you, my beloved Srila Prabhupada. Little was I to know that my spiritual master, HH Lokanath Swami Maharaja would fulfil that desire in the most wonderful way. Last year I was one of the people fortunate enough to be offered the opportunity to assist my Gurudev on a book writing project. The book dedicated to you is entitled 'Bombay is My Office'.

Srila Prabhupada, the years of research and priceless information took us months to work through. On top of that we sourced even more information. Needless to say all that vani association and exposure to your Divine Grace fully quenched my thirst. I knew now what it really was like to associate with Srila Prabhupada on a truly personal level. I saw newspaper articles from the early 1970's, got first hand exposure to instructions, narrations, interviews and incidents. The book gave me insight into your Divine Grace's valuable instructions on Deity worship, chanting, importance of morning programme, lessons learnt during morning walks

and rooftop darsana and of course - never quitting. What about your amazing style of administration? I always knew about your immense and unshakeable faith in the words of your Guru Maharaja – Sri-la Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati Thakur to which you gave your life. Now I experienced it.

Not only did I see and associate, but at times my heart cried at the hardships endured by your disciples, but Srila Prabhupada, your intense love and absolute faith in Krishna and them kept them fighting for ISKCON which today is a worldwide phenomenon. The Hare Krishnas are no longer laughed at or ridiculed. They are treated with respect and endearment. We have no one else to thank, but your Divine Grace.

Srila Prabhupada, please bless us all that we can develop similar enthusiasm, eagerness and capabilities to carry forward this precious legacy of Krishna consciousness which you, our Founder-*acarya* so kindly gave us.

*Endeavouring to be your eternal servant
Dinanukampa dasi*





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

 Dinasarana Das & family
Durban
South Africa

SRILA PRABHUPADA, it is truly remarkable how you have given us the most simple process to achieve the ultimate, highest success of life. Spiritual life is certainly not an easy or cheap process, especially if you want to achieve the highest goal of pure, unalloyed love of Sri Radha and Krishna. Yet you have made this process simple by flooding your movement, ISKCON with your causeless mercy free from any discrimination or designation for the entire world to receive and become completely happy.

This is your special mercy which has come as a result of your special mission to deliver us fallen souls back home, back to Godhead. In fact, you have made it so simple that people generally miss it while looking for something more elaborate and austere. However, your mercy and compassion is so powerful that they cannot escape! Just by a little taste of your secret weapons, prasadam and hari-nam, the whole world is getting delivered. Your Divine Grace is so great that just by a little contact with your association, somebody sees your magnificent picture, somebody reads a few words from your books, somebody sees your deity in the temple, somebody hears about you from your disciples, etc, they become spellbound, they become transformed and they immediately surrender their life to you. Never before has there been a greater spiritual master and never again will the world see anyone greater than Your Divine Grace.

Why am I not surrendering my life to you? Why am I still holding on to broken pieces of glass when your lotus feet has the greatest diamonds? The more I think about this the more I realise that it is because I am not following your teachings cent percent. I am not taking your instructions seriously and I am not accepting your transcendental love and mercy, which is abundantly available at your lotus feet.

Srila Prabhupada, you emphasised unity and cooperation amongst your followers. I feel this is a

critical and significant point, which you instructed many times to ensure that ISKCON remains strong. In your letter to Kirtanananda Maharaj in October 1973 you stated:

“Following in the footprints of Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu:

trnad api su-nicena taror api sahisnuna
amanina manadena kirtaniya sada harih

“One should chant the holy name of the Lord in a humble state of mind, thinking oneself lower than the straw in the street; one should be more tolerant than a tree, devoid of all sense of false prestige and should be ready to offer all respect to others. In such a state of mind one can chant the holy name of the Lord constantly.”

We must always remember this verse and be as tolerant as the tree, as we execute the Krishna consciousness movement. Without this mentality we cannot be successful.

Material nature means dissension and disagreement, especially in this Kali yuga. But, for this Krishna consciousness movement its success will depend on agreement, even though there are varieties of engagements. In the material world there are varieties, but there is no agreement. In the spiritual world there are varieties, but there is agreement. That is the difference. The materialist without being able to adjust the varieties and the disagreements makes everything zero. They cannot come into agreement with varieties, but if we keep Krishna in the centre, then there will be agreement in varieties. This is called unity in diversity. I am therefore suggesting that all our men meet in Mayapur every year during the birth anniversary of Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu. With all GBC and senior men present we should discuss how to make unity in diversity. But, if we fight on account of diversity, then it is simply the material platform. Please try to maintain the philosophy of unity in diversity. That

will make our movement successful. One section of men have already gone out, therefore we must be very careful to maintain unity in diversity, and remember the story in Aesop's Fables of the father of many children with the bundle of sticks. When the father asked his children to break the bundle of sticks wrapped in a bag, none of them could do it. But, when they removed the sticks from the bag, and tried one by one, the sticks were easily broken. So this is the strength in unity. If we are bunched up, we can never be broken, but when divided, then we can become broken very easily."

My prayer to your Divine Grace on this most auspicious occasion is to please help me to become

humble and tolerant and to always maintain this loving spirit of full cooperation and unity with all devotees. May you always remain in the centre of my life and all my endeavours. Please allow me to become a useful instrument in service to your glorious and beloved movement, the International Society for Krishna Consciousness.

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

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



Dinesvara Krishna Dasa 🌺
Lenasia South, Johannesburg
South Africa



My dearest Srila Prabhupada

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

All glories to Your Divine Grace. All glories to your ISKCON.

LAST YEAR, I was given the most wonderful service to install Your Divine Grace's deity form at a very important temple in Africa, ISKCON Sandton. I could not believe my good fortune to be part of such an amazing service to Your Divine Grace. It all started with ordering the deity from India, designing your vyasasana and altar to the final process which was your installation on the most glorious and auspicious day "Your appearance day festival in 2017". I always felt your presence and guidance during this amazing journey. Thank you Srila Prabhupada for allowing such a fallen and useless soul like myself to have rendered this service to your Your Divine Grace.

Your appearance and accomplishments Srila Prabhupada are a turning point not only in Gaudiya Vasinavism, but in the very history of human civilization. As you have reminded us many times of the critical condition of Kali yuga, I can see now more clearly how, what a mess the world is in. The leaders are showing their demoniac propensities more

and more, there is violence everywhere, children are being separated from their parents, due to man's lusty desires innocent children are being raped and there is more and more economic difficulty day by day. People are turning away from the Supreme personality of Godhead, Lord Krishna. Srila Prabhupada you are the saviour of the entire world and most merciful, I am begging you to please bestow your causeless mercy and blessings on all the fallen condition souls and deliver them. I have firm faith in Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu's prediction that the Holy name will be chanted in every town and village.

I am very weak Srila Prabhupada and although in these short few years I have tried in my small way to preach and spread Krishna consciousness, I need your mercy and blessings more than ever to carry on. I pray to Your Divine Grace on this most auspicious day and to Lord Krishna that I can spread your glories and the glories of the Lord until my final breaths on this planet.

Please always give me shelter at your lotus feet

Srila Prabhupada and always keep me in your ISKCON. If I reach your lotus feet at the end of this life, I know that my life would have reached its perfection.

Thank you for always taking care of us.

*Your insignificant servant,
Dinesvara Krishna das*



Hare Krishna dearest Srila Prabhupada,
I offer my respectful obeisance unto your lotus feet.
All glories unto you, Srila Prabhupada.

 Divya Sakti Devi Dasi
Alberton
South Africa

PLEASE ALLOW ME to sincerely express my gratitude and thanks for being there for me, never leaving me and always guiding whilst accepting me on the path back home.

*Your servant,
Divya Sakti Devi Dasi*



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble and heartfelt obeisances at your lotus feet.
All glories to your Divine Grace and your limitless mercy.

 Divyangana Devi Dasi
Edenvale, Johannesburg
South Africa

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

SRILA PRABHUPADA, you have left us with the most priceless gift, your books. Your realizations, explanations and guidance lives in the purports of your books, so your presence is always with us. In one of your letters you wrote, “...that by the Grace of Sri Krishna through His mercy personified – my spiritual master, I have realized it most thoroughly that going ‘Back to Godhead’ is the highest privilege of mankind and that is the supreme perfection of human life.”

No words can express my love and gratitude and I remain eternally indebted to you. You have given us so much, because you have given us Lord

Krishna. I therefore take to heart your order to “overflow” the world with your transcendental books, which you laboured so intensely to produce for us.

In one of your lectures you remarked, “This very word Krishna means ‘all-attractive.’ You can attract Krishna by your love, not by anything else.” Please give us the strength and courage so that our thoughts, words and actions attracts Krishna’s merciful glance so that we are able to feel this love and deep connection within our hearts.

Please bestow your mercy and allow us to help spread the sankirtan movement of Lord Caitanya to everyone. Please bless us so that we may be able

to continue serving you, properly following in your footsteps, imbibing your teachings and personal examples, and become your true followers.

*Your humble servant eternally,
Divyangana Devi Dasi*



Druvha (Mpho Mkotywa) 🙏
Bloemfontein
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada.
Please accept my humble obeisance at the dust of your lotus feet.
All glories to you.

BY READING YOUR BOOKS I understand that I can obtain my devotional service only through your mercy, I can chant the Lords holy names (maha mantra) and follow the regulative principles.

I thank you again for the gift of devotional service and minimizing my material suffering in this

material world and replacing it with blissful service.

I beg that you'll always be merciful to me
Hare Krishna.

*Your servant
Druvha (Mpho Mkotywa)*



Duran Naidoo 🙏
Chatsworth
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

THANK YOU, Srila Prabupada for your sacrifice, for without you my mother wouldn't understand the grace of God. Your philosophy has helped her help me find God. Thank you for bringing ISKCON to the West.

Duran Naidoo



Dvijavara Dasa & Ramapriya Dasi 🙏
Malvern, Queensburgh
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada
Please accept our humble obeisances at the dust of your divine lotus feet.
All glories to Sri Sri Radha Radhanatha. All glories to Lord Jagannatha, Baladev and Subhadra.

OUR SINCERE THANK YOU, to you Srila Prabhupada for picking us up from the ocean of maya.

We understood and accepted that Krishna is the Supreme personality of godhead. We definitely did not know of His many wonderful manifestations and pastimes. We learned that Krishna is

distinguished from all others because He possesses sixty-four qualities in full. Other manifestation of Krishna possess varying degrees of these qualities.

By reading your translations, listening to Krishna katha, having association of devotees and by rendering devotional service to their Lordships Sri Sri

Radha Radhanatha we have grown in ISKCON. We now understand and know who Sri Krishna is.

Your books are so well presented. By reading and studying them we have learnt a lot. Our

many questions have always been answered perfectly in the books and by listening to many lectures. The Bhaktivedanta College of Education gives us the opportunity to discuss and relish the translations and purport of your books. The facilitators at the college are rendering selfless service to your Divine Grace.

On this most auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja

we pray and humbly request your Divine

Grace to always allow us to remain in the dust of your feet. Bless us to always serve ISKCON and to maintain our chanting of the Hare Krishna Maha Mantra. Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare.

Jagat Guru Srila Prabhupada ki jai.

*We remain your eternal servants always,
Dvijavara dasa and Ramapriya dasi*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

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

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



Dwarka Vasini Devi Dasi

ISKCON Nairobi

Kenya

“JUST AS YOU HAVE ALREADY UNDERSTOOD the benefits of this Krishna consciousness movement, try to realize and assimilate it more and distribute it to the suffering humanity. Our movement is the greatest gift to the human race. They may not immediately appreciate it, but time will come and history will give evidence that this movement saved the human society from being fallen into barbarianism”. (SP. Letter to Jayasri, 13 November 1969).

As I reflect on this letter that you wrote to one of your disciples in 1969, it becomes clear as to truly what your mission is in this world. You came to give us the rare gift of Krishna consciousness through your most celebrated movement, ISKCON.

Through ISKCON I learnt about the Supreme Personality of Godhead Sri Krishna, hence you gave us the Supreme Truth. Through ISKCON I discovered devotees, among them I found my Spiritual Master, thus you gave me a direction towards the Supreme Truth. Through ISKCON I got association of many devotees where I learnt how to serve Krishna in devotion. Through ISKCON I came across Spiritual

literatures like Bhagavad Gita As it is and Srimad Bhagavatam which carry the profound message of the Absolute Truth. Through ISKCON I got the most wonderful mantra that eliminates the miseries of Kali yuga - the maha mantra.

Hare Krishna Hare Krishna
Krishna Krishna Hare Hare
Hare Rama Hare Rama
Rama Rama Hare Hare

Through ISKCON you continue to give your unconditional love to millions of people across the globe, and the proof of this is the millions of books distributed and millions of prasadam plates distributed since the start of the ISKCON movement.

Thank you very much Srila Prabhupada for giving me this privilege of being part of this wonderful movement – ISKCON.

*Your humble servant,
Dwarka Vasini D.D.*



Dwarkadesh Krishna Dasa 
and Sindura Dasi
Phoenix, Durban
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada.
Please accept my humble obeisances.

I AM SUCH A FALLEN SOUL that I am not even worthy to glorify you but Srila Prabhupada, I am very fortunate that you have given me such a beautiful and priceless gift, Sri Krishna. Srila Prabhupada, your books, kirtans and lectures have given me Krishna consciousness which is the most amazing thing anyone could ever need. Srila Prabhupada, you are the most brilliant and amazing Guru that walked on earth. You have preached in so many countries to make the fallen souls realize who is The Supreme Personality of Godhead. Your inspiration has given me the opportunity to become a devotee. Srila Prabhupada, if it were not for you, I am even afraid

to think what my life situation would be like. Srila Prabhupada, you have given direction and purpose to my life, the only way is to detach oneself from material attachment and surrender to Sri Krishna. You have given me the new meaning of love and that is "Love of God".

I am ever so grateful and indebted to you Srila Prabhupada. You will remain in my heart and will be loved forever. You are my celebrity.

*Your most fallen servants
Dwarkadesh Krishna das and Sindura dasi*

Bhakta Dylan Marc Theron 
Cape Town
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All Glories to Sri Guru and Sri Gauranga, All glories to your divine lotus feet.

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU for reminding me about life's ultimate goal, serving God. You have taught me how become a top class human being and love myself along with others.

You have given me a home, association, substance to study, food to survive and the holy names to rest upon. Nevertheless you have shown me the Lord's face! His beautiful lotus face.

All thanks to you and your mission given by your spiritual master, I now lead a brahmachari life, worship Lord Jagannath and pay obeisances to all

Vaishnava devotees of the Lord.

I trust in this process of bhakti yoga and your elevated simple instructions I shall forever be a little spirit soul in your ocean of mercy life time after life-time. I hope I have met your worthy gratification?

Please forgive me for my faults. Jaya Radhe!
Hare Krishna!

*Your servant,
Bhakta Dylan Marc Theron*

Dyuti-mandala Dasa 
Observatory, Cape Town
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada
Please accept my humble obeisances at your divine lotus feet.
All glories to your divine grace.

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU for your most gracious mercy in spreading Krishna consciousness all over

the Earth. I would also like to thank you for your wonderful books which you have kindly written and

translated for all the people on the planet.

It was by great mercy that my mother bought quite a number of your books in 1993 or 1994. She started visiting the ISKCON temple in Rondebosch, Cape Town where she received assistance from the helpful devotees there. When my mother came back home back with your books. My brother and I would just stare in curiosity at the covers of your books such as the *Bhagavad-gita* As It Is, On the Way to Krishna and The Science of Self-Realization. I was about thirteen years old then. I knew that your books were special and holy and I revered them. It was only ten years later though that I started reading your books starting with On the Way to Krishna and Perfect Questions Perfect Answers. I found it amazing and enlightening. It changed my life. I soon afterwards by Krishna's grace met a devotee at

university, Vraja Krishna prabhu and took guidance from him. I then began visiting the ISKCON temple in Rondebosch that my mother had visited more than a decade before. I've continued ever since then to practice Krishna consciousness and do devotional service by your divine grace and the grace of your disciples, grand-disciples and great-grand-disciples.

My desire is to help distribute Krishna consciousness and help others to receive your jewel-like transcendental books which changed my life eternally for the better. I pray by your grace and mercy that I can help spread your ISKCON movement. I thank you greatly.

*Your insignificant servant,
Dyuti-mandala das*



Hare Krishna,
Dear Srila Prabhupada,

THANK YOU for coming into our lives and for sharing Krishna consciousness with my family in our time of need. Often we only become sincere in our devotion when calamity strikes and this is true in our case with our second twin boy Kaveer Naidoo who is fighting to beat a viral infection which the doctors and specialists cannot diagnose and which has led to Nephrotic Syndrome at his young age of three. We don't even know how and when he picked up this infection. His doctors are trying various methods to stop the water retention and to suppress his immune system in order to have less pressure on his kidneys so that he outgrows this. We are struggling with his treatment as he is yet to stabilize completely and stop losing proteins.

I've turned to you to deliver my child from this and you have transformed our lives in an indescribable way. Where there was once fear, desperation and frustration, there is now more peace,

acceptance and hope. I've given him to you and Lord Krishna to heal him. Chanting has erased constant worries from my idle, scared mind and the positivity that it brings surrounds our home with strength and laughter when we ask Lord Nrsinghadeva for protection. I now look for Krishna in every person instead of becoming annoyed or impatient when things don't work out. I've learnt tolerance, to appreciate the simple things in our lives and to focus on the bigger picture which is our divine Lord. Through this process I found refuge in my spiritual mother Prema Datri and my new brothers as well as other Mothers Rathnaleka and Apsara kund. My spiritual mother has guided me and reinforced my faith when I struggled and my new Krishna family together with my sister Priya and husband Mergen have become my support structure for which I am eternally grateful.

Kaveer and his twin brother Yashveer love hearing stories about our beloved Lord Krishna and



Elisha Dhenanath
Johannesburg
South Africa

especially about Lord Nrsinghadeva. They try to chant along with me and we listen to your recordings as we sleep at night to encourage beautiful dreams about our wonderful Lord. Mother Prema Datri has taught me simple life lessons about chanting over his medication and chanting over the water we feed him to make it prasadam. I am still learning and I ask for your forgiveness if I inadvertently make any mistakes. Thank you for blessing our lives and for guiding us always even when we were not spiritually enlightened. Please continue to heal our baby Kaveer Naidoo and destroy this virus or whatever is causing his illness so that he doesn't swell, there shall be no discomfort or pain for him in his treatment and please heal his kidneys. May he grow up under your protection and may Lord Krishna

and Lord Nrsinghadeva heal him completely and guide his doctors and the hospitals in their treatment for him.

May Mother Radharani, Mother Tulsi and all the Mothers guide me and strengthen me to help Kaveer through this journey and mould me through their celestial grace. Thank you for the love, kindness, support, guidance and the strength you have given us to be courageous at all times. Thank you for showing us the way and lighting up our lives in such a sweet and miraculous way.

Your eternal devotee and servant Elisha Dhenanath

Jai Sri Krishna!

Elisha Dhenanath



Gandharvika Devi Dasi
Lotus Park, Durban
South Africa



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

I AM VERY GRATEFUL to you for giving us Krishna Consciousness. Previously I had no direction and now I have the path to love of God all because of you.

I am strongest in my faith because of you, I have benefitted so much from this.

You have built a house for everyone to live in with so many temples so that everyone can go and worship Krishna. Srila Prabhupada you helped every nation to worship Krishna.

You are empowered by Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu. You gave us Bhagavad Gita to learn that we not these bodies and how to come out and return Back to Godhead.

Thank You Srila Prabhupada.

*Your grand disciple,
Gandharvika Devi Dasi*



Gangesh Das
Johannesburg
South Africa



Hare Krishna Srila Prabhupada ,
Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of yours lotus feet .
All glories to you Srila prabhupada.

WHAT CAN I SAY? No words to express my gratitude to you divine grace. You have given me everything what one devotee can expect.

This year yours arrival at my home given this insignificant servant the opportunity to render more and more service at yours divine lotus feet ..

My only wish to always keep me at your lotus feet so I can serve you and our lordship Sri Sri Nitai Gaura Hari with best of my capabilities.

Thanking you. Hare Krishna.

*Yours insignificant servant of servant,
Gangesh Das*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,



Gangothri Devi Dasi & family
Johannesburg
South Africa

WE WERE ALWAYS IN THE MODE OF IGNORANCE but through you we have come to learn about the Supreme Personality of Godhead. I am thankful to you because you have changed the lives of my family and me.

By your mercy I was able to come into contact with my Guru Maharaja and advance in spiritual life and take initiation.

By your mercy we have learnt about Krishna and have a wonderful temple in Sandton where we all can perform devotional service.

Thank you Srila Prabhupada.

*Your servants,
Gangothri devi dasi and family*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

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



Gaur Lila Devi Dasi
Gauteng
South Africa

ON THIS AUSPICIOUS DAY of your Vyasa puja I would like to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to you for granting me shelter in your Iskcon house. It is by your mercy that we are able to stay afloat as you continue to guide us through the stormy currents of this material world.

Each day brings with it a new set of challenges, we work even harder like cats and dogs just to survive. Our only hope Srila Prabhupada is your Iskcon and your books. This sets us apart from the rest of

the world as we know for sure that someday, somehow you will take us back home, back to Godhead where we all belong, all we have to do is just remain in Iskcon and chant Hare Krishna.

I pray Srila Prabhupada that by your mercy we remain Krishna conscious and that we never ever give up or fall down.

*Your most insignificant servant,
Gaur Lila Devi dasi*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,



Gaura Bhodram
Newcastle
South Africa

*namo om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine*

*namaste sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvisesa-sunyavadi-pascatya-desatarine*

FOR ANYONE IN THE WEST who has been touched by the profound and deeply personal doctrine of Krishna consciousness, 1896 is perhaps the most important year.

In 1896, Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakur inaugurated the preaching of Krishna consciousness in the West by sending Krishna conscious literature to universities in America.

Coincidentally, in 1896 the founder-acarya of ISKCON, Srila Prabhupada, who would be blessed to expand the Thakur's gesture a million fold, took birth.

Of the trillions and trillions of living entities on planet Earth, only a fraction of a fraction are human beings. The human form is so rare. Most people respect religious practice as the stable foundation on which to build a life of health and happiness. Hardly any of the religious masses challenge the frailty of love and happiness centred on a temporary body; a body that is all too soon crushed by the final curtain of death.

A few thoughtful men and women look beyond the fleeting offerings of the body and consider, "I am spirit." A smaller number yet will consider a more intimate pursuit, "If God is with me let me make all effort to connect with Him in my heart."

Among these exceptional transcendentalists who attain nirvana or connect with God in the heart,

hardly one surrenders to the little blue cowherd boy, who wanders in delightful abandon with His many boisterous friends on the lush slopes of Govardhan hill.

In other words, Krishna consciousness is extremely rare.

Yet in an extraordinary challenge to the worlds doubt, ignorance and aversion to the personal form of the Lord, you have ushered in the age of Krishna consciousness in the West.

We know spiritual life is not cheap. We are well aware of our lack of strength and determination. We know our habits. We have glimpsed the depths of our immorality and emptiness. You were kind to us. You gave us knowledge to eradicate our fear and confusion. Your personal example inspires hope in love. Now we are lost to your charms. Nothing but your books can satisfy us. Nothing but the company of your servants can fulfil us. Your love and kindness stirs us. Thank you for everything Srila Prabhupada. You are our wealth. For this we say a prayer. May we who are accustomed to the ways of asuras be blessed to never forfeit the treasure of your service.

May your glories spread unlimitedly.

*Aspiring servant of your servants,
Gaura Bhoddram*

Gaura Bhumi Devi Dasi
Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada
Please accept my humble obeisances
All glories to you on this most blessed day.



I WANT TO WRITE SOMETHING PROFOUND. Impressive and deep in a way that shows how much advancement I have made. But this isn't the case. I am still a fledgling in the Bhakti lifestyle, still hesitating to dip my toes into the pool of spiritual enjoyment due

to my false ego. But I am here to stay and your care and guidance keeps me steady in practice. I in no way deserve your compassion, but you freely and willingly give it, none the less. I am deeply humbled and honoured to be guided by you and may this

offering show but a drop of that gratefulness.

*svasty astu visvasya khalah prasidataṁ
dhyayantu bhutani sivaṁ mitho dhiya
manas ca bhadraṁ bhajatad adhoksaje
avesyataṁ no matir apy ahaituki*

May there be good fortune throughout the universe, and may all envious persons be pacified. May all living entities become calm by practicing bhakti-yoga, for by accepting devotional service they will think of each other's welfare. Therefore let us all engage in the service of the supreme transcendence, Lord Sri Kṛṣṇa, and always remain absorbed in thought of Him. (SB 5.18.9)

This prayer by the residents of Jambudvīpa often reminds me of you. In the purport, you describe the behaviour of a typical vaiṣṇava, someone who always considers the welfare of the entire universe, someone who prays not for himself, but for others – the gentle, envious and mischievous. The material world is a dangerous place, full of envious people. And yet you continued on, traveling and preaching the message of Lord Caitanya without

any hint of self-absorption or desire for recognition. All you cared about was the welfare of other entities and awakening a true appreciation for the Absolute Truth within them. Only a change of heart can satisfy an envious soul – Krishna Consciousness is the only way to do this. This is your life mission. Practicing the ideal welfare system and remaining fixed on the lotus feet of the Absolute Truth. By the mercy of Adhoksaja, you fanned the spark of spiritual perception within the heart of every entity you meet.

You know my heart and soul. Please know how grateful I am to have your guidance, care and love. My reciprocity is far from perfect but one day by your mercy I will get there.

My eternal prayer - By your mercy, may I cross over the mountain of material illusion and one day begin to eloquently glorify the Absolute Truth and His devotees. May I always remain a humble and foolish servant before my Spiritual master, ever-eager to learn more about Krishna.

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



Dear Srila Prabhupada
Please accept my humble obeisances.



I'M SO GRATEFUL that you have brought Krishna Consciousness to everyone. I love to eat prasadam and like being a devotee.

I have been learning about the qualities of a devotee, and you are the best devotee of Lord Krishna. You are so merciful to me and everyone else because you taught us so much about Krishna. You are so brave. You went alone on a ship to America to preach Krishna Consciousness. You are equal to everyone, even to non-devotees.

I went to India last year and saw a lot of holy places like Mayapur, Vrindavana and Ujjain. I went to Nrsimhapali, Krishna's slide in Kamyavan and

Lord Caitanya's birth place. I bathed in the Ganga. We took a boat to kesi ghat. Thank you for giving me the mercy to go to all these places, and for showing us the dhama, otherwise we would not know about it.

I am reading Bhagavad Gita. I'm on chapter 15. My favourite verse is the one where Krishna says "Time I am, the great destroyer of the worlds."

I love you so much, and thank you for saving me.

*Your servant,
Gaurangi Mohan (8 years old)*



Gaurangi Mohan (8)
Gauteng
South Africa

Gaveshwari Devi Dasi 🙏



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

THANK YOU SO MUCH for giving us this beauty Krishna consciousness movement.

I read about the hardship that you went through, so much for us and I really, really appreciate it and that you did not stop spreading Krishna consciousness.

Your books bring about the correct and clean living in our society.

The chanting of the holy name that you gave us has so much potency and I'm sure it has changed

many, many lives out there as it did mine.

The temples that you built, where deity worship is performed, changed a lot of lives including mine.

My dear Srila Prabhupada, the list can go on and on expressing my gratitude towards you but, I just want to thank you for accepting me as your servant.

*The servant of the servant,
Gaveshwari Devi Dasi*



Girivaradhari Dasa 🙏
Midrand
South Africa



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

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU Srila Prabhupada again and again for giving us the spiritual knowledge about Lord Krishna (The Supreme personality of Godhead).

I am thankful for the numerous books that you have written just to benefit the human society. By knowing that we are the spirit souls and eternal servants of Lord Krishna, our perception about goal of life has changed.

Because of you, I have received the mercy of

having a spiritual master who guides us constantly on how to serve the Supreme Lord. This was your ultimate mission, to spread the message of Krishna consciousness to the world.

Thank you once again. We all are and always will be indebted to you.

Hare Krishna,

*Your servant,
Girivaradhari das*



Gita Govinda Devi Dasi 🙏
Lenasia
South Africa



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

THANK YOU Srila Prabhupada for your unlimited mercy. Thank you for the wonderful association of your merciful disciples and grand disciples.

Living in Kali yuga with all its challenges makes me appreciate the philosophy you have given us. You have truly built a house that we all can live in and

have given us a family that we can depend on.

Begging to remain eternally in your shelter.

*Your insignificant and appreciative servant,
Gita Govinda devi dasi*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
All Glories to Your Divine Grace.

 Gitanjali Devi Dasi
Phoenix, Durban
South Africa

THANK YOU for the most precious gem you have shared with the world. Thank you kindly for your books which have destroyed our ignorance and lead us to divine living in the association of your devotees.

I am trying to always remember Krishna and

never forget Him.

I pray to always remain in the shade of your Lotus Feet.

*Your sincere granddaughter,
Gitanjali Devi Dasi*



Hare Krishna.
Please accept my humble obeisance
All Glories to Srila Prabhupada

 Gokula Esvari Dasi
Phoenix
South Africa

*nama om visnu-papaya krsna-presthya bhu-tale
srimate Bhaktivedanta swami iti namine*

MY DEAREST SRILA PRABHUPADA, thank you for your wonderful mercy. I am so grateful for the greatest Gift ever, the holy name of Lord Krishna and this absolutely fortunate Krishna consciousness.

Your mercy, compassion and love that you gave us and the world that we can share with anyone and everyone we meet, if they just reach out and take, will be happiness complete.

You gave us Spiritual philosophy to educate us so we can have loving relationship of sweetness with Lord Krishna.

Srila Prabhupada you are so expert in every way and you teacher us how to deal with different situations.

We have temple in every part of the world that we can call home.

Thank you Srila Prabhupada all glories to you, all glories to Your Divine Grace.

Hare Krishna.

*Your granddaughter,
Gokula Esvari dasi*



Thank you Srila Prabhupada,

 Gokulesvari Dasi and Bhakta Sishan
Johannesburg
South Africa

YOU GAVE US THE HARE KRISHNA MAHA-MANTRA which is coming directly from the highest region of the spiritual sky and which is imbued with the love of Srimati Radharani.

*golokera prema-dhana
hari-nam sankirtan
rati na janmila kene taya*

You created a worldwide spiritual society

within which the chanting of the Hare Krishna mantra is chanted in the association of devotees.

And you gave us spiritual philosophy which establishes the chanting of Hare Krishna as the supreme means to achieve the highest goal (Krishna Prema).

You said: "If you accept this simple process, chant Hare Krishna and realise God that is also fact.

....And if you think what is this nonsense chanting Hare Krishna then you read books.....Both ways we are prepared, come and take advantage of this movement

Thank you very much. All glories to you Srila Prabhupada.

Gokulesvari dasi and Bhakta Sishan

Gokulesvari Devi Dasi
and the Rampersadh family
Phoenix, South Africa



Hare Krishna.
All obeisances to Srila Prabhupad.
Our dearest spiritual master.



NO WORDS CAN EXPRESS my love and gratitude to you. I don't know where my family and I would be today, without you. You thought me so much. Prabhupad, you guide us every day. My only prayer is that we're always serving you and the supreme Lord.

Our humblest obeisances. Hare Krishna.

Gokulesvari devi dasi and the Rampersadh family





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



Gauranga Priya Devi Dasi
Srinivas Acharya Dasa
Bhakta Kalin and Bhakta Sashin
Phoenix, South Africa

*nama om visnupadaya krsna prestaya bhutale
srimati bhaktivedanta swamin iti namine
namaste sarasvati deve gaura vani pracarine
nirvesesa sunyavadi pascatya desatarine*

AT EVERY STEP OF THE WAY we are faced with challenges which have consequences. All of the answers are found in the sastra the perfect guide on how to respond to the innumerable changes in our path.

In the face of unavoidable cries of the world disease and death will consume us in no time. Just see how terrified people are when they lack vision of life's inevitable challenges and how to respond to them.

We need knowledge not only to understand how to react to destiny, but how to see God in this world and beyond this world and ultimately to realize our relationship with Him. All such realizations are dependent on the guidance of sastra.

So my faith rests in sastra and Guru. I am no scholar, but having firm trust in a source of reference that helps me know the proper utility of the objects and situations that destiny puts in our path and life's ultimate journey.

We may lack understanding its meaning and yes, some of its details will not always fit into our present frame of mind. But if I am honest and reflect on my life and especially if I compare it to the life of those lacking such guidance, I would immediately understand that I have been blessed with the most

profound and practical knowledge. At times I would question myself about my good fortune. It is only through your kind mercy and blessings dear Srila Prabhupada. How will I ever repay you? It may take me many births and the debt will still not be paid in.

I am thus indebted beyond words to you dear Srila Prabhupada and reflect my dependence onto you and your followers. The last few weeks have been an eye opener observing the sufferings going on in the hospitals and in the streets. I am constantly reminded of giving mercy in the form of your books, prasada and the Holy name. The saying goes "give what you have". By your kind mercy dear Srila Prabhupada I am trying to serve in the kind association of many Devotees in our Yathra. I cannot express my gratefulness enough in words. Thank you my dear Srila Prabhupada for all the wonderful facilities, the Devotees, the Festivals, your Books and the wonderful arrangements all synchronized in perfection.

*Your insignificant servant,
Gauranga Priya Devi dasi, Srinivas Acharya das,
Bhakta Kalin and Bhakta Sashin*



Dearest Srila Prabhupada
Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet
on this most auspicious occasion of your Sri Vyasa-puja.



Gokulesvari Devi Dasi
Phoenix
Durban

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

*namas te sarasvate devi gaura-vani-precarine
nirvisesa-sunyavadi-pascatya-desa-tarine*

DEAR SRILA PRABHUPADA, I can't express how thankful and appreciative I am to you for giving us Krishna Consciousness. I am so grateful to you for the knowledge I have learned by reading your books although not intelligent and forgetful as well, but I still love reading. All glories to you. My family and I have found real happiness being devotees of ISKCON

for the past 25 years and shall always remain at the dust of your lotus feet and live in the house you have built for us. Thank you our dearest Srila Prabhupada.

*Your fallen servant
Gokulesvari devi dasi*



Gopal Nandini Devi Dasi
Lenasia
South Africa



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

YOU ARE ALWAYS THE WELL WISHER of others because you are free from selfishness and material desires. You freely spread the process of attaining the greatest gift of love of Krishna. My only small qualification is that every day I try to pray to you and worship you. I pray that you always help me be humble and

loyal to you and help me keep serving Guru, Gauranga and the Vaishnavas.

*Your Humble Servant
Gopal Nandini Devi dasi*



Gopal Raj Das
Port Shepstone
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada.
Please accept my humble obeisance's
in the dust of your divine lotus feet.

SRILA PRABHUPADA it is because of your wonderful son my spiritual master, His holiness Giriraj Swami that I am making this Vyasa puja offering. Guru Maharaj is inspiring and I appreciate it so much.

Dear Srila Prabhupada for all those years I have made no progress in my spiritual life. I recently visited my Guru Maharaj in Dallas and His divine grace asked me as to what books I was reading and I felt so embarrassed because I don't read much. I am so caught up in the material world working, working, working at my age. Please have mercy upon this soul that I spend more time reading your books, visiting

holy places and serving all the wonderful vaishnavas. Thank you for all that you have given us especially the holy name.

Hare Krishna Hare Krishna
Krishna Krishna Hare Hare
Hare Rama Hare Rama
Rama Rama Hare Hare

*From Your insignificant grandson,
Gopal Raj Das*



The Preaching General

Dear Srila Prabhupada. My spiritual grandfather.

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories unto you!

LET ME PROCLAIM that the entirety of my bhakti is due to you. You gave yourself without reservation, and invested your whole life and soul into the greatest welfare work of spreading the unmatched science and art of love for Krishna. And I am one of the millions upon billions of those who have received your mercy. There was, for me, no real desire to uncover my relationship with Krishna, but you gently moved into my heart and beseeched me to reconsider the beauty and importance of my service to Radha and Krishna. Your bhava, or emotional expression, spills over with concern for others. Let us meditate on how important our bhakti is for you. That nothing is more important for you than to see others progress in and perfect their love and devotion for the two jewels of Vrindavana. You kept even your personal ecstasies at bay, not allowing them to rush out externally, but thinking only of your preaching service. I pray that the only benediction I will receive for what useless moments of service I have attempted, will be a taste and desire to never stop aiming for pure, unalloyed devotion to you.

To be a part of the sankirtana movement which

you spearhead, as the preaching general, is the highest honour and privilege in all the three worlds. Help me to serve you on the streets, through participation in singing parties and transcendental book distribution. If I can try to meditate on your supreme compassion and empathy, and by drawing from your stalwart example, improve the depth of my own devotional practice, let me then try to give just a morsel of what you have given me to others. I humbly request that you continue to mould me into a servant of your preaching. There is nothing more important, nothing sweeter. I worship the dust of each city, each continent where you have set foot. In other words, the whole world has become a place of pilgrimage, where we can continue spreading the glories of the holy name.

You are the dearest servant of Lord Nityananda, and I pray that you will make us mad with the desire to go door to door and beg the residents of this age to surrender unto the darlings of Vraja.

Your servant and grand disciple,

Gopi Jivana Dasa



My dear Srila Prabhupada,

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

All glories to your Divine Grace.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH for giving us your ISKCON movement which has changed thousands of lives including mine. You have built a house in which the whole world can live. You are the saviour of the whole world - our Jagad guru. Thank you for creating such simple ways for us to get the mercy of the

sankirtan movement I beg to always be at shelter of your lotus feet.

Your daughter,

Gopi Priya devi dasi



Gopi Jivana Dasa

Stellenbosch

South Africa



Gopi Priya Devi Dasi

Boksburg, Johannesburg

South Africa

Govardhana Dasa
Johannesburg
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my obeisance's at your lotus feet.
All glories to Your Divine Grace.

AS THE YEARS ROLL ON, our gratitude to your Divine Grace increases. Your role and benevolence comes into better focus. Your words gives shape and form to the skirmishes of material life. This earthly world is indeed a nasty place.

Everything has a shrinking value and is subject to depreciation. The so-called inventory of achievement, relationships and possessions are all written off in the records of cosmic time. It all appears meaningless in the greater scheme of things. The cycle of life appears to obliterate everything yet we struggle so hard to get to the next point. Then, on reaching that point, we celebrate the moment with a crowning victory and achievement. Yet all that remains, once the moment has passed is a soundless photograph.

This complex reality is a subtle fact, hardly noticeable by the busy inhabitants of this world. It's truly rare to tune into and catch this frequency of life. Your books and words have switched a torchlight unto this dying side of living, exposing the factual reality of life. Your voice echoes through the pages of your books: aspire for the eternal while using the present situation as a stepping stone.

Srila Prabhupada, it's a terrifying contemplation. What would my plight be had you not appeared through your books? When in close proximity, the

full beauty and scale of a mountain is hardly appreciated. From afar the true grandeur and majesty of the mountain is brought into better optical view. In the same way your glories will be exponentially appreciated by future generations.

Srila Prabhupada, thank you for the opportunity to serve in your great movement. Thank you for your books, your devotees, your practical example and your ISKCON. Thank you for Prasad, for association, the Sunday feast and festival days. Thank you for Ekadashi, Kartik and parikrama. Thank you for the Global BBT. Thank you for the African BBT. Thank you for the Back to Godhead Magazine. Next year the world will celebrate the 75th anniversary of its publication. Thank you for allowing us to honour you through the annual Bhaktivedanta Swami lecture, now in its 7th year. Thank you for the annual BBT conference, now in its 9th year. Thank you for all your devotees across the world. I offer my reverences to each one of them.

And I offer my respected obeisance's at your Divine Lotus feet. All glories to your Divine grace on the 122nd anniversary of your appearance on this world.

*Your stumbling grandson,
Govardhana Dasa*



Govardhana Sila Dasa
Rondebosch, Cape Town
South Africa



My dearest Srila Prabhupada
Please kindly accept my insignificant, insincere obeisances.

*nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshthaya bhu-tale
srimate bhaktivedanta swamin iti namine
namaste saraswati deve gaura-vani-pracharine
nirvishesha-shunyavadi pashchatya-desha-tarine*

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

WHENEVER I THINK OF WRITING AN OFFERING, two things always spring to mind: I recall HH Gour Govinda Swami standing up and spontaneously glorifying you for 15 minutes, leaving you with a big smile on your face, saying “now that’s how you should glorify your spiritual master”. And my next thought immediately thereafter is how unqualified and incapable I am.

Srila Visvanatha Cakravarti Thakura explained the extent of a devotee’s gratitude as follows:

“Even if a devotee serves Krishna for one thousand universal creations, he cannot repay the debt he feels towards Krishna for having received the opportunity to serve the Lord’s lotus feet.” The same could be said of you, Srila Prabhupada. So my daily prayer is that you will help me to become more aware of all that you’ve done for us, more aware of how grateful we should be, and that I will act accordingly, expressing my indebtedness to you appropriately and in a manner which is pleasing to Gurudeva, to you and to the devotees.

Early in 2017 we were privileged to view the screening of the much-anticipated movie, “Hare Krishna! The Mantra, the Movement and the Swami who started it all” by HG Yadubara Prabhu. The movie is a wonderful offering to you, Srila Prabhupada, and one highlight of the movie for me was the part where you repeatedly went to the boatyard, asking when the next ship back to India was, and eventually the employee there remarked “Swami ji, you keep coming here and asking, but you never board the ship”. This got me wondering about that: where would I be now if you had boarded that ship, gone back to India and never started your beloved ISKCON. Any answer to that question would be speculation on my part, but it’s likely that, if not for ISKCON, I would be drowning in materialism, suffering endlessly without even knowing it.

So, you saved my life Srila Prabhupada (as you

have done with millions of other devotees), and your legacy will continue saving millions of lives to come. You’ve provided us with so much guidance in your numerous books, lectures and letters. You’ve made the practice of Krishna Consciousness so easy and accessible, so pleasing and enjoyable. On this note though, I recently read about devotees in Russia and their struggles practicing Krishna Consciousness in the open. Devotees in China, until recently, had to print their offerings under the title “Khasadesa”, and elsewhere, in another part of the world, oppressed devotees aren’t able to use the real name of their country; instead, they use the name “Ilavrtta desa”.

In so many other places around the world though, we openly have ecstatic kirtans, amazing prasadam feasts, wonderful devotee association, sweet aartis and temple programmes, festivals, parikramas, retreats, enlivening courses and workshops and so much more regularly taking place. You have made it so easy for us to become fully immersed in loving devotional service. There is so much guidance, care and mercy available through your works, and your disciples and grand disciples. I have never felt more sheltered in my life than when I received harinama initiation from Gurudeva. And it’s not just flowing from Gurudeva; it’s coming from the likes of HH Kadamba Kanana Swami, HH Bhakti Caitanya Swami, HG Medhavi Prabhu, HG Mahatma Prabhu, and so many other diksha gurus. As you’ve said so many times: Guru is one. A spiritual master is the principle, not the body (letter to Malati Devi Dasi, 28 May 1968).

I find so many wonderful devotees around me. Some of them have only started yesterday, yet they are so talented and fired up, whereas I am so incapable, dull and unqualified. I often wonder if I’ll ever make progress or do anything, even something minutely beneficial to another devotee which might please Gurudeva....though for me, I think my best

chance is to find a merciful sadhu who has a key to the back door so I can just hang onto his dhoti.

*Your insignificant, unqualified, aspiring servant,
Govardhana Sila das*



Grayton T. Madzinga 🙏
Sandton
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances, all glories to your spiritual master,
and all glories to you Srila Prabhupada.

I WRITE THIS TO YOU WITH A HEAVY HEART, knowing that I haven't fully realized nor embraced this priceless gift you gave me.

You risked your life for me, you put your health, well-being and you left the auspicious dhama, the most spiritually potent place on earth to come to this God forsaken, material loving, conscious degraded western world.

I know I have fallen and have a long way to go, but writing this has truly made me realize what a great journey awaits me. However, I overcome with great joy and undeserving love knowing that the path to the journey home is illuminated by your transcendental foot prints, I just have to follow your exemplary example and honour your instructions and the journey back to Godhead will be beautiful and glorious.

I know I am very far from where you intended me to be, I know I'm completely underserving your mission, it becomes evident with new comers who come across the movement for the "very first time" and they give me this look of, why are you not

sharing this, why aren't you fully embracing this and why are you wasting your time?

I never know what to say except that, I feel undeserving and ungrateful and somehow you still seem to always let me in this house that you have built for the whole world, not only that you have given me my own set of keys and allocated me a room with my name on the door.

I'm moved by your unconditional love for me.

Thank you for loving me with all my flaws, thank you for giving me the gift of life, thank you for introducing me to Krishna and for the blueprint to his heart, in the form of his devotees.

I love you always, I pray next time I write to you I will have a different and I will be able to live up to that name.

Love you dearly.

*An underserving recipient of
your love and compassion,
Grayton T Madzinga*



Halayudha Dasa 🙏
Johannesburg
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

I WAS BORN IN THE DARKEST IGNORANCE, and my spiritual master opened my eyes with the torch of knowledge. I offer my respectful obeisances unto him.

With every interaction in your ISKCON I see the different ways that your mercy is carried. Your disciples and sincere followers who have dedicated their

lives to serving your instructions are always showed in this mercy.

If I have understood anything, it is that these devotees are the access roads, the “subject matter experts”, and the most humble proponents of your teachings. They carry your mood, even when it is not seen, and they carry the commitment to fulfilling your desires.

The society that you have built, its potency, its extraordinary ability to transform people like me, is beyond my limited comprehension, but the devotees who continue to grow and maintain it are visible features of your personality.

A few days ago, I read an excerpt from a class by HH Kadamba Kanana Swami where Maharaja says that with our individual efforts at devotional service there will not be any significant movement on the scale. It is only when adding your mercy and the mercy of the Vaishnavas that the scale will start to show real movement. I try to remember

this regularly, that despite what I think are serious efforts, my individual labour is nothing more than an ant trying to move a mountain.

I will never be able to understand the magnitude of the gifts you have given me and the countless times I’ve been spared, no doubt by your kindness.

I will commit to offering my deepest gratitude to all your followers and learning to appreciate them for their selfless service in your mission, to not take them for granted and to constantly remind myself that they stand with you in discharging the preaching mission of your ISKCON.

I pray that I may be able somehow, to ease the complications they face in this world with whatever limited capacity I possess.

I pray to always remain in the service of you servants,

Halayudha das



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

I THANK YOU for having brought me to Krishna consciousness without which my life would be meaningless. You have shown me the way back to Godhead for which I will forever be indebted to you. I hope you shower me with your mercy so that I can

continue to always be engaged in serving in your movement.

Your humble servant.
Hare Krishna das



Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada,
Founder Acarya of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness.

nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshthaya bhu-tale
srimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine
namas te saraswate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvishesha-shunyavadi-pashchatya-desha-tarine



Hare Krishna Dasa
Stanger
South Africa



Hari Dasa
Pietermaritzburg
South Africa

"IN EVERY TOWN AND VILLAGE my holy name will be sang and heard" It is obvious that Your Divine Grace has given effect to Lord Caitanya's will.

Thank you for planting the seed of devotion in my otherwise infertile heart. The lifeline you have offered all of humanity will surely resonate for the next ten thousand years in the form of the *maha- mantra*:

Hare Krishna Hare Kṛṣṇa
Krishna Krishna Hare Hare
Hare Rama Hare Rama
Rama Rama Hare Hare

Please cast a merciful glance in my direction that my shortcomings may be obliterated and I may serve my spiritual master and all devotees.

*Your servant of the servants,
Hari das*



Hari Katha Devi Dasi
Nairobi
Kenya



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

ON YOUR MOST AUSPICIOUS VYASA PUJA DAY, I would like to say that where I am now, I would not have been if it was not for you Srila Prabhupada. Through your most celebrated transcendental literatures which I was blessed to receive and read I found enlightenment. Your wonderful lectures continue to inspire many, many devotees throughout the whole world.

At the age of 70 years you went to America, survived two heart attacks, but still you did not deter from serving your spiritual masters instructions and continued the journey with great determination. And the result of this was that you were able to convert the hippies to Krishna Conscious devotees. In short, they became "HAPPIES". This is the proof of your unflinching faith in your guru maharajs instructions.

You gave us the message of Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu and spread the Holy names throughout the whole world. The sweetness of your chanting the maha mantra vibrates through all major towns and villages in the form of Harinaams, Jagannatha Ratha yatras and Kirtana festivals, making this material world a safe place for Krishna devotees to carry out devotional service.

With a grateful heart I would like to say Thank You Srila Prabhupada! Please bless me to have the same faith as you have in your guru maharaj, and may I be an instrument of service in your mission.

*Your humble servant,
Hari Katha D.D.*



Hari Vilasa Dasa
Stellenbosch
South Africa



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

RECENTLY, I had the good fortune of visiting one of the most important places in the world - New York

City. For the materialist, New York City is the city that never sleeps - the epicentre of the modern world,

wherefrom the Kali yuga gospel of economic development and sensual indulgence is trumpeted out to the entire human race. Walking in the midst of the massive skyscrapers and coming face to face with the cultural icons that are known worldwide - the Statue of Liberty, Time's Square or the Empire State Building - I couldn't help feeling intimidated, and even involuntarily impressed. It truly is a monument to man's power and creative ability.

But, unknown to most of the world's population, New York City's true glory is not its towering skyscrapers, colossal museums or multi-billion dollar stock exchange. If we would take the average person to the real place that marks the significance of the City of Dreams, he might be surprised to see that it is not an awe-inspiring edifice constructed by a world famous architect. Nor is it situated in a prestigious or bustling area like Mid-Town Manhattan. Nay, it is tucked away in a silent corner of the East Village.

On the corner of 7th Street and Avenue A on the Lower East Side, you will find the entrance to Tompkins Square Park. The park is neatly maintained by the NYC Department of Parks of Recreation, and even the homeless people there seem quite peaceful and relatively well-kempt. As I walked in there one mid summer's day, I was called over by one of these friendly bums, "Hey you, here it is. This is what you're looking for." I walked toward him where he sat on some benches with his friends, drinking beer and basking in the summer sun. The benches were arranged in a big circle, surrounding a tall Elm tree. As I looked up at the top of the tree, looming high above me, I was wondering if this is it. The friendly bum, as if hearing my thoughts, confirmed them: "Yes, this is the tree. Now you have to hug it." As I looked at the toothless bum, drunk and smiling, I remembered an important instruction for those who go on pilgrimage - do not judge the residents of the dhama based on their external appearance. Submitting to his instructions, I walked over to the tree and to the great applause of the assembled homeless, I kicked off my shoes, paid my obeisances and gave the tree a big hug.

It was indeed the famous Hare Krishna tree, under which you sat in October 9, 1966, and held the first recorded outdoor public chanting of the Hare Krishna mantra.

Recently I was listening to a lecture series by his grace Radhika Ramana Prabhu, a wonderful devotee and very learned Sanskrit scholar. He recounted a story from his days at Oxford University, when he was studying under a great pundit from the Sri Vaisnava tradition, who had the amazing ability to compose complicated Sanskrit verses *ex tempore* (on the spot). Through the association of your devotees, this pundit was inspired to read the *Lilamrita*, to hear for himself the story of this Prabhupada that was the inspiration behind everything. Upon reading this *Lilamrita*, the pundit was so impressed by your transcendental glories that he decided to compose a hundred verses in glorification of your activities, which he did before his time at Oxford was finished.

In these verses, this wonderful Sri Vaisnava captured the variety of attributes that make you such a unique *acarya*. But amongst them, he was most impressed by one of your many accomplishments - the fact that you could capture the heart of the youth. He could see that that is the most difficult in this age, to somehow get the younger generation inspired to commit themselves to the serious practice and preservation of their Vaisnava heritage. Many traditions are dying due to losing the younger generation, but somehow Srila Prabhupada, you had the ability to capture the heart of the youth. Your wisdom, courage and purity, combined with their energy, enthusiasm and dedication was the amazing combination of ingredients that makes this movement what it is today.

Srila Prabhupada, my prayer on this day, is that I can also become caught up in the amazement that convinced your early disciples to give their time and energy to the transcendental mission that you came to establish in the Western world. And that I can also do my part to inspire and infuse those who are younger than myself, to dedicate their youthful

energy to this mission, the most worthy cause in the universe.

All glories to you on your wonderful appearance day.

*Your aspiring servant,
Hari Vilasa Dasa*



Harichandan Dasa
Isipingo, Durban
South Africa



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

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna presthaya bhu-tale
srimate bhaktivedanta-svamin it namine*

SRILA PRABHUPADA you are such a great store house of mercy, because you are drawing directly from the original storehouse, Sri Sri Radha Krishna and Chaitanya Mahaprabhu. Srila Prabhupada you saved all of us, and particularly me, from the grip of Maya. You have given us the most valuable treasure, your books and Iskcon to take shelter.

I beg Your Divine Grace to please fully engage me in devotional service and always keep me in the association with the devotees in your Iskcon movement. I thank you Srila Prabhupada, for uplifting us

and teaching us the path of Krishna consciousness

I am eternally indebted to you for picking me from this material world and teaching me to worship and to do devotional service to Radha and Krishna. Please Srila Prabhupada forgive me for all the offenses that I have caused knowingly or unknowingly and always give me shelter at the dust of your lotus feet.

*I remain your most insignificant servant,
Harichandan das*



Harinaam Ananda Das and
Bhagavati Devi Dasi
ISKCON Lenasia
South Africa



Our dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our most humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet.
All Glories to your Divine Grace on this most auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja.

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

SRILA PRABHUPADA you have given us ISKCON a house in which to live in, a place where we feel safe and secure away from this misery of material disaster. You have given us the association of devotees who

are always there to help us and guide us in our spiritual lives and you have given us the opportunity to be constantly engaged in the service of Lord Krishna with love and devotion.

Srila Prabhupada, you have given us and the world everything, Krishna, love of God, enthusiasm, determination, tolerance, reality, serving, etc, actually you are the greatest gift and acharya to us in this age of kali. You are always in our heart and you have given us “Radha and Krishna” and every day remembering you and dancing and singing in kirtan.

Hare Krishna Hare Krishna
Krishna Krishna Hare Hare
Hare Rama Hare Rama
Rama Rama Hare Hare

Srila Prabhupada, every year at this time we endeavour to offer our appreciation to your glorious nature but are able to find adequate words,

to “Thank you”. Srila Prabhupada we owe you a debt that cannot be repaid. In one of your books you wrote “when a person out of humility does not desire fame, people think of him quite humble and consequently give him all kinds of fame”

Srila Prabhupada, your qualities and qualifications are unlimited. Today we sincerely pray to become your worthy grandchildren, thank you for saving us from this world of misery and illusion.

Serving you in separation on this very day of your Sri Vyasa Puja.

*Your undeserving grandchildren
Harinaam Ananda Das and
Bhagavati Devi Dasi*



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

ANOTHER YEAR HAS GONE BY, and I sit here wondering what I’ve done to help you in your mission. Nothing much actually except for more empty promises. Even though my commitment to you has never faulted, my dedication to doing something remains weak. Recently a devotee told me that we should strive to leave behind a legacy for our future generations. Having given this some thought, I sit here wondering again what this legacy could possibly be. So I pray to you today on this auspicious occasion of your divine appearance, to please instruct me Srila Prabhupada and please guide me. Please hold my hand and make me do whatever it takes to be a

soldier in your battle against Maya and your fight to preach the Lord’s holy name. I am here and I will do whatever it takes to please you someday.

I pray to you Srila Prabhupada that next year this time, I can give you a full page report of all the services I’ve been blissfully engaged in and the efforts I’m making in helping you spread the holy name.

*Begging for your mercy.
Your aspiring servant,
Haripriya devi dasi*



Haripriya Devi Dasi
Pinetown
South Africa

Harita Singh 🙏
Durban
South Africa



All glories to Srila Prabhupada,

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nirvisesa sunyavadi pascatya desa tarine*

TO ME HE IS MY GURU to the part of righteous and all part leading to my all love and attractiveness to Lord Krishna and Radharani.

From Srila Prabhupada I learnt to be humble and tolerant on my journey to Godhead.

The best part of the movie of Srila Prabhupada was he said “put all your differences aside and if you love you will work for the betterment of ISKCON.

Harita Singh



Harsha Krishanduth 🙏
Johannesburg
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances in the dust of your lotus feet.
All glories to you!

“I HAVE SO MUCH TO BE GRATEFUL FOR”, to say this would be an understatement. Like water given to a person who did not know they were thirsty, I fortunately came into contact with ISKCON. Through this spark, you provided a space for my dwindling mind in which to rest. I did not understand the true meaning of family until I came under your shelter in ISKCON. You provided facility to practice devotional service and space to encourage independent thinking. You provided transcendental knowledge so I could activate my consciousness and understand the main goal of life.

You ultimately gave the gift of everything. Krishna is everything - where would I be without my embryotic understanding of that?

I thank you countlessly for allowing me to be a part of the Hare Krishna movement and to have the association of Vaisnavas. I pray that you may guide and direct me to serve, love and associate nicely, always.

Your servant of the servant of the servant
Harsha Krishanduth



Hazel Rangadu 🙏
Queensburgh
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU for your teachings, to me these classes are very important because I learn a lot. While reading I came cross some very good words

so let me quote how I feel “when doubts haunt me, when disappointment stare me in the face, and I see not one ray of hope on the horizon, I turn to

the Bhagavad Gita and find a verse to comfort me, and I immediately begin to smile in the midst of overwhelming sorrow. Those who meditate on the Gita will derive fresh joy and new meanings from it every day“

That is how I feel and what gets me through my dark days. Thank you so very much.

Hazel Rangadu



Dear Srila Prabhupada
Please accept my dandavat pranams.
All glories to Your Divine Grace.



Hemangi Devi Dasi
Durban
South Africa

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nirvisesa sunyavadi pascatya desa tarine*

MY HEART OVERFLOWS with gratitude at your unfathomable benevolence and brings tears to my eyes. I would have continued to flounder in the darkness of this insane world without your divine mercy.

It is overwhelming to realize the sacrifices you made to give the world Krishna consciousness - how you toiled without much means but with deep faith in the Holy Names - from your simple dwellings at Radha Damodara temple in Vrindavan, then the arduous journey by steamship and living in the Bowery in New York amongst the beggars without any support, you always knew Sri Krishna was with you. I am currently reading Mother Visakha's memoirs about her personal experience with you. I am really impressed how you changed so many hearts and attracted such a great calibre of followers, who having become so convinced by you, continue to preach Krishna consciousness on your behalf.

We who have so much comforts cannot fathom the depth of love you had for everyone in this world that you simply gave and took nothing in return. It is through you that I have any service at all - the chance to get the association of great souls

who continue to preach your message, the amazing festivals that inspire us, our beautiful Deities Sri Sri Radha Radhanath, Lord Jaganath, Baladev and Subhadra and Sri Sri Gaura Nitai, and the chance to get the darshan of Sri Mayapur and Sri Vrindavan dham.

Material life can be overwhelming with all its demands and anxieties - but your messages always bring solace and give hope. Your words and your darshan provide reassurance. And when circumstances seem difficult it is the devotee association you provided for us that uplifts us and sustains us.

For all that you have given me, and for saving me from my otherwise dry, mundane and bewildering existence, I am eternally indebted to you Srila Prabhupada.

I deeply pray that you continue to give me a place at your divine lotus feet and that I always have the shelter of your ISKCON and service to the Vaisnavas.

*Your servant,
Hemangi devi dasi*



Hemant Bhaga
Spirits
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

THE ACARYA OF FAITH

On the order on you unassailable Guru Maharaj
You took a leap of faith
That changed the world forever
For the better
You came with 7 dollars, a trunk full of books and the firm faith in the holy name
You mission to fulfil the prophecy of 'every town and village'
Today this Krishna Consciousness philosophy is readily available
Providing all the opportunity to go back home
And what a sublime process it is
Of sadhu sanga
Kirtan rasa
And scrumptious Krishna Prasada
All three worlds know the glory of your faith
For who would believe your legacy if it was not so true

*Forever in your gratitude,
Jai Srila Prabhupada
Hemant Bhaga*



Bhaktin Hemanthi Bhaga
East Rand
South Africa



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

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DEAR JAGAD-GURU and benevolent grandfather, on this most glorious occasion of your Vyasa-puja, there is so much I want to thank you for; there is so much I need to beg of you.

Thank you for distributing and bringing to us this greatest science of Love of God.

Through your tireless and determined efforts in translating great spiritual works, such

as *Bhagavad-gita* and Srimad Bhagavatam, and your most erudite, well-formed and revealing purports, you have disseminated the most confidential knowledge.

Through your many books, you have presented this great science in a way that is easily understandable and practical. As an exemplary Acarya, you have thought by example & compassion the

principles we need to follow to attain the highest happiness of love of God.

Your dedication to Lord Caitanya's mission is shown in your mammoth determination and focused energy to fearlessly spread this Krishna Consciousness movement that re-establishes our forgotten relationship with the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Lord Krishna.

Srila Prabhupada, your every step in this great mission of spreading Krishna consciousness was taken in full consciousness of Krishna and with the aim of pleasing Krishna.

You created the real United Nations in your ISKCON as you revealed to us our eternal identity, brotherhood and constitutional position.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for establishing your ISKCON. Through your ISKCON you have given us the greatest mercy, association of the Lord's devotees. By the association of the Lord's swan-like devotees, our Bhakti creeper can grow. Although I am a toad amongst such swans, through your mercy and grace, I somehow receive beneficial and nourishing association.

Thank you dearly for allowing and enabling my

family and myself to engage in devotional service, through which we can know Lord Krishna. I cherish each engagement in devotional service carried out amidst the loving devotees. The joy I feel after spending time in this way enlivens and lightens my heart. I am not qualified Srila Prabhupada, in-fact I have many faults and shortcomings, but through your ocean of mercy and compassion, service opportunities have come.

Dear Srila Prabhupada, please always engage us in serving the devotees and your mission of spreading Krishna consciousness.

I earnestly pray to always remain in the shelter of your lotus feet and in your ISKCON.

I beg of you to please bestow your mercy on me so that I may continue to engage in serving the devotees, to always have their association and that I please Them.

Aspiring to be a servant of your loving servants,
With all my gratitude,

*Your foolish grand-daughter,
Bhaktin Hemanthi Bhaga*



My dearmost Srila Prabhupada

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

All glories to you Srila Prabhupada.

ONCE AGAIN we are trying to express our eternal indebtedness to Your Divine Grace by celebrating your Sri Vyasa-puja to mark your divine appearance on this planet. All glories to Your Divine Grace on this most auspicious day of your Sri Vyasa-puja

Srila Prabhupada, had it not been for your divine intervention into our lives what would be our situation in this material world? We would have been groping in complete darkness.

The world today is in a very chaotic situation. Human values are in the decline. It does not come as a surprise. The predictions for this age

of Kali are made in the Srimad Bhagavatam. It is of great concern. Once in a seminar, His Holiness Lokanath Maharaj stated that we should start packing our bags. How true, preparing ourselves for our departure.

We feel protected only because of us taking shelter of your divine lotus feet and the divine lotus feet of the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Sri Krishna. What else is there in this word? Everything here is so temporary.

You have stated, "Suppose you live for three thousand years, what you will gain if you remain



Hridayananda Dasa
Durban
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ignorant? Better live for a few years and understand that.” This material world is worse. I have to go to the spiritual world and meet Kṛṣṇa.” That knowledge will help you. You live for ten years, but get this knowledge, Kṛṣṇa consciousness. That is perfect life.” Srila Prabhupada, Morning Walk – Melbourne – May 19, 1975

“Question: What is the duty of a person who does not believe in the scriptures? Srila Prabhupada: His duty is to go to hell. Question: How can it be changed for him? Srila Prabhupada: By coming here and chanting Hare Krishna.

Question: What can you do if they don’t come? Srila Prabhupada: What can you do? One must be willing. If we won’t take medicine, we can’t be cured. Material disease is thinking, “I am everything, I am perfect. Whatever I think is all right.” That is disease. Lord Caitanya said, “My spiritual master taught that I’m a great fool.” Think like that, humbly, and study scripture from a bona fide spiritual master.”

Srila Prabhupada, I have no words to describe your heartfelt compassion and mercy towards us.

A devotee left and Srila Prabhupada’s response : “When you left us I simply prayed to Krishna for your return to Krishna Consciousness because that was my duty. Any good soul who approaches me once for spiritual enlightenment is supposed to be depending on my responsibility to get him back to Krishna, back to home. The disciple may misunderstand a bona fide spiritual master being obliged to do so under pressure of Maya’s influence. But a bona fide spiritual master never lets go a devotee once accepted. When a disciple misunderstands a bona fide spiritual master, the master regrets for his inability to protect the disciple and sometimes he cries with tears in the eyes.” (Srila Bhaktivedanta Swami Maharaja Letter, November 23, 1967)

On this special occasion of your Sri Vyasa Puja I most humbly beg you to please always guide and protect us from the glare of the very temporary situations of this material world.

Your most fallen insignificant beggar
Hridayananda dasa



Indrabhatta Dasa 
and Gokula Taruni Devi Dasi
Mount Edgecombe, Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada
Kindly accept our humble obeisances at your lotus feet.
All glories to your Divine Grace.

I OFTEN WONDER at the daunting challenges you faced in your efforts to rescue mankind from the jaws of Maya. Who can forget you weaving through the early morning crowd and arriving first thing in the morning at your printer’s offices on an empty stomach? Even he sensed that you had not had your breakfast and he got you something light. Who can forget your near-death experiences on your very first voyage to the West; the biting cold you were so unaccustomed to and you in your usual devotee’s attire; the lone voice calling out to associates in India for financial assistance to erect a little temple only to be greeted by vague empty promises; the anguish of almost losing the Juhu property; on occasions the

discontentment among some disciples? I have no intention to exhaust the numberless challenges you faced as that would be a herculean task even for your most accomplished followers.

When I read your biography, these heart-rending experiences became engraved on my mind. However, what was even more amazing was your response to these challenges. Through the storm clouds you could see the sunshine and the rainbow! You could see not just one little temple but a whole host of strikingly beautiful and imposing temples dotting the globe and, as you said, “separated only by time”. And how true that is today!

On this auspicious occasion, dear Srila

Prabhupada, kindly bless us with a grain of that enthusiasm and optimism.

*Your humble servants
Indrabhatta das and
Gokula Taruni dd*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

THANK YOU for influencing my destiny and bringing me on to a spiritual platform. I am ever grateful for the day that I came into contact with the Vaisnavas, for without them I would never been able to keep your association through books and lectures.

From the very first time that I was introduced to you, I understood immediately that never in my time had I met or heard of any one with such reverence and greatness, yet with an equal amount of

humility. Prabhupada, I pray that I can be more sincere to you and serve you the Vaisnavas and the mission of Lord Caitanya with a greater determination.

On this most auspicious occasion, dear Lord Krishna I cannot thank you enough for giving us the greatest and most treasured gift in Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krishna.

Indran dharma



Indran dharma
Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

THANK YOU for all the sacrifices you made, thank you for all the books you wrote and thank you for ISKCON. To show my gratitude and love, I promise to read and distribute your books and to follow your teachings and guidance.

Indrani Naidoo



Indrani Naidoo



THANK YOU for the opportunity for the shelter of your lotus feet. Recently, I felt much rejuvenation in my Krishna consciousness through a systematic hearing of your recorded lectures. During your physical presence you spoke on *Bhagavad-gita* untiringly in different parts of your global movement. Even though your presentation and mood differed, here and there, your message was always the same. And that is the original message of *Bhagavad-gita*, Krishna's message. In some cases, you spoke repeatedly on the same text to different audiences, and in others, you repeated the same message to the same audience. Your approach was similar to Krishna's, it occurred to me.

After summarising the entire Vedic wisdom in the form of *Bhagavad-gita*, which Krishna spoke to Arjuna, Krishna was willing to re-explain any part of it that Arjuna required to hear again. Or if need be, Krishna was willing to speak the entire message again for the sake of Arjuna's complete understanding. Your Divine Grace translated each text, and provided a comprehensive summary of Vedic wisdom in each purport to each text. Further, you lectured on each salient point, again, and again, for the understanding of your students. Further, you received questions at your lectures, morning walks, personal audiences, and through correspondence. You answered each question with dignity and clarity to enhance the transmission of the ultimate message of Srimad *Bhagavad-gita*. You always quoted Krishna, and parts of the Vedic literature, to support the salient points ensuring that the foundation of bhakti was laid strong.

Arjuna, having heard Krishna's presentation of *Bhagavad-gita*, understood it in full, and replied to Krishna's question, assuring Krishna that he had understood it, but only by Krishna's mercy. You mention that Arjuna feels "at the beginning I did not understand, but now, by your mercy I have

understood". Thus, Arjuna understood completely, and only by Krishna's mercy, "tvat-prasadat".

On March 9th, 1975, in London, you spoke on *Bhagavad-gita* chapter 7, text 1:

"Just like Arjuna did. He was conscious... In the beginning of the fight he was conscious of his relatives, of his family—means bodily. But when he understood *Bhagavad-gita* from Kṛṣṇa, he said, "Yes," kariṣye vacanam tava (BG 18.73). In the beginning he denied to fight, but when he understood *Bhagavad-gita*, he agreed, "Yes, I shall fight." Kariṣye vacanam tava. "I am now full conscious." Naṣṭo mohah: "This attachment, bodily attachment, is now finished. Kṛṣṇa, it is now finished." ... "Now my forgetfulness is gone," tvat-prasadat, "by Your mercy. You have taught me *Bhagavad-gita*, so by Your mercy my two things—that bodily attachment and misconception of life—is now gone. Now I know that I am Your servant. I am Your eternal servant, and it is my duty to carry out Your order. Therefore I agree." Kariṣye vacanam tava (BG 18.73). "I shall now execute. You want me to fight—no consideration of my relatives or family—I shall fight with them." This is the conclusion of Arjuna."

I remember the first time I attempted reading a version of *Bhagavad-gita* as a young teenager, my earnest endeavour was confounded. I remember that the passages I read had elevated diction, but was not very elevating. I understood nothing. Even though we knew of *Bhagavad-gita* back then, we had very little reverence for it. But upon encountering Your *Bhagavad-gita* As It Is, and with your purports and accompanying lectures, I immediately understood that this book is everything: every text, every word is important. It was clear at the very beginning that the Gita was the cornerstone of the Krishna consciousness movement. Not only did the Krishna consciousness movement change our attitude towards *Bhagavad-gita*, but hearing from

you how and why everything is as it is, changed our attitude toward the Krishna consciousness movement. This change allowed me to appreciate, and begin to understand the *Bhagavad-gita*, and that is “tvat-prasadat”, only by your mercy. Previously I had understood nothing, confounded and confused, but by your mercy alone, *Bhagavad-gita* holds a special place in our lives.

How wonderful to read, and study the *Bhagavad-gita*, and memorise texts, and imbibe all the salient points into our practice of bhakti-yoga, as it was intended. What would the effect be on our Krishna consciousness if we did exactly that? In that same lecture you mention about becoming electrified with Krishna consciousness:

“So, Rūpa Gosvami says how this asakti can be increased. He gives formula: mad-aSrayah. Kṛṣṇa said, “Either you take shelter of Me directly or to a person who has taken shelter of Me.” Just like electric power. Electric house... Powerhouse may be long away, but if the electricity is coming through

some wire, and if you touch, immediately you will... Immediately in touch with the powerhouse. So, either you touch the powerhouse or an wire, (indistinct), which is empowered by the powerhouse, you touch, you get the electricity. This is called parampara system. Mad-aSrayah. Evaṁ parampara-prap-tam imaṁ rajarṣayo viduḥ, yogo naṣṭah paranta-pa... (BG 4.2).”

So, to make contact with Your Divine Grace, through hearing, is a most rejuvenating experience. Simply being in your audio presence, we are in the realm of pure devotional service, at least for the duration of that lecture, and in proportion to our listening attentively. Contacting You, is electrifying, and our lives are becoming recharged, and surcharged, to serve Your Divine Grace, and Krishna, in our original constitutional position, exactly as it was intended in the message of *Bhagavad-gita*.

*Your student and servant, eternally,
Isvara Puri dasa*



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

AT TIMES WORDS FAIL when we try to appreciate someone who did something magnanimous and still be humble. We try to wrap our head around how would we say thank you to a person who gives all credit to his Guru and the Lord and yet he is the one who took all the hardships to give us the love of God. I remember reading how you used to cook for all the hippies in New York, serve them and yet never complain. In an advanced age you took up an impossible mission and made it possible. In this material world you gave

us a lifestyle which is so transcendental. Thank you is a very small word for all the things you have done for us. Our heart is full of gratitude and on this day I pray unto your lotus feet to keep us under the shelter of your lotus feet so that we can serve the Lord and his devotees eternally.

Thank you.

*Your granddaughter,
Isvari Kripa Dd*



Isvari Kripa Devi Dasi
Johannesburg
South Africa

Jagannath Caran Das
& Devahuti Devi Dasi
Lenasia, South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our humble obeisance's
at your most divine lotus feet.

WE BOW AT YOUR LOTUS FEET by whose causeless mercy we have been given many priceless gifts such as the house you have built that is ISKCON, our spiritual masters, the volumes of spiritual books, beautiful temples all around the world, association of the most wonderful devotees, prasadam and the opportunity to serve the deities.

We feel privileged that Your Divine Grace has accepted such unworthy and useless servants as us in your home.

Kindly grant us with your mercy in order to uphold your name to so service and importantly to share this most precious knowledge to others.

Thank you Srila Prabhupada for giving us the way of life, all we need to do is practice this art with sincere grace, simplicity and humbleness.

*Your most insignificant servants,
Jagannath Caran Das & Devahuti Devi Dasi*



Jagannath Priya Das
and Kausalya Devi Dasi
Newlands West Durban, South Africa



Hare Krishna Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to your Divine Grace on your appearance day.

ONCE AGAIN IT IS THAT PART OF THE YEAR where we focus our attention to your Divine Grace for giving us the most precious gift of Krishna Consciousness and released us from material entanglements. Your selfless sacrifice at a very advanced age to go to foreign countries to spread the teachings of Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu is most glorious and commendable.

Today we find many fortunate souls are attached to your lotus feet because you have captivated their hearts by distributing this message in a pure form, as it is, where others have failed, you have succeeded because you are empowered by the Lord.

The earth planet has been inundated with a wave of devotees who have embraced your teachings and their lives have been transformed for the better. As the holy name of the Lord is supremely glorious they cherish chanting and dancing in

ecstasy, this holy name has captured the hearts of the devotees which is now being broadcast to every corner of the globe.

Your transcendental books are being distributed profusely and many are embracing your teachings as the message in these books are giving them renewed hope in this dark age where there is danger at every step.

Once again thank you, as my ultimate perfection is to always be allowed to touch Lord Krishna's lotus feet as I wander from life to life bound by my karma, the lotus feet of the lord is the only source of liberation in this dark age.

*Your servants,
Jagannath Priya Das,
Kausalya devi dasi*





My dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet.
All glories to His Divine Grace and all the vaishnavas.

GURU MUKHA PADMA VAKYA, *cittete koriya aikya, ar na koriho mane asa*. “My only wish is to have my consciousness purified by the words emanating from his lotus mouth.”

Srila Prabhupada, my only desire is to please you by following your instructions under the guidance of your sincere followers. This is the only and easy method to receive your causeless mercy.

Without your mercy I cannot make any advancement in spiritual life. You are my only hope. Please never reject me.

I humbly pray to please excuse my shortcomings. I pray for your love and guidance in my life. I am eternally yours.

Jagoo Pramod



Jagoo Pramod
Morcellement St Andre
Pamplemousses, Mauritius



Dear Srila Prabhupada
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to you. All glories to your most glorious ISKCON.

I DO NOT HAVE ANY PROPER QUALIFICATION to glorify you Srila Prabhupada but even after having read so much about you and hearing so much about you – each year I realize something new about you. No one can understand the activities of the Lord and His pure devotees. Therefore, how can I glorify the unlimited mercy which you have dispensed to the world – and to me. The relationships of love you displayed with your disciples are what touch me the most. Despite our disqualification you gave us literature and Vaishnava practices which we have no qualification to receive.

Thank you Prabhupada for showing us what the real purpose of life is. Everyone today is trying to improve their temporary lives and to improve

themselves – but they do not know what it means to do so. Impersonalism in this current day is becoming harder to identify and people are falling prey to it more and more. But somehow by your books and teachings and the devotees I have been saved, and many other souls are also being saved. There is hope for us. This is the glory of your movement.

I pray that somehow, I can be of some service to you, Srila Prabhupada. Please accept me as your instrument and engage me as you so please. Please always keep me at your lotus feet.

*Your servant,
Jai Radhe Syama devi dasi*



Jai Radhe Syama Devi Dasi
Sandton
South Africa



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

ON THIS AUSPICIOUS DAY of your appearance day, I wanted to take the opportunity to offer my gratitude to you for saving my life.

As an 11 year old girl, I got the opportunity to

read your book, chant and be happy and it started me on a journey of self-realisation and a passion to serve the supreme Lord.

This maha mantra and ancient Vedic scriptures



Jai Radhika Devi Dasi and Shreya
Midrand
South Africa

that you made accessible to the world has enabled me to raise a child with this exquisite philosophy. As a mother the accessibility of this philosophy is a priceless gift as I understand the magnitude of bliss and happiness that I will be able to gift to my child.

Your inspiring life has taught us that we can achieve what is materially impossible (our age, financial position etc) through understanding that a life dedicated to service to the supersoul, the

impossible becomes the possible.

I also want to thank you for initiating my Guru Maharaja, Bhakti Caitanya Swami. It is through this parampara disciplic system that I received the mercy of falling in love with the holy name.

I wish to one day serve you in Goloka.

Your servants,

Jai Radhika Devi Dasi and Shreya



Jaisacinandan Dasa
Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabupada,

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

YOU MET YOUR GURUDEV via the transcendental way.

The message was clear as the sun lights up the day

Give up the petty politics and heed what Lord Caitanya has to say....

There is an urgency about this Krishna Consciousness

For the world is in turmoil due to Godlessness

You pondered the words of His Divine Grace

A very saintly person whose words struck you like a mace

Your appearance and your mission was foretold

Your journey to the west so determined and bold

“I have come to teach you what you have forgotten“ you said....

Ignorance of the soul means you are dead

Wake up! Wake up! Sleeping souls

Surrender to Krishna is our life time goal

You said..... “I have come to give and not to take

For to take what’s God’s is a great mistake

In a condition state we all are in illusion

The bigger the false-ego the bigger the delusion

But all this was changed by your timely intervention

You dealt a hefty blow to maya’s pretension

And spared us all a life time of incarceration

Thank you! Thank you..... You are the saint who walked amongst us

HIS DIVINE GRACE SRILA PRAHUPADA KI JAI!

—Jaisacinandan das



Dear Srila Prabhupada,



Janaki Priya
Johannesburg
South Africa

I OFFER MY RESPECTFUL OBEISANCES and dandavat pranams unto the guru parampara, His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada and my Guru Maharaja, His Holiness Partha Sarathi Goswami Maharaj.

I want to take this opportunity to most humbly thank Srila Prabhupada for giving me a chance to become part of the ISKCON family. All his sacrifices, suffering and writings were for us because he wanted so badly to give us Krishna prema. That love which is unfathomable by us neophytes was experienced by Srila Prabhupada and all he wanted to do was share it with the world. He was the most selfless

person who gave up all material attachment so that we could also find that same love of God. I thank you Srila Prabhupada for giving me a bona fide guru and a huge ISKCON family and opening my eyes to the path of bhakti.

Please be merciful upon this fallen soul give me the shelter of your lotus feet. I pray only that I may remain in the service of Guru and Gauranga lifetime after lifetime.

*Your humble servant,
Janaki Priya*



Please accept my respects at the dust of your lotus feet, dear Great Grandpa.
All glories to Your Divine Grace.
To my dearest Srila Prabhupada



Jarikhanda Sevaki Dasi
Pietermaritzburg
South Africa

A FISH OUT OF WATER

Caught in an abyss of nescience.
Swimming here and there directionless.....
Wondering life time after lifetime...
a repetitive cycle it is,
Flickering moments of happiness may arise,
However in the blink of an eye it can be replaced by....
disillusionment, desperation disdain!
A perfect juxtaposition we witness.
Like the welcoming and passing of the winter and summer seasons.
Arising but from the pulls of sense perception.
Is there any semblance of hope for this fish out of water?
Caught in an abyss of nescience.
“Every town and village”, declared the Golder Avatar.
An impossible task one might conclude.
But is it so, let us ponder.....
The Lord, the divine orchestrator of all things,
He can so easily perform any deed, be it minute or mammoth.
BUT....
Caught in an abyss of nescience,

A senapati Vaisnava was sent....
 You dearest Srila Prabhupada.
 Anointed with the blessings of our predecessors.
 You a Shakti Avesha thus appeared to offer salvation to “the fish out of water”.
 At a ripe old age you set out on an impossible voyage.
 However to you, “Impossible is a word in a fools dictionary “
 On this most divine trek you met many a great austerity!
 Nothing seemed to come in the way of the mission.

Unaffected by the external you humbly exclaimed, you like. I have been designated here as Bhaktive-
 “Oh Lord I am just a puppet in your hands. So if you danta now if you like you can fulfil the real purport
 have brought me here to dance, then make me of Bhaktivedanta.”
 dance, make me dance, oh Lord make me dance as

A perfect mission statement thus exclaimed.
 Caught in an abyss of nescience,
 years later your mark is ever flourishing.
 So many a fish have now again become reconnected with water.
 You live all around us,
 literature, prasadam, association a list as endless as the heavens.
 Grace, grace, grace - Oh divine master of grace.
 Ever so grateful a fish touched by your grace writes....
 The end....

Oh, dear great grandpa I stand at your Lotus feet *With love and gratitude.*
 which is pure, divine, unmatched greatness. Please *Your eternal servant,*
 use me as an instrument to assist your mission. I *Jarikhanda Sevaki dasi*
 stand before you useless but by your mercy maybe
 this soul can once again reconnect to water and find
 it's true nature.



Jaya Gopala Dasa
 Mafikeng
 South Africa



Please accept my most sincere and humble obeisance at your lotus feet, Srila Prabhupada.
 All glories to you, and all glories to Guru and Gauranga.

IT WAS ON THE 16TH OF AUGUST 1997, at 12pm in the
 Link Shopping Center at Claremont, Cape Town
 where I met you in your transcendental form of
 book distribution. The tall Mukunda Das from Cape
 Town temple choose me out of many people that
 were walking in the same and opposite directions

as me and handed me Srila Prabhupada in six books.
 I bought all those books and Mukunda Das instruct-
 ed me to go to number 17 St Andrews Street in Ron-
 debosch. I did not do the intended shopping and I
 turned back there and there and went straight to the
 temple. At the temple I was received by a cook who

turned me to the intellectual and profound Nanda Kumar Das who took me through my introduction to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada's ISKCON and books. Thank you very much to the Cape Town temple team under the leadership of Sikhi Mahiti Das of 1997-1999. That was an amazing group of dedicated boys and girls.

On 16th August 1997 I was born again and I started to live a purposeful life. I started my journey back to Goloka and I am still on the road focussed on my eternal position of a servant of a servant of my Guru, His Holiness Bhakti Caitanya Swami Maharaja. Srila Prabhupada I love you with all my spiritual body. I love you so much Prabhupada. Few years ago at Sri Sri Radha Radhanath in Durban during the Yatha Ratra a devotee asked me a question. He said, "Who is Srila Prabhupada?" I said I don't know. But deep inside my soul I knew who Srila

Prabhupada is because I love him, he is always in my heart. You answered all of my questions about the material and spiritual world. On the 1st April 2007 you sent your disciple His Holiness Bhakti Caitanya Swami Maharaja to officially initiate me into ISKCON and he gave me the name Jai Gopal Das. And in 2012 you called him again to give me Gayatri Mantra and declare me fit and proper to learn the Vedic knowledge and teach it to others. Thank you very much Srila Prabhupada. My life is perfect. What a blessing.

Now I have expanded my deepest love of you to my spiritual master, His Holiness Bhakti Caitanya Swami Maharaja. I love my Guru Maharaja with all my life. Scripture says that I should only learn from his conduct and he will take me straight to the lotus feet of Radharani, the queen of Vrindavan. He is a bona fide Guru in your eternal sincere service. I look upon him to guide me how to serve the devotees. Because of his dedication to you, I went back and read your Lilamrita and any literature about the

life and times of Srila Prabhupada. I know intimate details from the day you were born until you left in 1977. I know your struggles intimately throughout your life till you reached The Matchless Gift. I know how you started ISKCON in 1966. The international society for Krishna Consciousness is a home for everybody irrespective of their personal circumstances.

When you came to Africa, you came specifically to teach Africans to chant the holy name. You want Africans to be eternal devotees of Krishna. In Africa you want Africans to be Krishna conscious. You have given me specific instruction through the medium of my Guru to preach to the Africans. That is my mission to make you and my guru happy by preaching to the Africans. Srila Prabhupada, be rest assured that your instruction is written with golden letters in my heart and it will remain the purpose of my existence. Your instruction is a blessing to African humanity. What a blessing, a blessing you paid for with your blood and sweat. You were struggling for the rest of your life to manifest the instruction of your Guru Maharaja. You have succeeded Prabhupada, preaching is going on in all corners of the globe. Preaching is going on in South Africa. Preaching is going on among the Africans. Thank you very much to my Guru Maharaja and eternal gratitude to you Srila Prabhupada.

You promised me that if I fail to make it you will come personally to fetch me and take me back home, Goloka Vrindavan. Hope to see you very soon Srila Prabhupada. I am your grand-disciple Jaya Gopala Dasa.

I am a servant of the servant of the servant of the servant of my Guru Maharaja.

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Jaya Gopala Dasa



Jayshree Maharajh 🙏
Westville
South Africa



Hare Krishna!
Dear Srila Prabhupada.
Please accept my humble respectful obeisance to you!

MY NAME IS JAYSHREE MAHARAJH, and I wish to express my sincerest gratitude for receiving the Bhagavad Gita As It Is, in prison, Westville, female. I have grown up in a spiritual background, and so finding this phenomenal literature; to live my life in prison, was nothing short of a miracle to me. I did not expect that upon being sentenced, that I would

receive such powerful, profound, sacred literature, plus satsang by mathaji. I can't express enough, the gratitude I have for this intervention. Thank you for blessing us, fallen souls. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Blessings to you! Pranam, Dhanyavaad!

Jayshree Maharajh



Jennifer Manilal 🙏
Johannesburg
South Africa



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

THANK YOU Srila Prabhupada for coming into this world to save us and blessing me with Krishna consciousness the best thing ever, by your unlimited mercy you have blessed me with Krishna, the Supreme Personality of Godhead. I have learnt so much from your beautiful books that takes me into another world full of spirituality.

All I know is that I have been truly blessed

taking to Krishna consciousness there is nothing in this world that is more precious than having Lord Krishna in my heart forever. Thank you my sweet beloved Srila Prabhupada for making it possible.

*Your humble servant,
Jennifer Manilal*



Jenny Jansen 🙏
(15 years old)
Durban



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

I AM ETERNALLY GRATEFUL TO YOU, Srila Prabhupada for accepting me into your home. I have realized that every part of my life is the manifestation of your mercy. I am so grateful to be in association of your devotees. You have given us all this most sweet nectar of Krishna consciousness and we will forever be grateful for that. You have given us the most precious and priceless gift with is the chanting of the holy name. I pray that I continue this journey of my

life to do more and more service and to remain in the shelter of Sri Radha and Krishna

I pray that I can advance more in my spiritual life so that I can become spiritually strong. I pray that my family can become devotees one day and be in the association with your humble devotees. I pray that someday I will become something good in my life as well as making you proud my dearest grandfather. Please give me the strength of remaining in

this most wonderful and beautiful movement as well as continuing my spiritual life. I pray that you forgive me for any offences that I have done. I will forever be appreciative to you.

*Thank you,
Your dearest granddaughter Jenny Jansen
(15 years old)*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

THANK YOU for spreading the Hare Krishna movement and enlightening us to our true selves and true homes. This world is indeed a place mixed with heaven and hell, and I am most fortunate to have been guided to you and your wonderful books. If I have a question, doubt, or feeling, just by opening up your books, I find the answers immediately and feel reassured. You are indeed alive in your teachings

and in unseen ways. All glories to you Divine Master, bona-fide Guru, and teacher of our hearts. May your movement grow stronger; may everyone stand united in striving to please you and may we be always exemplary of Vaisnava qualities.

*An aspiring devotee,
Jessica Leonard*

 **Jessica Leonard**
Johannesburg
South Africa



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

HOW I WISH I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY to have met you in person! We've heard and read so many accounts of people's personal experiences with you - how they were completely bowled over by you and how you completely changed their lives. The permanent positive impressions you've had on these people is what still keeps them fixed in their Krishna consciousness, even after so many years. And that's why I wish I had met you in person - so that I could have had that same result. However, I also see so many of your followers, including my own spiritual master, who never got the chance to meet you in person but are

still impacted to the same extent as those who did. This probably comes from the time they've spent reading your books and pastimes, and the years of services they've rendered unto you by carrying out your instructions.

My desire to meet with you in person probably stems forth from my laziness - since I imagine I would have got the same end result with less effort. Srila Prabhupada, please forgive me for this spirit of laziness. I pray that you continue to give me your association through your books and book distribution services so that I too can my relationship with

 **Jnana-Samudra Dasa**
Vanderbijlpark, Gauteng
South Africa

you further and in so doing also develop my Krishna consciousness to a more significant level. Thank you for all you've done and all you've given us already - I'm looking forward to a lot more mercy to come!

*Your servant,
Jnana-Samudra dasa*



Jyothi Govender
Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

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

RECENTLY, whilst going through an illness which involved a few days off from work, I attempted daily to complete my rounds and read but alas I continuously made excuses of being ill thus I needed to recover, so surely Sri Krishna would understand... wouldn't He?

Then I picked up Sri Prabhupada's lilamrita and through his pastimes here on Earth discovered just how fallen I am. All alone, an elderly Indian sadhu never having travelled outside his beloved Bharat was now making the most arduous journey of his life and all he had well amounted to not much materially.

This was just the beginning though.

On board the steamship His Divine Grace at his advanced frail age suffered not one but two heart attacks and whereas I would have immediately given up and ran back home, Srila Prabhupada actually came to "life". In his life-threatening condition came the most sweet divine prayers while his lotus fingers manifested a most inspirational poem...or rather... an instruction from our Jagat Guru.

Yes, Srila Prabhupada had nothing materially

but spiritually he had everything. His Guru Mahara-ja's instructions and his complete utter unshakable faith in the holy name of Sri Krishna. Miracles and magic always occurred around Srila Prabhupada as he poured his magic dust through the Holy name.

Thank you Srila Prabhupada for not just teaching me but showing me that I am not this body - I am spirit soul eternally - I must stop complaining about every little pitfall physical or any other and truly learn how to digest your pastimes and instructions deep in the core of my heart so that in some minute way I can become a servant of the servant of the servant of Sri Krishna.

When offering my pranams to you in temples I must realise, this is Sri Prabhupada. This is you before me with your deep dark tearful eyes that only long for Sri Krishna, with your soft ears that only hear the nectarean name of Sri Krishna, with your voice that only speaks of the glories of Sri Krishna and with your heart totally completely saturated with Krishna prema.

What can I ever ever offer to you Sri Prabhupada except my complete gratitude and surrender

to your mission. Thank you, thank you, thank you for giving this worthless entity a chance to go back home.

*In your loving service
Jyothi Govender*



Dear Srila Prabhupada.
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to you on your Vyasa Puja.



Jyotirmaya Das (BCS)
Cape Town
South Africa

I HAVE BEEN LISTENING to a lot of your lectures recently, they have been inspiring me to study your books more and more, in almost every sentence you speak your philosophical points are backed up by scriptural references. This has inspired me to relearn all the verses that I knew well but have forgotten over the years.

Once when asked to describe your own spiritual master you replied “What can I say? He is a Vaikuntha man” The same holds true for you, you are also a Vaikuntha man because you are beyond the modes of material nature and possess all the qualities of a most elevated vaisnava.

You once said, “our philosophy is like a jewel if you turn it you will see it catches the light from different angles”. Sometimes you answer the same question in different way just like the jewel being turned. To understand this concept, you explained that by testing one grain of rice you can understand the whole pot is cooked, using this method here is a few examples I came across.

One time you were asked “Can you see God?”. You answered, “The question should be why you can’t see God; HE is all around you if you have the eyes to see”.

Another time you answered the same question. “Can you see God?” You replied firmly “YES” then you said, “I see God at every moment”. The man asked challengingly; “What is he doing” usually you would say “What is the use of such a question”, but this time you closed your eyes and said after a few moments “Ahh, He is sitting”.

Another time you answered the same question you were sitting on your vyasasan at the back of the temple facing the deities of Radha Krishna, a man stood up and asked, “Can you see God” “You said yes God is behind you but you standing in my way”.

These are some of my recollections from reading and hearing your wonderful transcendental words and the recollection from your disciples. It is my inconceivable good fortune that I came in contact with such a Vaikuntha Man as you, through your teachings and disciples. If I just follow your instruction as written in your books, you will lead me out of this darkest ignorance, where there is no danger at every step, to VAIKUNTHA where there is no more anxiety.

*Praying to remain your servant,
Jyotirmaya Das (BCS)*



Kaishori Devi Dasi
Johannesburg
South Africa



Hare Krishna Dearest Srila Prabhupada
Please accept my most humble obeisances at the dust
of your Divine Lotus Feet. All glories to your Divine Grace.

THANK YOU Srila Prabhupada for all your kindness. I would definitely not have been worth anything or have any service nor any devotional life, had it not been for you. I am grateful for your ISKCON and for the devotees. You have such exemplary disciples.

This material world is so full of suffering. It is the knowledge that I am in ISKCON that gives me hope.

There is so much that we take from your life and experiences to help us on a daily basis. After the Durban Rath Yatra, we returned home to find that our home had been burgled. I am very sorry that you had to see this, in your Deity form at our home as they went through your room. We remembered how your Divine Grace just went on preaching when your typewriter was stolen. We took strength from this.

I also remind myself how you used to have a cold bath in winter and outside. It saddens me that

you went through so much difficulty to preach and to help undeserving people, like myself. Your sacrifices in writing so many books, is unimaginable, leave alone your super intelligence. Thank you, Srila Prabhupada. It is a joy to read and to distribute your books. The harinamas are also really nice. Sunday programmes are wonderful.

I beg you on this most auspicious day of your Vyasa Puja, to bless me that this be my last life in this material world. Please help me to keep firm faith at all times in Krishna and in His Holy Names. Please bless me to chant my rounds better and to be a good servant of my Guru Maharaja.

Begging to remain in the Dust of your Divine Lotus Feet.

*Your most insignificant grand-daughter,
Kaishori devi dasi*



Kamala Sundari Devi Dasi
Johannesburg
South Africa



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

IT IS WITH DEEPEST HONOURING AND RESPECT that I write this offering. Lifetimes of suffering have brought me at last to Your lotus feet where I am able to find shelter and hopefully with Your mercy, salvation!

Through initiation all my desires have spontaneously evolved into wanting to serve You and the Krishna Conscious movement. My hopes and

dreams are to educate children through Vedic and yogic culture and philosophy. It is only since my association with Your organisation and devotees that this dream is materialising and developing.

May I remain Your eternal servant and continue to share and spread Your vision,

Kamala Sundari devi dasi





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

 **Kandarpa Dasi (12)**
Pretoria
South Africa

THANK YOU for teaching us about Krishna. I am very grateful for what you have done and how you turned us all into devotees. Without you Kali Yuga would have been much worse. But luckily you have taught us what's right and what's wrong. Thank you.

*Your servant,
Kandarpa dasi (12 yrs old)*



Dearest Srila Prabhupada
Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your holy feet.
All glories to your divine Grace!

 **Kanhaiya Das Singh**
Queensburgh
South Africa

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

SRILA PRABHUPADA, my dearest spiritual grandfather, I have so much to be grateful to you for, I thank you so much from the bottom of my heart for all the mercy and blessings which you have so kindly bestowed upon my family and me.

Thank you for my guru-maharaj, His Holiness Srila Krishna Das Swami Maharaj. He is one of your most perfect and most surrendered disciples. I cannot live without guru-maharaj. Thank you for you have engaged my parents and I in your service. I have been trying to serve you every morning at the temple.

Thank you for allowing us to be devotees and to be in your ISKCON movement. Thank you for making my whole family devotees. Thank you for keeping us engaged in devotional service. Thank you for all the

devotees association. Thank you for your temples. Thank you for your prasadam. Thank you for the deities and their darshan and yours. Thank you for the kirtan and bhajans. Thank you for your books, thank you for the Dham and the parikramas and the accommodation when we go there. That is due to your mercy. Thank you for the Sunday satsang and the festival of chariots. Thanks to you I am going to the Nabadwip Dham Parikrama next year.

Thank you for everything you have given us especially the kachories. I am really glad to be in your ISKCON movement.

Haribol.

*Your most loving grandson,
Kanhaiya Das Singh*



Kanu Rama Dasa 
and Kanu Priya Devi Dasi
Pretoria, South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada
Please accept my humble obeisances
All glories to your Lotus feet. All glories to HH Partha Sarathi das Goswami Maharaj.

YOU HAVE GIVEN US SO MUCH to be grateful for
Leaving the comforts of your land and crossing the shores,
To bring us the knowledge that is so sacred and so rare
That which we will treasure is what I declare,
In your books you will live forever
And in our hearts we will always endeavor,
To follow the instructions that you have provided
And to serve our devoted spiritual masters who keep us guided,
You have brought to us the teachings of Lord Caitanya
And how to properly chant the Maha Mantra,
With love and devotion avoiding the 10 offenses
And to be wary when dealing with the senses,
You have given us our glorious spiritual masters who are so very faithful
And for that we will always be grateful,
I fall at your lotus feet and pray
That in Krishna Consciousness I may always stay

*Your servants,
Kanu Rama das and Kanu Priya devi dasi*



Karishma Maniran 
Ladysmith
South Africa



Please accept my humble obeisances
All glories to Srila Prabhupad
Hare Krishna.

DEAR SRILA PRABHUPADA, for all the knowledge that
you have left behind, for us to grow knowing who
our eternal Father is, words will never be enough to
show gratitude.

For every word you have translated, with all
your heart, on those nights were sleep was not of
importance at a person of your age, I will never be
able to repay you.

Srila Prabhupad your kindness to humanity

was amorous, you are saving us day by with every
word we read in your books.

Thank you Srila Prabhupad for being our first
and foremost Guru, thank you Srila Prabhupad for
being our strength, thank you Srila Prabhupad for
being giving us your Shelter.

*Forever your servant,
Karishma Maniran*





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



Karishma Prag
Cape Town
South Africa

WHAT AM I SEARCHING FOR? What destination am I seeking to work towards? Why am I so confused and angry with life? Who am I? What is my purpose?

All this confusion vanquished when I met the devotees. And when I enquired where they got their knowledge from, they all pointed in the direction toward you Srila Prabhupada. All glories to you Srila Prabhupada. The devotees describe you as a bright shining light in a dark room. This I truly believe you are. I was like a restless bird that was flying from place to place, but still I found no satisfaction, just frustration.

To me, you are exactly what I was searching for, my destination, my purpose, and the very existence of my life.... Without your intense efforts to make the prediction that the holy name will be chanted in every town and village come true, I truly don't know where I and all your devotees would be today.

I've found new emotions (love, faith, humility) that was not existing in me before I came into

contact with your devotees. It's as if I have found new hope and as if someone has finally accepted me for who I am...who I really am – the soul and not this body!

You are like some poet's beautiful poem, which gives a moment's peace to the soul, like mornings of a new season, and like a star that shines at night.

I've found you Srila Prabhupada ... as if a lone-some wanderer has found a home. You taught me how to live. Thank you, thank you, thank you for building a home in which the whole world can live in ... you are truly my saviour Srila Prabhupada!!

I hope that I can be of some service to your ISKCON Srila Prabhupada ... please show me the way of where I can be of service and how I may serve your devotees.

*Your grateful servant,
Karishma Prag*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.



Bhakta Kas Govender
Durban
South Africa

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

*sri-krishna-chaitanya
prabhu-nityananda
sri-advaita gadadhara
srivasadi-gaura-bhakta-vrinda*

*Hare Krishna Hare Krishna
Krishna Krishna Hare Hare*

*Hare Rama Hare Rama
Rama Rama Hare Hare*

TODAY AFTER MANY YEARS OF JOINING ISKCON, I only realized the true meaning of the movement and what you have done for us. Without you and your teachings to the Hare Krishna movement I would have not been here today. Today you have spread the Hare Krishna movement throughout the world with millions of devotees, chanting, singing, going on harinam and also spreading the holy name. My only wish is to help you continue the mission.

*harer nama harer nama
harer namaiva kevalam*

*kalau nasty eva nasty eva
nasty eva gatir anyatha
(Caitanya-caritamṛta, Adī 17.21)*

“In this age of quarrel and hypocrisy the only means of deliverance is chanting the holy name of the Lord. There is no other way. There is no other way. There is no other way.”

*Your humble servant
Bhakta Kas Govender*



Kashmeri Hoeksma
Amsterdam
Netherlands



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

WHERE DO I BEGIN? I can say a million things about you and continue to do so. This lifetime will not be enough to glorify you, my dearest Srila Prabhupada! You opened my eyes with the torch of knowledge but I am still so much in ignorance and maya and fear! **THE ONE THING I KNOW FOR SURE IS THAT IF I REMAIN ONLY AT YUR LOTUS FEET YOU CAN GIVE ME YOUR MERCY AND IN SOME LIFETIME YOU WILL DELIVER ME TO KRISHNA!** There is so much wrong and no truth in Kali-yuga. Like you taught us in your books, do not trust anybody, only

Krishna! I am so fallen, actually the most fallen, and I beg your MERCY everyday to make me a better servant of Guru Gauranga! **YOU ARE OUR ONLY HOPE BECAUSE YOU ARE KRISHNA'S** pure devotee and most trusted and I lay my head on the block for you because what you came to give and teach us, no gift can match that! Eternally indebted to you, **SRILA PRABHUBADA. THANK YOU.**

Kashmeri Hoeksma



Kashmira Goolab
Port Elizabeth
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

I WISH I WAS...

I wish I was in Calcutta, as part of the procession of drums and kartals played by the children of

the neighbourhood, as The Jagannatha Deities were being pulled on a small cart.

I wish I was seated amongst the devotees and guests on the roof of the Bhaktivinod Asana on the day You first met Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakura.

As You fulfilled the vision of Your Spiritual master and travelled abroad;

I wish I was at the Matchless Gifts storefront situated on 26 second avenue in Manhattan, where the devotees danced to transcendental kirtans and were given prasadam made by Your Divine Grace.

I wish I was at Tompkins Square Park in New York, circling You with the devotees as You played kartals, surrounding us with the sweet melody of the Holy names.

I wish I was at the airport in San Francisco, welcoming You in a parallel line with other devotees, showering You with flowers and incense.

I wish I was with the devotees at the EMI's

Abbey road studio when the 'Hare Krishna Mantra' was recorded with the Beatles.

I wish I was at the momentous occasions of the first initiation ceremony and the installation of the Jagannatha Deities in California and Sri Sri Radha-Londonisvara in London.

Wishes of being in Your Divine association back then, but which are also being fulfilled now as Your spiritual guidance continues to permeate Your ISKCON. As the BBT, BTG, The food relief program, TOVP development, to name a few, all prosper in Your name.

All glories to His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, "A great saint even among saints."

Kashmira Goolab



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

HOW DOES ONE GLORIFY such a pure devotee of the Supreme Lord Krishna? You are so magnanimous, an eternal associate of Lord Krishna, selflessly descending directly from the spiritual world to compassionately deliver the fallen trapped souls on this earth planet – only the greatest of Mahatmas can endure the vicious nature of the material world to create the good fortune for the populace in general to go back home, back to Sri Krishna.

Somehow or the other, by your causeless mercy, I came into contact with this magnificent transcendental movement of yours "ISKCON" which is definite to change the path from material consciousness to spiritual consciousness of any living entity who grasps the opportunity to take shelter within ISKCON, thank you Srila Prabhupada for giving this undeserving insignificant me this priceless opportunity and I sincerely pray to you and to

Lord Krishna to always keep me in Krishna consciousness and to be eternally grateful to you for this invaluable gift.

Your books with detail purports of your knowledge, your realisations and your Krishna Loka experience, your many disciples throughout the world and their faithful disciples dedicatedly preaching your teachings, your temples available everywhere ensuring daily practice of Vaisnavism, your system of providing Krishna Prasadam to anyone and everyone is all that the world needs to make it a better place to live in and to enable the living entities to go back home, back to the spiritual world, back to Krishna – away from the unending miseries and sufferings of the material world.

Thank you, dear Srila Prabhupada for accepting me in your warm and caring ISKCON family, thank you for the solid shelter that you give to me in this



Kasi Misra Dasa
(disciple of His Holiness Partha Sarathi
Das Goswami Maharaja)
ISKCON Lenasia
South Africa

dangerous material world and also for a definite way out. Thank you for giving me proper engagement whilst in the material world and thank you so much for preparing me for the eternal spiritual world with Lord Krishna and His Associates – there

is no higher gift than this. All glories, all glories to you Srila Prabhupada.

*The humble servant of the servant of your servants,
Kasi Misra das*



Kedarnath Dasa
Saffron Lotus
Phoenix, Durban
South Africa



Our dear Srila Prabhupada,

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

YOUR DIVINE APPEARANCE has been the greatest mercy upon the living entities of this suffering material world. You were the most significant personality that walked the earth planet in the current times, selflessly saving the conditioned souls despite the many difficulties you had to overcome.

I was also the recipient of your mercy which you were bestowing freely to everyone. For this I am sincerely grateful, knowing well that I cannot settle your debt but at least I can help in some small way to continue your mission in the co-operation of the devotees. I hope to follow your perfect examples of humility, selflessness, perseverance and love.

I want to thank you from the depth of my heart for saving me and the millions of souls from their suffering condition. I pray that I can continue to remain in the shelter of your sincere dear disciples, the devotees, your books, all your profound lectures and live by your instructions.

Thank you Srila Prabhupada.

*Your servant of the servant,
Kedarnath das*



Keli Vrindavana Devi Dasi
Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my respectful obeisances.

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srimate bhaktivedanta swamin iti namine
namaste sarasvate deve gaura vani pracarine
nirvisesa sunyavadi pascatyā desa tarine*

YOUR SAFFRON LOTUS PRESENCE brought light into our world, a “present” to us all. Thank you for the crown jewel: “The Maha-mantra- Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare, Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare,” the language of the heart and soul. The depth and gravity of the Maha-mantra is timeless and infinite stretching the

globe across various dialects, but the message is one. Thank you Srila Prabhupada for giving us the gift of LIFE- The Maha-mantra.

*Yours in humble service,
Keli Vrindavana devi dasi*



All glories to our dearest Srila Prabhupada,

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srimate bhaktivedanta swamin iti namine
namaste sarasvate deve gaura vani pracarine
nirvisesa sunyavadi pascatya desa tarine*

AS WE SIT AND THINK ABOUT YOU AND YOUR LIFE through the journey that you had went through in bringing Krishna consciousness to the west the hardship, hassles, losses and tears that it brought you, it brings us to tears as we are fortunate that you have done all of that for us.

In the beginning of this year 2018 a few of your disciples got together and launched a movie about your life. The movie was called “Hare Krishna”. It showed us live footages of you leaving India for the West and how you had made it work. It made us feel as if we had personal interaction with you, as the only interaction we have with you is through your books, kirtans, lectures and pastimes told to us by your disciples. As we watched the movie we were broken for what you have been through to help us.

We are grateful to you our dearest Srila Prabhupada. After all that I heard about you and from your lectures as well as your interviews there is one that really stood out for me. You were in London

September 11, 1969 when a reporter had asked you the following:

Reporter: What do you try and teach Sir.

Prabhupada: I am trying to teach what you have forgotten.

That statement you have made is so true as we in today’s world have forgotten the real essence of life but you have opened our eyes on how to have a better spiritual life just by chanting the holy name of the Lord. You showed us what it is to have real happiness and love for God. Singing, chanting, dancing, speaking and hearing about Krishna is happiness and you have given this to us.

Thank you for showing us the path of getting onto the boat to Goloka Vrindavan. We are eternally grateful to you. We love you and admire everything that you have done in the divine years on this planet.

Kesari-Raj and Anjana Priya



Kesari Raj and Anjana Priya
Durban
South Africa



Kesava Bharah Das 🙏
Midrand
South Africa



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

THANK YOU so much for coming into my life and allowing me to become part of your family. Looking back into my life, I don't know what I would have done without you because I would have most probably lived it aimlessly. Seeing how were always happy, showing appreciation for all the devotees whoever just did a little bit of service and preaching fearlessly with firm faith in the holy name. You given me direction in my life. I really don't know how to show appreciation for you in my life cause what you have given me is priceless. Your lectures are saving me, your rules and regulations are keeping me grounded in life and your ISKCON is making me naturally

happy through the opportunities to do devotional service. On this day I pray that somehow with all my shortcomings, all my faults and my disqualifications that I still somehow remain a servant of my Guru Maharaj and fixed at your lotus feet.

Please forgive me for any offenses that I have made knowingly or unknowingly to any devotees. I pray that I can become a worthy servant in your movement and do something that will please you in some small way.

*Your Insignificant servant,
Kesava Bharah Das*



Keshav Haripaul 🙏
Johannesburg, Sandton
South Africa



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

SRILA PRABHUPADA, because of your mercy towards the fallen souls, people have taken shelter of Sri Krishna's lotus feet. Thank you for guiding us in the right path towards Krishna Consciousness.

Srila Prabhupada, thank you for giving us the opportunity to fix all the sins that we have done.

Our lives were useless, but you gave our lives a purpose to serve Lord Krishna.

*Your aspiring servant of your servants,
Keshav Haripaul*



Keshav Panday 🙏
East London, Eastern Cape
South Africa



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

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

I WONDER SOMETIMES what would have happened if you decided to return to India when you first arrived in America. I then realize that you sacrificed so much for the welfare of all living beings. Despite the difficulties you experienced on the way to America and whilst in America you were selfless in the distribution of the holy names of our sweet Lord Krishna.

It is these holy names that make our lives so blissful and complete. We are forever indebted to you.

I humbly pray to you to shower your mercy on our family so that our service to the Vaishnavas and Krishna grows stronger. I pray that you guide the hearts of my wife and I in taking initiation soon, so that we can be guided by our spiritual master in this path of bhakti yoga.

Keshav Panday



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

THANK YOU for making the world a better place, by inspiring people about Krishna Consciousness everywhere you went. I love your kirtan and japa. I wish I could have met you. I am grateful to you for bringing Krishna to us. Thank you Srila Prabhupapa.

*Your servant,
Keshava das (10 years old)*



Keshava Dasa (10)
Pretoria
South Africa



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

ON THIS BLESSED DAY, we celebrate your most auspicious appearance on this material world. I offer my humble obeisances at your divine lotus feet.

Prabhupada, I would like to thank you again and again, for giving us the gift of Krishna consciousness.

*This very fallen soul,
Kesheva Choubae*



Kesheva Choubae
Alberton
South Africa



Kevin Parissien 🍷
Cape Town
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to you on this wonderful occasion of your divine appearance.

THANK YOU for gift you have given us here and to me personally. I receive my first book when I was 10 years old from the devotees in St Georges Mall in Cape Town. I couldn't read it or understand it very well at that time but it was a time bomb and come the fullness of time I came to the temple and met the devotees and took prasadam.

I searched all over the world in every other place and found nothing. When I finally got the great fortune to return to Krishna Consciousness I

found everything that I was looking for.

So I want to thank you with the deepest of sincerity for saving my life. Please allow me to be your servant. Forgive me for being so fallen and such a wretched imitator. I hope that I can serve your lotus feet and become your devotee.

*Your humble servant
Kevin Parissien*



Kgositsile 🍷
Sandton
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

THANK YOU for everything, your books, teachings, videos, bhramacaris, everything, thank you. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to try and learn everything about Krishna. Though everyday I'm defeated by Your material energy. I am confident that one day I will win and I will finally have a taste for your names Krishna. I shall remain enthusiastic, confident and though very difficult I'll try and be patient. Thank you Srila Prabhupada, thank you. I love your books, though difficult to understand,

they're still amazing, each sentence has a thousand meanings. My chanting is extremely poor, very poor, but I know It will improve. Thank you again.

Hare Krishna Hare Krishna
Krishna Krishna Hare Hare
Hare Rama Hare Rama
Rama Rama Hare Hare

Kgositsile



Little Raghunatha, Khesi Ghat Dasa 🍷
and Syama Rati Devi Dasi
Durban, South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our respectful obeisance eternally.

RECENTLY YOUR MOVIE WAS RELEASED in South Africa by your wonderful devotees. Many people got to see your magnanimous glories for the first time. The audience was spellbound and were in tears

of appreciation after the movie. This is a befitting offering of love for your Divine Grace by your devotees.

After watching your movie, we now understand

in detail the selfless sacrifice you endured in establishing your ISKCON, which gives us direction in this hellish world. Please allow us to remain, serve and spread your mission.

Insert by Raghunath:

My dear Srila Prabhupada – All glories to you.
I enjoy going out with the devotees for the

monthly Sankirtan. I distribute about 8 books a month. I think about you when I give your books to the people and I feel very happy.

Please give me the strength to continue distributing your books.

*Your most unworthy servants,
Little Raghunatha, Khesi Ghat das
and Syama Rati Devi Dasi*



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

 Bhaktin Kiara
Johannesburg
South Africa

ON THIS MOST AUSPICIOUS DAY marking your divine appearance, I beg you to kindly allow me to become a speck of dust at your lotus feet. Although I am totally unqualified, this year by some mercy I was given the opportunity to serve your Bhaktivedanta Swami Book Trust, the centre of your heart, as the Head of Marketing for Africa. I am overwhelmed with this important task because I have no qualification to serve there, and out of sheer helplessness I feel the need to take shelter of your lotus feet and seek your blessings and guidance.

Through your books and teachings you taught us that to properly represent Krishna we have to become pure. Only then will Krishna's mercy flow through us and enable us to accomplish anything on His behalf. In the course of time I have become aware that actual purity is synonymous with our surrender to you. Therefore, to properly represent Krishna I have to first become your representative and try to execute your mission without any personal ambition or agenda. As the perfect representative of your spiritual master, you showed us how to make the mission of the spiritual master one's life and soul. From the day you met your Guru Maharaja, you dedicated yourself completely to

following his instructions and fulfilling his desires. You always carried him in your heart, and as a result you became the recipient of his mercy and helped fulfil Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu's prediction that the Krishna consciousness movement would spread to every town and village. There are days when I wonder how I will ever be able to continue your mission. I often think about how much of your life you dedicated to transcribing Vedic literature so that everyone could benefit in this age of Kali-Yuga, and I am forever indebted to you. I also think about this digital age, which keeps me up at night worrying about how the next generation, who are so technically and social media inclined, will assimilate your teachings, which are the direct instructions of the Lord.

Dearest Gurudev, my prayer and wish for you on your most auspicious appearance day is to please use me as an instrument of your instruction. Please help me to use my talents and purpose to serve your mission. Please bless me so that I can become your genuine servant by becoming the servant of those who are serving you so sincerely.

*Aspiring to remain forever at your lotus feet,
Bhaktin Kiara*



Kiera Munsami, Perumal
Johannesburg
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

I AM GRATEFUL for Srila Prabhupada for founding ISCKON without him we wouldn't know about Krishna and we wouldn't be able to be soaked in Krishna consciousness and for translating the whole Bhagavad Gita. I will always be grateful to him and will always accept him as not mine but everyone's Guru.

Kiera Munsami, Perumal



Kirtana-Rasa Dasa
Pietermaritzburg
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada
Please accept my humble obeisances.

SRILA KRISHNA DAS KAVIRAJ GOSWAMI WRITES

(Cc. *Adi* 1.35):

*mantra-guru ara yata Sikṣa-guru-gana
tāṇhara carana age kariye vandana*

Translation: "I first offer my respectful obeisances at the lotus feet of my initiating spiritual master and all my instructing spiritual masters."

Here is a portion of your purport: "If there is no chance to serve the spiritual master directly, a devotee should serve him by remembering his instructions. There is no difference between the spiritual master's instructions and the spiritual master himself. In his absence, therefore, his words of direction should be the pride of the disciple. If one thinks that

he is above consulting anyone else, including a spiritual master, he is at once an offender at the lotus feet of the Lord. Such an offender can never go back to Godhead. It is imperative that a serious person accept a bona fide spiritual master in terms of the Sastric injunctions.

In this past year I've found most safety in your writings. And, parallel to that, the written and spoken explanations given by your disciples. I hope these help me fulfil your greatest desire for us, to spread your teachings all over the creation.

Kirtana-Rasa Dasa





My dearest Srila Prabhupada,



Kirti Dasi
Ladysmith
South Africa

I OFFER MY RESPECTFUL OBEISANCES unto His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, who is very dear to Lord Kṛṣṇa, having taken shelter at His lotus feet. Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your divine lotus feet. All glories to Lord Jagannath, Baladeva and Subhadra Maharani. All glories to Your Divine Grace.

“He built a house in which the whole world can live in” undoubtedly captures your efforts to unite everyone under the banner of Krishna consciousness.

My dear Srila Prabhupada I was born in your movement and by your genuine love and compassion for me through your books and lectures I have realised my good fortune and that is to be in your

ISKCON where I am completely protected and safe from the onslaughts of Kali yuga.

Dear Srila Prabhupada when I look at the other processes that are offered in the name of spirituality I am often saddened by the misfortune of people who did not take to your process.

Thank you dear Srila Prabhupada for affording me this opportunity to perform a spec of service in your glorious movement. I pray for your mercy and blessings, please help me to continue serving your movement.

*Your grand-daughter,
Kirti dasi*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,



Kirtida Devi Dasi
Ladysmith
South Africa

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

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

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to your Divine Grace. All glories to your ever growing Krishna consciousness movement.

Srila Prabhupada thank you for imparting and the enlightenment of the Absolute Truth which had made me become Krishna conscious. I truly owe this to the teachings from your transcendental books, introducing us to devotional service,

association of devotees, Krishna prasadam, worship of deities and most importantly the chanting of the Holy Name.

Srila Prabhupada you are the perfect spiritual master, everyone should fall at your lotus feet in humility and surrender. Your mercy is available to everyone. Anyone who wastes this opportunity is simply a fool.

Thank you Srila Prabhupada for teaching us how to love Krishna the way that Krishna wants to be loved. You have truly saved us from this world of darkness and misery. My life has truly changed because of you. You are the world's greatest pre-eminent siksa guru.

*Your humble servant,
Kirtida Devi Dasi*

Kishore Gopal Dasa 🍁
Mother Palika and Family
Lenasia , South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.

THANK YOU for bringing Krishna consciousness to the world. We are most grateful for that. The material world is not a nice place to be in. By your appearance, the world is looking a better place.

Thank you Srila Prabhupada for your kind mercy.

*Your loving family,
Kishore Gopal das, Mother Palika and Family*



Kishori Radhe Dasi 🍁
ISKCON Sandton, Johannesburg
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada, Please accept my humble obeisances on this most auspicious day of your vyasa-puja. All glories to Your Divine Grace. All glories to the fulfilment of your spiritual masters instructions. All glories to you and your deliverance of the ontological actualisation of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu's Krishna conception.

MATERIAL ENERGY is premised upon the interaction between the subject and object. At times the subject dominates the object and the antithesis holds at alternate points in time. The interaction between subject and object is initially witnessed by the inhalation and exhalation of Maha-Vishnu, and in the second quadruple expansion, in Garbodaksya Vishnu's agitation of material energy. The penetration of the object by the subject produces energy, and the energetic creates reactive ripples over time resulting in the complex system of karma. The interaction between the subject and object concurrently exists at a micro level, and furthermore exists between the jiva's and the energies of material nature. However, when there is an interaction between the Supersubject – namely Sri Krishna Himself, and His divine energies in the form of vaishnavas spreading the mission of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu, the interaction between subject and object no longer assumes a uni, and/or, bi dimensional form. The dynamic nature of spiritual energy creates the most beautiful interactions between subject and object, leading to the point of all-Subject.

Lord Chaitanya Mahaprabhu demonstrated the negativity required by the devotee to attract the positive. The jiva is the sakti, the potency, the negative unit of the Positive Potent. Srila Prabhupada, not only did you give us life! But you also taught us the process of saranagati. In the most simple ways, you have taught us that surrender is our wealth, and you have strategically devised the International Society for Krishna Consciousness for devotees to engage in service, to dispel our conception of self as positive and become slaves to the Absolute. In the same way the material energy is composed of gross elements that are visible and tangible, and finer subtle elements that exist metonymically. Similarly, with this Krishna Conscious process, at first contact, all is at a gross level, but over time, the subtle nuances, the subtle dimensions, the subtle dimensions are the ones that hold the greatest power and control, these become revealed to us. The awareness of the gross and subtle material and spiritual energy assists us on the path of surrender. "We are the sakti, the potency, and the potency refers to the negative unit of the Positive, the Potent. We should increase

our negative side, our hankering, then the positive will be automatically attracted to us.” Hankering in surrender is our wealth. Srila Prabhupada, you traversed this earthly planet several times, all with the intention of creating mini-Vaikunthas; with the aim of creating a spiritual oasis in the burning heat of materiality; to relieve conditioned souls from the pangs of the self as positive. At the same time Srila Prabhupada, you have scattered this planet with seeds of spirituality and today itself, there are so many of Your disciples whose bhakti lata bija has broken through trillions of miles, has completely rendered all materiality irrelevant and curled their creeper of devotion around the lotus feet of Sri Radha Krishna. The earth is being relieved of her burden, the universe has become more beautiful because of this process of spiritual slavery that you introduced.

In the same way that the all-Potent, all Spiritual, all Absolute Vishnu glanced over the material energy and impregnated it with life. Similarly Srila Prabhupada, through the global introduction of the Hare Krishna maha mantra you are piercing the material energy with the spiritual, and in doing so, new forms of life are developing. The number of temples, farms, preaching activities throughout

this earthly plane attests to the magnitude of your potency. All glories to Your Divine Grace.

Srila Prabhupada, thank you for introducing us to the slave-mentality, thank you for showing us a multi-dimensional existence between the Subject and Object, between the Potent and the Potency. Thank you for helping us conquer the conception of self as potent, and gently helping us accept the ultimate benefit and joy in being the negative, for it is the negative that attracts the Positive.

Srila Prabhupada, Bhaktivinoda Thakur Goswamipada writes, “The Absolute conception of vaikuntha is Goloka Vrindaban”, likewise, the Absolute of the guru conception is you. You are Prabhupada, He at whose feet all masters reside.

According to the degree of self-abnegation in self-surrender, we can admit to the rights of our Masters. On this special day, I hanker for your mercy in helping me release myself from material anchoring concepts. Please release me from the concept of jiva as positive, to the point of self-abnegation, to the point of complete acceptance of slave to my Master.

*Your servant,
Kishori Radhe dasi*



My respectful obeisances to Srila Prabhupada.

THANK YOU for travelling all over the world to give this gift of Krishna Consciousness, without which, our lifetime on this planet would be meaningless. Please give us your mercy so that we may engage very nicely in devotional service. Please give us your mercy, so that we may go back home, back to Godhead.

All Glories to the lotus feet of Srila Prabhupada!

*Your Servant,
Kival Deeplal*

 Kival Deeplal
Durban
South Africa

Kripa Tirtha Dasa
Gauteng
South Africa



All glories to Srila Prabhupada.
Please allow me to take shelter at your divine lotus feet.

HOW DO I EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE to you? There is no amount of words that can even come close in expressing my sincere heartfelt gratitude and thanks to such a humble, great and devoted soul. I beg for your causeless mercy, please grant me the opportunity to serve Sri Sri Radha and Krishna to the best of my ability because I am such a fallen soul and desperately looking to get out of this material attachment. It is only by your causeless mercy that

I can get some relief in this material world. Please help me Srila Prabhupada.

Gratitude to you is immeasurable, unthinkable and unforgettable.

Your most fallen servant.

Kripa Tirtha das

Gauteng, South Africa



Kripamoya Dasa
Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories, all glories to your divine grace on this most auspicious day of your vyasa puja.

MY SHORTCOMINGS will always be my inability to properly honour you and I know this sounds cliché, you have heard it many times. But I really do feel a hole in my heart when it comes to appreciating your glories. Now I'm sure you must be thinking and I agree, "this rascal..." This will be a worthy compliment to treasure.

For the past 20 years I have been trying to please the order of my spiritual master, by distributing your books. He constantly reminds me of how important this service is to you.

I have been blessed to be in the company of a team of devotees that go out every Sunday on sankirtan, headed by HG Ekachakra prabhu, Tamal Krishna das, Bhakta Jeremy and Bhakta Indran. Book distribution is exhilarating and is always an exciting adventure.

In order to document and share our experiences we created a Facebook page titled "Distributing Srila Prabhupada's books is Vrindavan" and we hope this may encourage other devotees to take up the

spirit of book distribution.

We have started a Whatsapp group (messaging service) primarily for beginners who we meet on book distribution. The intention is to create an outreach facility. In addition to new-comers, we have on board a fantastic support group of senior devotees, HG Smita Krishna Prabhu, HG Ramvija Prabhu, HG Radhavallabha, HG Radhadamodara Prabhu ect. It has been running successfully for the last two years. This year, the site was used effectively to launch the movie, 'Hare Krishna! The Mantra, the Movement and the Swami who started it' to mark a global step in glorifying you. This was expertly organised by HG Smita Krishna Prabhu.

Srila Prabhupada, please continue to bless me in serving my spiritual master and to never let go of your lotus feet.

Your ever-indebted servant of the servant

Kripamoya das





Dearest Srila Prabhupada
Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to you!
Happy Birthday Srila Prabhupada!

 Krishangi Dasi Naidu (8)
Cape Town
South Africa

THANK YOU for building so many temples in the world – Pita says there are around 108 and more and more are being built each year. I have visited Mayapur and Vrindavan four times so far and it's awesome – the temples are huge and I love it! Last year, in Mayapur, I went to your room. I saw your bedroom and Lord Caitanya deity. I also saw you sitting behind a desk with your dictaphone. You were so real. I sat there for a while and chanted with mama and pita. It was like we were with you.

Thank you for giving us kirtan – I love to sing and dance! I have told all my friends at school about

you. I even got the whole school to chant maha-mantra in assembly.

Three years ago Mama and Pita bought me my own murti of you Prabhupada. I worship you every morning before I go to school. It's just a tiny one but I hope when I grow up I will also be a pujari like my Mama and Pita. Then I can worship your big murti and the deities in the temple too.

Please bless me to remain a devotee forever!

Your servant

Krishangi dasi Naidu (age 8)



Jaya Om Visnupada parivrajaka acarya Abhaya Caranaravinda Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada ki Jay!
Hare Krishna Srila Prabhupada. Please accept my humble obeisance's.
All glories to You.

 Krishna Baladeva Dasa
Durban
South Africa

I AM JUST LIKE ALL THE VAISNAVA DEVOTEES the world over; wondering where I would have been and what I would have been doing, had it not been for You.

My answer is always – I do not know.

But what I do know is that now I live to try to be a Prabhupada anuga, to try to be a devotee of Krishna Bhagwan.

I was telling someone recently that You really did build a house in which the whole world can live.

By Your mercy, I have taken shelter of His Holiness Lokanath Swami Maharaj, who teaches me how to love You. I realised that by loving You, I learn how to love God.

Your recorded lectures and transcriptions: morning walks, conversations, arrival addresses, etc are all my study material. Although I finished my Bhakti Sastri,

Bhagavad gita As It Is, is still being studied. It is bottomless. And only by Your grace and recordings, can I get a glimpse of the spiritual world.

On Your Vyasa puja, Srila Prabhupada, I pray that Your glories live on eternally. Your disciples are seeing to that. It will soon be up to us, the second generation.

A grandparent always looks upon the grandchild favourably; more than he will do to his own child. I wanted to be YOUR grandson, and I managed to do so.

I pray to do my one ten thousandth part in propagating the Holy Name and Your glories. (Bhagavad gita As It Is, is the ideal example I use.)

*Your unqualified and ignorant grandson,
Krishna Baladeva das*





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

ANOTHER YEAR HAS PASSED in your wonderful world of ISKCON.

Thank you for having created this wonderful society. I am absolutely appreciative. I cannot imagine any other life.

You have created a structure that is full of possibilities. For us to realize it, we need to embrace it and take advantage of it. I pray to you for the intelligence to seize the moment. Time is moving on, and so is my age, and in reflection I ask myself, “How much more could I have advanced over the years?”

My appreciation for you has certainly grown, yet I still feel the pangs of material nature calling and begging me to indulge. I am still weak and I am still tempted. For this reason I know that I need you more than ever. My time in this lifetime is running out, and I cannot further deny this inevitability.

I ask you to please help me develop some resolve to help me take more seriously chanting of the Hare Krishna Mahamantra, to read with more conviction and to perform service with a higher level of determination.

Your teachings are incomparable. This is my opinion based on my shallow understanding, of which the depth I am still to encounter. This reminds me of a deep ocean dive. As you go deeper into the ocean, it becomes darker. A novice will easily think that there is nothing in this ocean because of the darkness. Yet those who have more experience know that there are many treasures here, and all it requires is some illumination. And although the knowledge you present are a set of words, their meaning and depth have many levels. I hope to always have you on this journey and hope to always be guided by you.

Recently I have had the opportunity to engage

with some academics from other religions. It was interesting and very thought provoking. The discussions delved into technical understandings on the authenticity of two main stream religious scriptures and how those scriptures have evolved over time. With this comes controversy and argument. It is such a feast for the mind, filled with entertainment and an opportunity for the mind to indulge in its favorite pastimes of speculation and criticism.

During these encounters I further realized why I have such a deep appreciation for what you have given us, i.e. absolute knowledge. There is so much out there — so, so much — dharma, karma, material nature, etc. And amongst all of this there are many more levels, and so many benefits. Delving into them is an abyss of limitless pleasure and pain, enough to keep us occupied for many more millions of lives.

Srila Prabhupada, you speak about the rareness of Bhakti in the Nectar of Devotion. I have read this many times, but it has never struck home as has in this realization. How rare devotion is, how rare is this gift that you have given us.

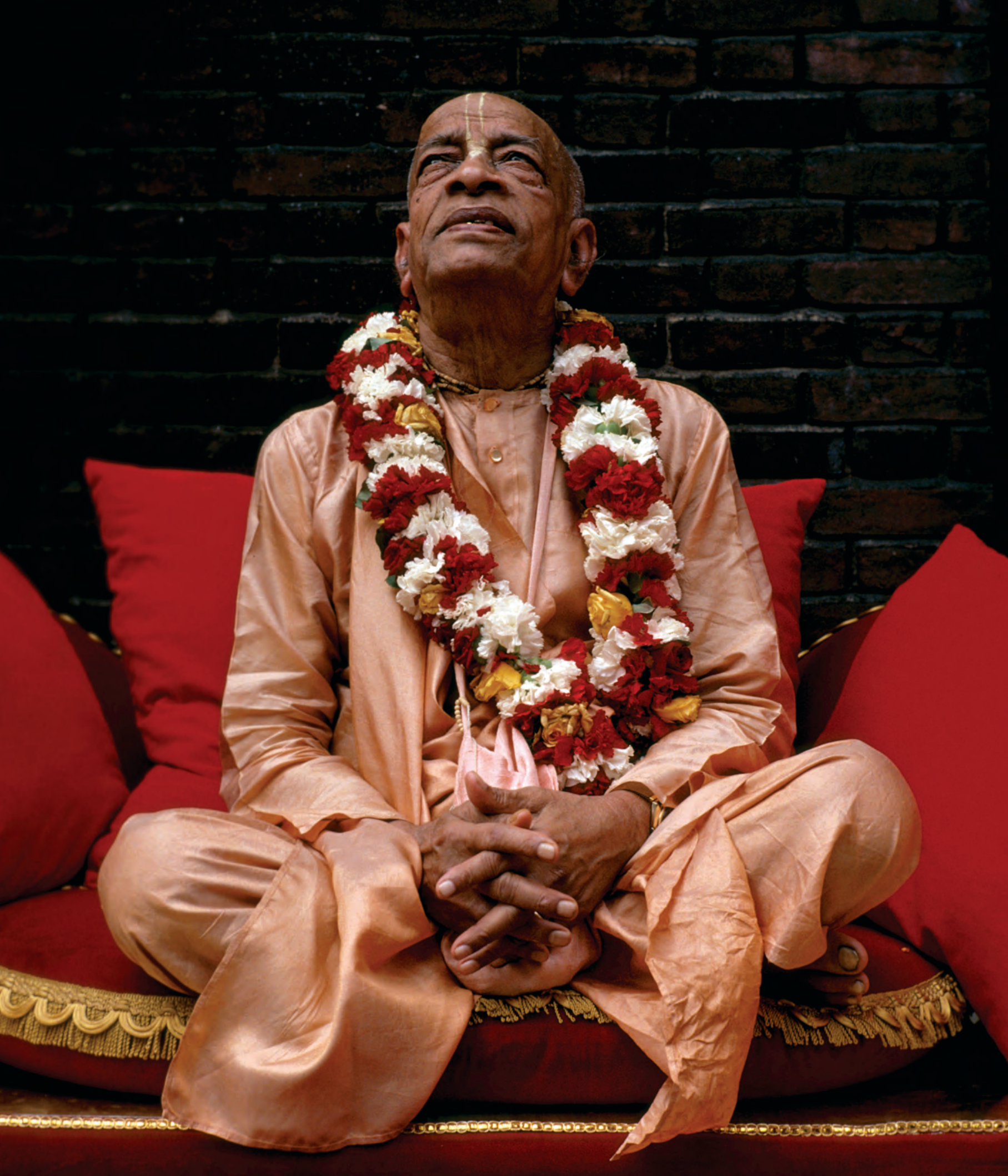
Many teachers have come with so much, yet no one has given Bhakti as freely and widely as yourself. I am so grateful to have been afforded the opportunity of this process. Knowing myself to some degree, I see no qualification to have achieved this rare gift. I thank you Srila Prabhupada and the many devotees who have followed and follow in your footsteps to give freely this most rare gift.

I pray to one day look at my great fortune with appreciation and reciprocation.

*Your servant,
Krishna Balarama dasa*









Hare Krishna our Divine Spiritual Master
Please accept our humble obeisances. All glories to Your Divine self.
Dearest Srila Prabhupada,



Krishna Katha Das
and Radha Katha Devi Dasi
Durban, South Africa

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

WE SINCERELY THANK LORD KRISHNA for sending you to guide and enlightening us with your knowledge. Your teachings and humility is out of this world.

We really appreciate, love and are very grateful for all your teachings, which helps us in this material world with all the suffering around us and hunger.

Thank you for all your precious books, prayers and knowledge to be a better human being and compassionate soul and care and assist wherever

possible. Thank you for everything, we are truly indebted to you.

Thank you for all your learned spiritual masters that share their knowledge with us.

*Your Servant and Grand disciples,
Krishna Katha Das
and Radha Katha Devi Dasi*



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



Krishna Smaranam Dasa
Gauteng
South Africa

TODAY I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU for what you have given to me. Thank you for coming into my life. Thank you for what you have given to the world, and the planet.

Srila Prabhupada you travelled the Globe fourteen times to save fallen souls and give Krishna Consciousness. You have done this although you were not in the best of health.

Dear Srila Prabhupada thank you for accepting Srila Bhakti Caitanya as your disciple.

Maharaj preaches extensively in many parts of

the world and is totally surrendered at your Divine Lotus feet. He is a perfect example for us to follow. He lives only for you and your ISKCON.

Prabhupada please bless me on this day and shower mercy upon this foolish soul so that I can read all your books in this life time. Srila Prabhupada on this day I pray that your ISKCON, our ISKCON will continue to grow from strength to strength.

*Your fallen servant,
Krishna Smaranam dasa*



Krishnacandra Das 🐦
Alberton
South Africa



Hare KRSNA dearest Srila Prabhupada.
I offer my humble obeisance at your lotus feet.
All glories unto you, Srila Prabhupada.

LIFE WAS ALWAYS ABOUT OPPORTUNITIES NOT TAKEN, having spent a night at the Cato Ridge temple, frequenting Sri Sri Radha Radhanath, becoming a life member, receiving the books but not reading was a message that I was too blind to read. But through all of that you persisted in maintaining this link and eventually my contaminated eyes opened.

Now I am realizing what I missed but by your mercy I am not dwelling on the past but using what

you have so mercilessly given me to find my path back home, back to KRSNA.

I thank you for affording me the opportunity to take shelter at the dust of your lotus feet. Please keep me at your lotus feet and help me guide my children to the dust of your lotus feet.

*Your servant,
Krishnacandra Das*



Krishna-Candra Dasa 🐦
Prema-Vanya Devi Dasi
and Gambhira-Caitanya
Durban, South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our humble obeisances.
All glories to your Divine Grace. All glories to your merciful ISKCON.

AS THE DAYS PASS ON and time slips through our fingers, we are fortunate that some remembrances of our limited duration on this planet and in these bodies actually falls upon us.

Having a young child encourages us even further to take our practice of Krishna consciousness more seriously. We are aware that in a matter of years we shall be helping our child understand this deep philosophical way of life. We are aware that we have to lead by example.

Your life's example is the ultimate benchmark as everyone from any walk of life can find true inspiration. You have taught us practically everything - there is nothing that is lacking in your personal example. Every day is another opportunity to improve. Everyday is another opportunity to follow in your footsteps.

We shall try to develop more sincerity and we shall try to guide our son to become a valuable and contributing part of your precious ISKCON. We realise now that our parents did not educate us in the

proper way. They encouraged us to excel academically and pursue the illusion of happiness. We have a chance now to actually guide our son to develop his krishna consciousness and to lead a life that will help others in their krishna consciousness and help them find genuine happiness. We have to become the example that will inspire others spiritually. We are grateful that your pastimes on this planet provide us with a wealth of inspiration to take small yet meaningful steps towards the path of pure bhakti. The path of pure bhakti is a long journey that may span over many lifetimes. But, as with all journeys, it simply begins with a single step.

Thank you Srila Prabhupada for always being there, for always accepting us within your ISKCON family - the only shelter in this wretched world. Thank you for your kindness and your love.

*Your servants
Krishna-Candra das,
Prema-Vanya devi dasi and Gambhira-Caitanya*





Dear Srila Prabhupada,

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

All glories to you. All glories to the shelter you built for the whole world: ISKCON.



Krishnarupa Sewsunker

Durban

South Africa

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

I KNOW IT TO BE A FACT that every fraction of good fortune in my life is due to your divine munificence upon me. It is your mercy which enables me to receive your instructions, which help me understand how to amalgamate every part of my life with service to Krishna, thereby transforming my activities and my motivations. It is your mercy which enables me to associate with and take shelter of such high-minded personalities who have devoted their lives to serving you with single-minded focus. Having exposure to absolute knowledge, which offers nectarean relief in every circumstance, is also by your mercy and is your profound benediction to this world.

As you have explained through transcendental teachings, if one wants to consult with Krishna, He can give instruction from within the heart, the only prerequisite being that one must qualify oneself by being constantly engaged in loving devotional service to Him. [Lecture by Your Divine Grace, Srimad Bhagavatam 01.01.01, 21-Feb-1975, Caracas, Venezuela]. In recent times, I have found that I earnestly seek guidance on how best to serve the Supreme Lord through service to you and your devotees. I seek authenticity to my nature and my designated duties, and I wish to dovetail this completely with service to you. I have found myself desiring consultation with Krishna, and although I cannot claim to be constantly, purely engaged in transcendental service, I acknowledge with invigorating solace that you gave such a broad and enveloping understanding of what service is that the prospect of being constantly, lovingly engaged seems a

tangible, enthusing one. Your transcendental graciousness helps us realize that such a prospect is not far out of reach of any person. No one is barred out; on the contrary, you invite every person to fully reclaim their license to perfectly love God. Despite my past and current contaminations, your love in the form of your teachings assures me the hope of being whole-heartedly engaged in service.

The benediction of service to you through trying to assist within your ISKCON is no ordinary opportunity. It is my greatest, most precious fortune and I have come to realize that I must be willing to sacrifice, to change, to beg, to pray, to be crushed, to be refined, and to seek blessings, in order to have and maintain the prerogative of this benediction. The perfection of my existence will be to exhaust myself and my energies in your service, unconditionally, regardless of whether something notable or invisible comes from the endeavor.

In complete dependence, I seek your mercy to never be bereft of your divine association and instructions, which are the essence for living meaningfully. Please may you always keep me increasingly affiliated with knowledge of your Divine Grace's glories, which in themselves are of super-potent quality, like knowledge of the Lord, as they eradicate all darkness by enabling us to peacefully see reality as it is.

*Aspiring to become a speck of dust
in your wonderful service,
Krishnarupa Sewsunker*

Krishna Karuna
Table View
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

THIS IS MY MATRIC YEAR, and I've made it thus far with your help. Thank you for all that you've done for me and I hope to serve you in better ways in the future.

Please help me make improvements in my

spiritual life and to take control of my spiritual path so that I am able to achieve my goals.

Krishna Karuna



Krishna Kesava Dasa and
Madhavi Devi Dasi
Durban, South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada. Please accept my most humble obeisances.

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

All glories to their Lordships Sri Sri Radha Radhanath, Jagganath, Baladeva, Subhadra and Sri Sri Gaura Nitai!

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

SRILA PRABHUPADA, you are undoubtedly one of the most dear disciples of your Gurudeva, Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakur. Your compassion for the fallen souls is best described in the following prayer by Prahlad Maharaja.

“My dear Lord Nrsimhadeva, I see that there are many saintly persons indeed, but they are only interested in their own deliverance. Not caring for the big cities and towns, they go to the Himalayas or forests to meditate with vows of silence (mauna-vrata). They are not interested in delivering others. As for me, however, I do not wish to be liberated alone leaving aside all these poor fools and rascals. I know that without Krishna Consciousness, without taking shelter of Your Divine lotus feet, one cannot be happy. Therefore I wish to bring them back to the shelter of Your lotus feet.” (SB 7-9-44)

While many other saintly persons remained in Vrndavana & other holy places quite content executing their spiritual practices, you continuously pushed on Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu's preaching mission worldwide aimed at delivering all the conditioned souls wandering in the big cities and towns, thus exhibiting the mood of Prahlad Maharaja.

Srila Prabhupada, on this most auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja, I pray that I can attain just a drop of devotion at the dust of your divine lotus feet and become instrumental in spreading this most priceless gift of Lord Caitanya.

*Your insignificant servants,
Krishna Kesava dasa and Madhavi Devi dasi*





Hare Krishna.

All glories to you Dear Srila Prabhupada on this the most auspicious day of your Vysa puja.

The appearance day of our beloved Jagath Guru.

MANY YEARS HAVE PASSED but still the International Society for Krishna Consciousness is still flourishing throughout the world. You are a pure un-alloyed servant of the Lord.

My attempt to glorify you looks insignificant, but this is the only way I can tell the world how special you are to my family and I.

You are always revered. How do we say thank you to you, our dear grandfather for what you have taught the world. Srila Prabhupada, you have sparked a revolution in consciousness and have contributed and thinking of all mankind, irrespective of race and creed.

You are like a ray of sunshine that has brightened and enlightened millions of fallen souls.

This material world is full of fear and calamities, but all the knowledge that we receive through your books and guidance from your sons makes it easy for one to understand who the Supreme Personality of Godhead is.

Dear Srila Prabhupada, you have made the lives of millions of people more bearable by giving them the knowledge and understanding of the Supreme Personality of Godhead.

My entire family of 19 members are all devotees; I owe this unique blessing to you my dear Srila Prabhupada. We are eternally grateful to you for this mercy.

You are an inspiration to the world; the maha-mantra has now become a household name.

The maha-mantra is chanted in every town and village and this is because of your mercy.

My prayer to Lord Krishna is that you always inspire the world through your books, through which your divine instruction lives on forever.

Thank you Srila Prabhupada for giving my family shelter at your lotus feet.

Your everlasting servants,

Krishna Kripa Das and Radha Kripa Devi Dasi



Krishna Kripa Das

and Radha Kripa Devi Dasi

Newcastle, South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

All Glories to His Divine Grace.

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

ANOTHER YEAR HAS PASSED in which You have offered us several opportunities to serve the Lord and His devotees. However, we do not fully grab these moments for we are still caught up in the materialism web. We pray that we can subscribe more sincerely to Your philosophy of 'simple living and high thinking' and not take our services for granted. As

your glory is spread more and more to all corners of the world, may we endeavour to contribute even a little spark to this miracle. Thank you for the wonderful books, temples and loving devotees. You have indeed led by example of being the perfect gentleman and the most illustrious soul. But most of all, thank You for being the ever well-wisher guiding



Krsni Devi Dasi and family

Kwa Zulu Natal

South Africa

us in our happy and sad moments. We pray that our love and appreciation for the devotees increases and, allow us to become little dancing puppets in Your beautiful ISKCON mission.

Your very low and fallen aspiring grand disciples

Krsni dd and family



Kulasekhara Das
Lenasia
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada

Please accept my humble and respectful obeisance at the dust of your lotus feet.

All glories to your Divine Grace on this sacred day of your Sri Vyasa-puja.

SRILA PRABHUPADA it has been over a year now that by your mercy I am experiencing a different way to practice Krishna Consciousness from the one I was for the last 23 years. It has helped me become more thoughtful and stronger to succeed in my endeavour to serve Your Divine Grace. It has also showed me who my true friends and well-wishers are.

Over the last year I have been left on my own and I thank you Srila Prabhupada for helping me grow internally. Your books are my saving grace. Studying and distributing your books helped me

focus more intensely on my sadhana.

Srila Prabhupada presently I have inflamed the anger of many devotees and they are not happy with my activities. I pray to you on this auspicious day of your Sri Vyasa-puja than in the future I make things right with all the devotees I am displeasing.

I thank you for the arrangements you made for our spiritual advancement.

*Your grandson,
Kulasekhara Das*



Kusuma Seva Dasi
Phoenix, Durban
South Africa



Hare Krishna,

I offer millions of respectful obeisances. All glories to Your Divine Grace.

Dear Srila Prabhupada,

ON THIS AUSPICIOUS DAY OF YOUR VYASA-PUJA, I would like to thank you for bringing Krishna consciousness to us.

Thank you Srila Prabhupada for opening this wonderful ISKCON hospital free of charge where we fallen souls come. There are many real hospitals to cure the material diseases – there's no hospital, no hospital to cure the disease of the soul. Thank you for opening ISKCON hospital throughout the world and I am so fortunate to be here. We are so grateful to you for delivering us from darkness of ignorance and curing the disease of the soul.

You gave us the most precious gift spiritual knowledge. Your books are impressive and the

knowledge is amazing. I thank you very much for giving me the energy (in spite of my ill health condition) to distribute your books every day of the book marathon. This new way of life style found everything exciting.

Through Your teachings you have saved millions of people worldwide.

Thank You Srila Prabhupada for everything that you have done for us.

All glories to Your Divine Grace. Hare Krishna.

*Your servant,
Kusuma Seva dasi*



Hare Krishna dearest Srila Prabhupada
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to your divine loving grace on your most auspicious appearance day.



Laksmi Priya Dasi
Johannesburg
South Africa

THANK YOU for the honour of allowing me to write a few words of appreciation to you. Even though you are not here, your constant guidance and love is felt immensely, through our daily guru puja arati to you and in all of your books, which gives all of us so much knowledge and comfort in this material world.

Thank you for building this house in which the whole world can live in, without which we would all be destitute and lost. I pray that I can somehow, one day be able to repay you a fraction of what I owe you,

for giving me the shelter of your lotus feet and allowing me to serve the Lord and his devotees.

I humbly pray for your blessings to be able to serve the devotees with love and devotion and to always be kept in the shade of their association in order for me to always remember Krishna and never forget him. Hare Krishna.

*Your servant,
Laksmi Priya dasi*



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



Lalita Devi Dasi
Durban
South Africa

SRILA PRABHUPADA, thank you for saving me and my family from the clutches of Maya. I used to be so ignorant, and then you gave me the knowledge on how to live, how to serve, how to worship and even how to eat and dress. When I look at you, I feel that I do not serve you with enough love and devotion. So today, on this auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja,

I pray that I can develop more love and devotion.

I beg for mercy and that you always keep me in the association of devotees and to never leave you divine lotus feet.

*Your insignificant servant,
Lalita devi dasi*



My dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most revered obeisance's at the dust of your lotus feet
on this most glorious occasion of your Vyasa-puja.



Lalita Gopal Devi Dasi
and little Vaishnavi
New Jagannath Puri Temple
Phoenix, South Africa

ALL GLORIES to their Lordships Sri Sri Jagganath Baladeva and Subadra Maharani. All glories to Sri Sri Nitai Gaurasundar. All glories to you Srila Prabhupada!

Amongst this insane world Krishna consciousness is our only sanity.

In this world of sorrow and depression Krishna consciousness is our only bliss.

Thank you Srila Prabhupada for allowing us to remain in your ISKCON.

Srila Prabhupada, please allow me to introduce you to an addition to our ISKCON family, Her Grace Vaishnavi dasi.

Thank you for blessing Damodar Gopal and myself with our bundle of joy and please bless her so that she always remains in service of Guru and

Gauranga. Thank you for everything. We love you.

*Your servants of the servants,
Lalita Gopal Devi Dasi and little Vaishnavi*



Bhaktin Leanne Goondi
Germiston, Johannesburg
South Africa



Hare Krishna, dear gurudev Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisance's at your Lotus feet.
All Glories to you, dear Srila Prabhupada!

WORDS CANNOT EXPRESS my gratitude to you. Thank you so much for the incredible mercy that you have showered upon me. You have always been there, in your instructions, books and your direct disciples and their disciples and devotees and like a disobedient child, I continue to go in the opposite direction and you still via your disciples pull me by my ear into the right direction and offer me a life line. Oh, when will it sink in?

I pray one day to take shelter of a Guru in this lifetime. Please, Srila Prabhupada, I beg you to keep

my heart and mind purified, and that I may remain in my service to ISKCON and all Vaisnavas till I leave my body. And may the chanting of the Holy name be the most important priority in my life.

I am most unqualified to ask anything of you, but I pray for your causeless mercy.

*Your most insignificant servant,
of the servant, of the servant,
Bhaktin Leanne Goondi*



Leela Smaran Das
Midrand
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada
Trillions of dandavats to you.

ME AND MY WHOLE FAMILY will always be indebted to you until our last breath. Because of you, we trying to get out of this material world and on our way back to Godhead. We will never ever be able to pay you for this but this message is just to tell you thank

you so much for everything that you did for the whole world.

*Your lowly servant,
Leela Smaran Das*



Levana Logan Naidoo
Cape Town
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

I DON'T FEEL EVEN NEAR WORTHY ENOUGH to be writing to you. When I think of everything you have given us,

all your knowledge and wisdom and love, it brings me to tears. Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for being

so brave to leave your home and share Krishna with us. I am not at all perfect, but every day I am trying to make you proud. And I will continue to try every day for the rest of my life. That is a promise.

Hare Krishna!

*Levana Logan Naidoo,
Cape Town, South Africa*



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

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

YOUR APPEARANCE is the day that the world became fortunate and is the most glorious of days. You have given the whole world the greatest gift of devotional service and you are giving us all more than a fighting chance to end this repeated cycle of birth and death and go home back to Godhead. Srila Prabhupada you are undoubtedly Lord Caitanya's chosen one. The previous acarya's and Lord Caitanya Himself predicted that the chanting of Krishna's holy names will be spread to every town and village across the planet, Srila Prabhupada it is because of you that this prediction has become a reality.

You have revealed that you didn't want to come to this dark sinful world but Lord Krishna told you to descend to the material world and just write your books and that He would take care of the rest. We can see from your life how at every moment you were fully dependent on Guru and Krishna. His Divine Grace Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakura your eternal spiritual master instructed you to preach the Krishna Consciousness philosophy in the west and if you ever got monies to print books. Srila Prabhupada you have carried out these instructions in grand style. The hardships that you had to go through to carry out your Guru Maharaja's orders where many yet you never deviated from your goal. You have given your entire life to spread Krishna

Consciousness and to save all of us fallen souls. You had disciples, money, temples yet you never took one cent for yourself, you used everything in Krishna's service. You have instructed us that if you get one million dollars in the morning it must be spent for Krishna by the evening. You have taught us the real meaning of renunciation by your personal example.

Srila Prabhupada your glories are unlimited because you are the pure devotee of Sri Krishna, [the one who is full in all opulence's]. Everything you have touched has turned to perfection. Every one of us is searching for a hero. Srila Prabhupada you are our real life super hero as you can end the real problems of life namely birth, death, old age and disease. Srila Prabhupada my appreciation and affection for you grows by the day. The effect that you have made on my life and continue to make on a daily basis is something that I am eternally grateful for. Srila Prabhupada I will never be able to repay all that you do for me but I vow to do whatever I can with my limited abilities to push on your ISKCON movement especially distributing your books, please bless me that I may be off some service to you in this life and in the next.

*Your undeserving servant,
Loka Manohara Giridhari das (naradhama)*



Loka Manohara Giridhari Dasa
Johannesburg
South Africa

Lovelene Ramouthar 🍁
Shelly Beach
South Africa



All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

I WAS LOST IN THIS MATERIAL WORLD. I had a deep love for God but didn't know on whom to bestow it or where to place it. I searched my whole life for a way to know Him. This took me on a journey to people and places but only by your grace and mercy was I able to find what the meaning to my life was.

I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for what you have given this poor soul. I want to thank you for the sacrifice you made to reveal the

truth to me. You did not have to leave Vrindavan but out of Love and Mercy for us poor souls you put yourself in the coldest darkest place. You sacrificed your happiness for ours. You are my light in the darkness. By your teachings such a poor soul as I am able to approach the Supreme Lord Sri Krishna. Thank you.

Lovelene Ramouthar

Lucresha Pillay 🍁
Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

I WOULD LIKE TO OFFER MY HUMBLE OBSEINCES and love to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada, the Maha mantra vibration of the Kirtan service which I listen throughout the day has transformed many aspects of my life. I am deeply grateful for the online teaching from your disciples Indradyumna Swami, which

by listening to has given me wisdom to cope with situations one faces in life. I thank you Prabhupada for the divine gifts of Vedic knowledge and spiritual wisdom you bestow on me. Hare Krishna.

Lucresha Pillay

Madan Gopal Dasa 🍁



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

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srimate bhaktivedanta swamin iti namine
namaste sarasvate deve gaura vani pracarine
nirvisesa sunyavadi pascatyā desa tarine*

IT IS QUITE AMAZING that even after more than 30 years, after seemingly physically leaving the planet, we continue to hear of persons, both devotees and non-devotees, witnessing your mercy. You are still present to encourage us in our devotional life and even at times protecting us.

I wish to share one experience at our Centre, the ISKCON Sri Jagannath Mandir at Morcellement St Andre, Mauritius.

A few years back, we were planning to bring a large photo of Srila Prabhupada and to have an asana at the back facing the Deities of Sri Sri Jagannath,

Baladev and Subhadra Maharani at our small Centre. Only a few of us knew of this plan.

In the meantime, one of the local habitants who attends Gaura Arati regularly at the Centre had a wonderful dream. In the dream, she was at the Centre sitting on a chair when she saw across the door on the street, a long black limousine car stopping just at the gate of our Centre. The door of the car opened and she saw effulgent Srila Prabhupada coming out of the car and walked inside the Centre.

She was delighted to have darshan of Srila Prabhupada but she did not know the significance of the dream. When she next visited the centre after a few days, she was in ecstasy to see the asana of Srila

Prabhupada at the back with a large photo of him. The mataji related to us her realisation during one of our programs.

And we knew that Srila Prabhupada had reciprocated with our desire to have him at our Centre, for him to personally supervise and guide us in our activities. Srila Prabhupada is extremely merciful. He has encouraged us through that dream to the mataji to become more serious and to have even more faith in our services. All glories to you, Srila Prabhupada.

*Your insignificant servant of your servants,
Madan Gopal das*



My dear jagad-guru Srila Prabhupada.

I AM TRULY AND DEEPLY INDEBTED TO YOU, our dearest founder acharya Srila Prabhupada, without Guru-Parampara we are nothing in this material world, there can be no spiritual advancement, our dear jagad-guru has given us great knowledge and establishing true leadership.

We are very fortunate to have taken shelter

from jagad-guru, the truth is present in his books, Srimad Bhagavatam, Bhagavad Gita, which was nicely and tirelessly translated for us to understand and receive Bhakti, including the Back to Godhead Magazine that Prabhupada personally published.

Madhava Das



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

ON THIS SACRED ANNIVERSARY of your appearance day, I want to thank you, as I should and must do every day, for your magnanimous gift of Krishna consciousness.

Srila Prabhupada, I am the most fallen but you have given me the correct path to survive in this material world. Because of you only, am I able to know about Krishna consciousness and the real

spiritual world. By reading your books, I could get more and more knowledge about Krishna.

Srila Prabhupada, by your mercy I came to know about Mayapur and Vrindavan and the correct reason to travel to India. Thank you so much Srila Prabhupada. Please give me mercy and blessings to always be a humble servant to execute the devotional service, read your books, distribute the



Madhava Das
Midrand, South Africa
ISKCON Sri Jagannath Mandir
Morcellement St Andre
Mauritius



Madhava Mohini Devi Dasi
Seremban
Malaysia

books, associate with devotees, attend festivals. I am so thankful to your mercy for having the possibility to serve your lotus feet and, Sri-Sri Gaura Nitai, and Sri-Sri Radha Krishna.

Hare Krishna.

Madhava Mohini DD



Madhava-lata Dasi
ISKCON, Hare Krishna Land
Phoenix, Mauritius



My most beloved Srila Prabhupada,

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

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

HARE KRISHNA. Please accept my most humble and respectful obeisances in the dust of your glorious lotus feet. All glories to Your Divine Loving Grace, unto whom we are eternally indebted and without whom we wonder where we would have been. All glories to your most blessed and auspicious Sri Vya-sa-puja. All glories your wonderful spiritual sons and daughters who have sacrificed everything and dedicated themselves in assisting Your Divine Loving Grace. I offer my most humble obeisances unto them and all the marvellous devotees who will glorify Your Divine Loving Grace, from the very core of their heart.

Srila Prabhupada, indeed what have not done for us and for the whole world? Your Divine Loving Grace, out of your causeless mercy gave us the way of to get rid of the cycle of birth and death. You so very kindly taught us how to seize this golden opportunity of us, being in this human form of life, to seriously take to the process of Krishna consciousness, especially the chanting of the Hare Krishna maha mantra. In fact you started the movement, simply by chanting the Hare Krishna maha mantra. You have

so much staunch faith in the holy name, and indeed we can see how Sri Nama Prabhu works wonders. No hard and fast rules for chanting the Hare Krishna maha mantra. Indeed, the Holy name is so potent that it saves the life of anyone who hears. That is why Your Divine Loving Grace simply applied and taught us the Harinam Sankirtan inaugurated by Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu, whose yuga dharma is to chant the holy name congregationally, and that too in every town and village.

Srila Prabhupada, you also said that we should mould our life in such a way that we always remember Krishna and never forget Him. In order to achieve this we have to seriously take to heart and practise our Krishna consciousness. Indeed there is no place for unemployment in ISKCON. If we indeed have nothing to do, i.e. no practical service, we can still chant. In fact that is the most important service among all others.

Srila Prabhupada, you have spent millions of gallons of blood just to make a devotee. You did everything yourself: book distribution, cooking and serving prasadam, and cleaning. Indeed you

changed our life 360 degrees. You are so kind, merciful, and tolerant to all of us. Indeed, all the 26 qualities of a devotee, you possess all of them.

Srila Prabhupada, what a marvel it is to see your fame being spread in the whole world by the film “The Hare Krishna Movement, the Swami who started it all “produced by your exalted dedicated son & daughter, Their Grace Yadubara Das Prabhu and Mother Vishaka Dasi.

Srila Prabhupada, on this most auspicious occasion of Your Vyasa puja, from the very core of my

heart, I earnestly pray that you please allow me to be a very menial servant in ISKCON, and to have unflinching faith in the Hare Krishna maha mantra and to be more serious in my practice in Krishna consciousness.

All glories, all glories, all glories to the saviour of the whole world, patita pavana Srila Prabhupada.

*Always begging for your causeless mercy,
From your most fallen granddaughter,
Madhava-lata dasi*



Hare Krishna, my dearest Grandfather,

WHEN I SIT AND THINK OF YOU, I tear, what would we devotees do without you in our life? You have given us so much. I can't imagine being away from your ISKCON. The best thing for me is sadhu sanga, and devotional service. You went through so much for us, and we will not let you down. You have taught us Krishna Prema. If we didn't take to Krishna conscious, I think I would be a mad head, and would

have no direction in life. For me as long as I have my Gurudev, you my Jagat Guru, and Krishna I have everything in my life. Thank you Jagat Guru for everything.

I love you.

Madhurani Devi Dasi



Madhurani Devi Dasi
Johannesburg
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our humble obeisance's.
All glories to Your Divine Grace.

TODAY ON THE MOST AUSPICIOUS OCCASION of your Vyasa-puja we would like to look back at what you did for this world., You brought light into this dense darkness of ignorance, our lives have meaning and direction since coming to Krishna consciousness, without which there is no real substance. Thank you for coming into our lives and giving us this matchless gift of Krishna consciousness.

Kali-yuga is an age of degradation, the age of

darkness. But you gave us hope, Srila Prabhupada, hope that by constantly associating with vaisnava devotees of the lord, taking Krishna prasadam and reading your books, we will eventually overcome the influence of this age and gradually qualify us to come closer to you, and thus be worthy grand disciples. May you always look favourable towards us. Please give the strength to soldier on, on this path of Krishna consciousness.



Mahaprabhu Das
Malini Devi Dasi & family
Soweto, Johannesburg

Begging to always remain sincere, grateful and appreciating everything you have done for this world.

*Your unworthy grand disciples,
Mahaprabhu Das,
Malini Devi Dasi and family*



Mahendher Sangam
Midrand
South Africa



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

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

ON YOUR VYASA-PUJA THIS YEAR, I am very glad to have the opportunity to thank you and beg for your mercy.

*guru-mukha-padma-vakya,
chittete koriya aikya,
ar na koriho mane asha
sri-guru-charane rati,
ei se uttama-gati,
je prasade pure sarva asha*

Your Divine Grace you have given us ISKCON family, which is a great benediction for us, it provides protection for those who commit and dedicate wholeheartedly in spreading Lord Caitanya's mission and your mercy is unlimited.

We are grateful to you for showering your mercy upon us, otherwise it would not have been possible for us to practice and preach Krishna consciousness.

I have the tendency of escaping from you, please hold my hands tightly so that I will always remain at your lotus feet. Please also bless me so that I can make progress in Krishna consciousness and serve Vaishnavas with the right spirit and follow your instructions faithfully.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for giving us this opportunity to serve you.

*Your unworthy servant,
Mahendher Sangam*



Maithili Devi Dasi
Durban
South Africa



My dearest Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances all glories to you on this most auspicious occasion of your Vyasa-puja.

*Hare Krishna Har Krishna
Krishna Krishna Hare Hare
Hare Rama Hare Rama
Rama Rama Hare Hare*

THOSE POWERFUL WORDS where did it come from? Just by repeating these 16 words it took us out of the deep drowning ocean and allowed us to see the pure nectar of devotional service. These mantras allowed us to swim to the surface and to find our real identity. Who we are why we are here what are we here for. I just cannot imagine how these 16 words can change ones entire life. These words are so potent that if done attentively with determination and enthusiasm one could reach the goal of his life back home back to godhead. How simple just as ABC.

My biggest misfortune is that I didn't know Krishna earlier. I used to have a photo of his on the altar and once a year only on Janmastami offer him milk and fruits I have done that for years and that's how ignorant I was.

Dearest prabhupada you saved so many lives we are highly indebted to you. How could we repay you? I guess one way only just by giving this mantra to someone who does not know it and that his life could be saved and what do we gain from doing that well of course we could remain fixed in devotional service. Prabhupada you saved the lives of billions

of people and you didn't worry about your own welfare or even your family for that matter. You just gave and gave and gave unconditionally to all the people in this world.

Your compassion is too deep and I find it difficult to understand that. I wish I could process a wee bit of that compassion of yours as my heart is nothing but a hard rock lying there lifetimes after lifetimes.

On this most auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja, I pray at your lotus feet that you would bestow some tiny drop of your mercy to me that my hard rock heart could change to melting butter in that way i could at least appreciate you for what you have given us eg.the maha mantra, books, temples, prasadam and above all the devotees and I pray that I could have the slightest bit of compassion for the suffering souls so that they could also find their path to Krishna.

*Your servant,
Maithili devi dasi*



Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare.
Haribol Swami Srila Prabhupada.



Mala
Queensburgh
South Africa

THANK YOU for your teachings of the Bhagavad Gita. Being in prison for the past 9 years of my life is not easy. By reading the Bhagavad Gita and chanting the maha mantra my darkness is slowly turning into light. Being here so many things has happened to me. My health is not so good. I lost my dharampatni on the 22-11-2016 it was not easy on me. By reading, chanting and the spiritual upliftment from Anasuya mathaji has gave me so much peace.

I want to thank Anasuya mathaji and Maharaj

for being there to do the last rights for my dharampatni. Anasuya mathaji also taught me old age, disease, death and birth.

Shri Krishna thank you so much for sending Anasuya mathaji to my aid. I don't know how 9 years has already passed without her I would have not made it. Thank you once again.

*Haribol,
Mala*



Mallika Dasi
Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada.
Please accept my most humble obeisance
at the dust of your lotus feet.

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

THANK YOU, Srila Prabhupada for giving me shelter at your divine lotus feet. It is only through your mercy, that I, can understand the value of this human form of life. You have given us everything to understand the roots and foundation of Krishna Consciousness. Srila Prabhupada you have touched the hearts of so many people, how is this possible? I deeply tried to figure this out. I guess it was your sincerity, purity and your compassion. Your attraction was and is like a magnet.

Your teachings, did not make distinctions based on the body. You did not discriminate against woman as a class and, in fact gave woman the same opportunity as men, and made them, find the real value of their lives. The scriptures predicts that the present age, is becoming more unfortunate and degraded, however you, Srila Prabhupada, have wonderfully prepared all the Vedic literature and translations for us to understand this. This will also help the future generations as you have already perceived and described it in your books. Through your books we are learning how to serve you. We all have the opportunity to serve even in your absence. You have so kindly arranged all kinds of services so that, we can all serve according to our own capabilities.

ISKCON, is developing under your guidance. Serving under your saintly disciples helps me remember all your struggles and difficulties you sacrificed for us. Your hard work and struggles have become festivals everyday all over the world today. Let me not forget your most important service that

you wanted to do to help mankind. Writing your books day and night, your books have all the mercy and will be appreciated by your sincere desire.

I pray that I may get a drop of your mercy, so that I can understand how fortunate I am, to have you in my life. Your position in ISKCON is all your sacrifices, your mood and your determination in everything you did. Reading about your sacrifices is just enough for me, to surrender unto you. I pray that you, may always protect me and never allow me to consider you as an ordinary person. I, will always try to worship you with all sincerity and to the best of my ability. I pray this sincerity will one day turn to serving you with true love. I do not have the ability to glorify Your divine grace, but I do know that, you are so compassionate, and that you may consider my meak offering, and shower me, with some of your mercy.

*kabe heno krpa, labhiya e jana
krtartha hoibe, natha
sakti buddhi hina, ami ati dina
koro more atma satha*

O lord and master, when will this devotee be blessed by obtaining your mercy? I am low, fallen and devoid of all strength and intelligence. Please make me your beloved servant.

*Your unworthy servant,
Mallika dasi*





Jai Srila Prabhupada.

I HAVE JOINED YOUR MOVEMENT FOR 38 YEARS and feel I am heaven on earth in the ISKCON family throughout the world by following the beautiful temples and all your first-hand disciples who are just continuing your teachings with a lot of nectar. Doing amazing expansion of the Hare Krishna movement. By

reading the books you wrote which gives so much clarity of science in relation with the material existence. Proud devotee to be associated with your pure natural science movement.

Manjari Mahima devi dasi



Manjari Mahima Devi Dasi
Durban
South Africa



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

THE PAST YEAR HAS BEEN VERY CHALLENGING but truly wonderful. My husband and I bought a house in Pietermaritzburg just over a year ago and we have been living at the house since October last year. The biggest challenge was the move to another city and waiting for our house to be transferred so I could be in Pietermaritzburg in time for the installation ceremony for Sri Sri Dayal Nitai Guara Hari.

Eventually the transfer went through a day before the installation ceremony and I had to sleep on a camp bed at the new house so that I could attend the ceremony. It was worth it because the ceremony was so beautiful and I fell in love with their Lordships Sri Sri Dayal Nitai Guara Hari.

I met so many really loving and kind devotees in Pietermaritzburg. They immediately got me involved in deity service as well as several other aspects of devotional service at the temple. It has been such a blissful experience serving the Lords and helping the devotees. When I was living in Cape Town I was a pujari serving Sri Sri Nitai Mayapur-chandra since 2009 until 2016 I realise now that it was the arrangement of the Lords in Cape Town

for me to come to Pietermaritzburg and serve the Lords here.

Last year during the book marathon in December I distributed your books for the first time in my life and it was such a fulfilling and amazing experience. Please guide me dear Srila Prabhupada to make the effort to distribute more of your transcendental books.

I feel so blessed and happy to have this special service of serving your mission ISKCON. I pray dear Srila Prabhupada that you will please guide me in my spiritual path and help me to remain fixed in Krishna consciousness despite the many challenges I face daily in this material world.

Thank you so much dear Srila Prabhupada for ISKCON. Without your causeless mercy I would never have been blessed to be a Krishna conscious devotee today.


*With love and great respect
from your worthless servant,
Manjumedha d.d.*



Manjumedha Devi Dasi
Pietermaritzburg
South Africa



Manoj and Ashmeera Lalloo 🙏
Ladysmith
South Africa

 To our Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our humble obeisances unto you Srila Prabhupada.
All glories to your divine grace.


IT IS THROUGH YOUR TEACHINGS our lives changed. Your teachings brightened our future as devotees. You inspired us with your knowledge. Obeying your instructions has made a huge difference in our lives. Thank you for giving us the most sacred name of lord Krishna. For without you we would be entangled in maya. We were spiritually lost without no spiritual

direction. The day we accepted you Srila Prabhupada our lives have become complete. You have given us a clear direction of spirituality.

Thank you.

*Your aspiring servants,
Manoj and Ashmeera Lalloo*

Manoj 🙏
Johannesburg
South Africa

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

IT GIVES ME GREAT HONOUR AND PRIVILEGE to have this opportunity to write something menial as an offering on your Vyasa-puja.

I often take for granted how my life has evolved since coming into Krishna consciousness. It's sad to think how life would be without Krishna consciousness. I would imagine it would be very dry, routine and frustrating to say the least. You have given us a process that is enriching, rejuvenating and transformational. 'A transformation of the heart', that is. Thank you Srila Prabhupada for your ISKCON movement, for connecting me to the most


wonderful devotees who have become family and creating the link to guru and Krishna.

Every step and every breath I take is only by the causeless mercy of Sri Krishna. I am eternally indebted to you for giving meaning to my life.

Happy Vyasa-puja to you dearest Srila Prabhupada!

*Your insignificant servant of the servant
of the servant,
Manoj*

Bhaktin Marie Viljoen 🙏
Johannesburg
South Africa

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

I CAN FIND NO WORDS to thank you for coming to this planet.

In moments of clarity I sometimes have a minute, infinitesimal glimpse of how lost humanity would be without Your Divine Grace's appearance here.

I know that I would be totally lost.
Please Your Divine Grace, accept my gratitude

for Your Divine Grace bringing your wonderful disciples, our spiritual masters, to this planet.

May Your Divine Grace be so merciful that I may please Your Divine Grace and the spiritual master.

*Your very fallen aspiring grand-disciple,
Bhaktin Marie Viljoen*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

THERE ARE NO WORDS to describe His Divine Grace's mercy, love, service, dedication, devotion and sacrifice for and to the world. And for that we are eternally indebted to rendering loving and devotional service at His Divine's holy feet. I herewith pray for

the blessings to fully and eternally reciprocate this inconceivable grace. Srila Prabhupada is simply the best and we'll always love you.

Matshidiso Jonas Phineas Mongane



Matshidiso Jonas Phineas Mongane
Kilner Park, Pretoria
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

DESTINED DARK AFRICA (A RAINBOW NATION) – THE INVINCIBLE KRISHNA

Prabhupada a genius, No, but a Spiritual Spark,
Bringing Krishna Conscious alive was top of his mark.
Fortunately, we live in this era, he played a saintly part,
Attraction for our Guru who stole our heart.

His desire to preach in South Africa was a wise trend,
Nothing stopped His Divine Grace nor did the apartheid blend.
Pusta Krishna Swami's love for his Spiritual Master was great,
As he took a job, instead Prabhupada, you must appreciate.

While Pusta Krishna, many hardships he had to endure,
The apartheid regime, many smart idea's, he had to procure
Keeping Prabhupada's way clear, as he began to steer,
Spiritual life he always maintained with love and cheer.

During, apartheid, heavy security not to mix black, with white,
Krishna's mercy always present there, as every move went alright.
Drawing devotees, to a dramatic scene, believe in the Supreme,
Our Spiritual Master climbed the stairs of his dream.

Crowds of people, inspired by the Bhagavad-Gita teaching,
As Prabhupada's Spiritual-ness, tactfully loved his way of preaching.
Great scholars, university student, starved for spiritual knowledge,
While Professor's and teachers were eagerly present from college



Mathuresvara Dasa
Chatsworth
South Africa

Preaching like a Lion he “roared” sharply the message no doubt,
Getting eagerness of public, what Spiritual knowledge is all about.
Fighting against birth, old, age, disease, and death, what a shame,
We are not this body but Spirit soul, he did claim.

His message about Krishna conscious spread like wild fire,
Whites, Indians were bewildered as they began to inquire.
Krishna, Prabhupada said, is the ultimate Divine power,
The divine Grace impress the people way above the tower.

Johannesburg, Yeoville here we come moving in top gear,
I had faith in my Spiritual Master, so I had no fear.
We found a well-kept garden, lawn and a fruit tree,
My love for Prabhupada who is most dear to me.

Speaking to people, His Divine’s message he Spiritually released,
As Prabhupada’s driving force was greatly pleased.
The enthusiastic, both the whites and Indians as he expressed,
South Africa, I can remain indefinitely, I am so impressed.

Partha Sarathi dasa, the task to construct a vyasasan,
A beauty he created as comfortable as he can.
Encouraged book sales, until late night, he stayed,
Making Prabhupada happy, a tireless role he truly played

At, Wits University a Saintly Prabhupada, red carpet he walked,
Bhaktin Nadira kept a low profile, first Indian devotee, he talked.
As Riddha dasa was offering flower petals to this Lassie
A pious hindi speaking, from Benoni, was initiated Syamasundari dasi

In separation, deep meditation, contemplation I gazed,
This experience I had by great compassion I am amazed.
I perceive tears flowing from his eyes, the Divine Grace,
Out of the photograph, flowing down his face,

Engulfed in a majestic golden aura beam,
An angelic figure Prabhupada floating like a dream.
Mother and I observe him closely, this magnanimous trace,
Like an Emperor had, that heavy presence within, this Divine Grace.

Help from the Gujarati families was most pleasing,
As the tendency of interest from people was increasing.
A base for our preaching, a large crowd gathered was, secured,
And the love for our Krishna Conscious was most assured.

Team consisted, Pusta Krishna, Brama Charan, Janakara was bound,
“The World of Hare Krishna” by Partha Sarati das was found.
Sound system, lighting equipment were ready to attract,
In Louis Trichardt, smiley gently man, thabla player died of heart attack

Sri Prabhupada finally did arrive,
On Sunday 5th October 1975.
Mr. Naidoo intended to chauffeur Prabhupada to and fro,
With tiluk south Indian style doti and ready to go

During the pioneering days the Hare Krishna movement, it appeared,
Srila Prabhupada first devotee of South Africa he created.
The chanting, Hare Krishna, was heard far and wide,
George Harrison, on disk, beetles sang melodiously with a lot of pride.

In the beginning, Prabhupada, travel to South Africa to preach,
Rsi Kumar Swami, Ksudhi das Brahmachari, an opportunity to teach.
Aware of Srila Prabhupada’s teachings, as they knew so well,
Fully Krishna Conscious and in Spiritual Knowledge they dwell.

Prabhupada’s morning walk came to a halt, he stretched his hand,
And there appeared a full colour picture of Lord Siva in the sand.
On this Indian ocean, beach walk Lord Siva was at his feet,
As he acknowledged this mystifying event, he kindly did greet.

The seeds of the Hare Krishna movements, was now planted,
By desperate attempt, as Pusta Krishna and his team chanted.
Bringing to South Africa an ocean of spiritual bliss,
Years to come the divine message of the Hare Krishna you won’t miss.

Prabhupada’s departures from South Africa was immense,
As Bhakta Johnny cried due to his separation was intense.
It was clear that the Divine Grace mood was grave,
While the cold feeling haunted us, but we kept brave

It was sad as Prabhupada's plane took off into the sky,
All we could do, together with bhakta Johnny, just cry.
We return to Temple hall, Partha Sarathi search for things,
In memory of His Divine Grace of South African visit it brings.

ALL GLORIES TO PRABHUPADA.

Mathuresvara das



McKayla Carstens
Cape Town, Stellenbosch
South Africa



Hare Krishna Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most humble obeisances that I can offer to you.

BY YOUR MERCY, I have met your meek yet brilliant presence, when you appeared to me in a dream. I saw also but a glimpse of all of the devotees who serve and are grateful to you...

Had you not appeared to me, I would not have begun to understand the mercy of the spiritual master. Had you not risked everything to give love of Krishna to the world, where would we be?

My gratitude is surely not as great as it should be, but every time I hear about you or see you, my gratitude increases, and opens my heart to endless possibilities. That is your mercy. You have given everything, you have given the world the opportunity

for Krishna Prema. You have given everyone the opportunity to go back home, back to Godhead. It is only by your mercy that I have met the devotees, and have this opportunity to take shelter in Krishna consciousness.

Although I do not have as much gratitude to you as I should, what little I have is eternal and growing every day. Thank you Prabhupada, for being spiritual master to so many, and friend to all.

McKayla Carstens
Cape Town, Stellenbosch, South Africa



Menaaz Bismilla
Johannesburg
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

SINCE I HAVE BEEN CHANTING, I have been happier and freer as a person. I also have more focus in what I need to do and I do not get influenced by others and I am getting more confident and I can stand up for what is right.

My health is also better now than it was before.

So I would just like to say thank you for opening so many doors and keeping me happy.

Your servant,
Menaaz Bismilla





Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to Your Divine Grace, and your benevolent ISKCON on this most auspicious occasion of your vyasa-puja.



Bhakta Mesharlan Nadesan
Johannesburg
South Africa

THE LAST YEAR HAS BEEN QUITE MEMORABLE to say the least. My body is failing me and my frustration is trying to keep it abreast with my mind. I am so grateful to be receiving the opportunity to develop a meaningful loving relationship with Your Divine Grace — this availed by your extremely kind and warm-hearted devotees.

I have recently been studying your teachings via a bhakti vriksha gathering. I'm the youngest in the group and the least serious. I feel as though I frustrate the rest with my ignorance, but alas it is you, Srila Prabhupada, who gives us the torch light (via the association of devotees, guidance to accepting a spiritual master and the Vedic literature you so expertly translated) to dispel material ignorance. Thus, we have the light! However, that light is futile if we are blind and so you also lovingly give us spiritual vision, the salve of knowledge, to be delivered from the pangs of material existence. We are growing as a family and uplifting each other in every sphere of bhakti and life itself. I appreciate their time, kindness and warmth only because of your mercy and by your doing Srila Prabhupada. Thank you to all your extremely caring devotees who are grooming and pruning me so delicately into becoming a vaishnava so that I may be of service in your valiant ISKCON. They have been most supportive to my family amidst my bodily woes and I am so blessed, thankful and forever appreciative for their meaningful friendship and care. Oh, and all the delicious treats they readily avail for us. Thank you.

Thank you for innumerosly affirming the absolute necessity for accepting a bona fide spiritual master.

Your beloved disciple, His Holiness Gour Govinda Swami, makes mention in Guru Tattva that: "By taking shelter at the lotus feet of a spiritual master, an otherwise tiny insignificant living entity can be

freed from all kinds of danger. Therefore, the eternal well-wishers of all living entities advise us to take shelter of such a spiritual master. In the Skanda Purana it is said:

*'gu' cabda 'sty andhakarasya
'ru' cabdas tan nirodhakah
andhakara-nirodhatvad
guru ity abhidheyate*

The word 'gu' means darkness and the word 'ru' means that which dispels the darkness. Forgetting their own identities, since time immemorial, the living entities are wandering in the darkness of the illusory energy, maya. Thus being affected by illusory attachment based on ignorance, they accept temporary, unreal, material things as theirs and with false feelings of 'I' and 'mine' consider themselves to be the possessor of those: *janasya moho 'yam aham mameti* (Srimad-Bhagavatam 5.5.8)

Out of deep illusion the living entity thus develops the idea and feelings of 'I' and 'mine'. This is called moha or delusion. To remove these illusory attachments which grow out of ignorance, one must take shelter at the lotus feet of Srila Gurudeva, whereby fear of illusion will be removed forever. By taking shelter at the lotus feet of a bona fide spiritual master, the jiva successfully revives his otherwise lost pure knowledge. Thus, he can engage himself in the service of his worshipable Supreme Lord, Krishna, who is the only object to be served eternally. If one renders loving devotional service under the benevolent guidance of a bona fide spiritual master, he will succeed in attaining supreme transcendental pleasure and bliss. Therefore, it is absolutely essential to take shelter at the lotus feet of a bona fide spiritual master. In the Caitanya-caritamrta it is said:

*sarva-desa-kala-daSaya janera kartavya
guru-paSe sei bhakti praṣṭavya, srotavya*

“It is therefore the duty of every man—in every country, in every circumstance and at all times—to approach a bona fide spiritual master, question him about devotional service and listen to him explain the process.” (Sri Caitanya- caritamṛta, Madhya-lila 25.122)”. Furthermore, In the Caitanya Caritamrita Madhya lila 19.151 you have said:

*brahmaṇḍa bhramite kona bhagyavan jiva
guru-kṛṣṇa-prasade paya bhakti-lata-bija*

“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.”

You have taught me the qualities of a true spiritual master so that I may have the extremely rare opportunity of not only developing sambandha-jnana but also reach the platform of pure love of Godhead by the mercy of a bona fide spiritual master.

You have so ingeniously woven the most elaborate orb web- one that causes us to get stuck to the Holy Name. Just as a spider gives of it's very DNA in the making of an orb web, you, Srila Prabhupada, have given of yourself in the construction of your intricate, delicate and resilient ISKCON- expertly attracting and paradoxically ‘trapping’ the suffering living entity to thus, in return, be freed from this material entanglement.

I sometimes get lost traveling in Johannesburg even with the aid of a faithful “Garmini”, imagine trying to get out of this material existence on one's own- wow! I baffle at the thought of what you have availed to us- a route to get out of this material world, but only if we want to listen to the reliable directions. As stated in the Srimad Bhagavatam 11.20.17:

*nri-deham adyam su-labham su-durlabham
plavam su-kalpam guru-karnadharam
mayanukūlena nabhasvateritam
puman bhavabdhim na taret sa atma-ha*

“The human body, which can award all benefit in life, is automatically obtained by the laws of nature, although it is a very rare achievement. This human body can be compared to a perfectly constructed boat having the spiritual master as the captain and the instructions of the Personality of Godhead as favourable winds impelling it on its course. Considering all these advantages, a human being who does not utilize his human life to cross the ocean of material existence must be considered the killer of his own soul.”

Srila Prabhupada you have availed EVERYTHING to resolve one's karma and get out of this suffering so that we may return to the tender abode of the Lord's warm embrace, but I have become comfortable in this material body and so please allow me the impetus to want to get out because by my foolish ignorance I do not know any better and this is no excuse! Please, Srila Prabhupada, allow the listening of the Holy Name to be attentive so that it may penetrate my heart, uproot my anarthas and cleanse my being so that I may return back home, back home to Godhead.

*Your aspiring servant
Bhakta Mesharlan Nadesan*





Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your divine lotus feet.
All glories to you and all glories to Sri Sri Radha Gopaljiu.

 Mukunda Dasa
Johannesburg
South Africa

SRILA PRABHUPADA I pray that my prayer becomes more realised rather an artificial:
I pray that I can serve you with this service being more realised;
I pray that I can be more humble in your presence with my humility being more realised;
I pray that I can be more tolerable in your presence with my tolerance being more realised;
I pray that I can surrender to you wholeheartedly with my surrender being more realised;
I pray that I can love you even more deeply with my love for you being more realised.
Thank you Srila Prabhupada, thank you for everything and may this gratitude towards you also be realised within my heart one day. I wish you a happy Vyasa-puja and may your sacrifice and glories always remain throughout the spiritual and material realms eternally.

*Your most insignificant servant,
Mukunda das*



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

 Mukunda Datta Dasa
Gauteng
South Africa

IN THE BEGINNING OF YOUR ISKCON MOVEMENT, there was some controversy. Some of your followers created some unwanted disturbances and brought you to disrepute.

Persons from the outside world were very quick to implicate you and hold you accountable. Unfortunately these blind persons cannot see how you are resurrecting the fallen souls from the scourge of their material predicament.

This unfortunately is due to their madness. All the living entities in this world are suffering from madness due to their forgetfulness of Krishna.

And you Srila Prabhupada, you were the only person to open the eyes of the conditioned souls

caught in the darkness of ignorance in this material world.

I pray at your lotus feet, that I never leave the shelter of your ISKCON movement.

I am an unqualified and unfortunate fool. Yet somehow or the other I have come in contact with you and your great Movement. This is my greatest fortune.

I pray that no matter what happens, I will always remain loyal to you and your followers.

Please be merciful unto me.

*A fallen conditioned soul,
Mukunda Datta das*





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

FOR THE LOVE OF BHAGAVATAM

Thank you for Srimad Bhagavatam. Thank you for bringing us into the holy communion of the discussions amongst the sages of Naimisharanya. Through these pages you transport us to the very spot Srila Suta Goswami spoke. I write as a feeble and poor soul who wishes to take darshan of this gift that you have shared with us.

Thank you for introducing us to Srila Sukadeva Goswami and Maharaja Praksit. Thank you for Srila Narada Muni, the Pandavas and Bhishma. Thank you for showing us how Uttara ran helplessly towards the Lord's chariot when the life of her unborn child was threatened. Thank you for Queen Kunti's prayers.

Thank you for King Khatvanga's urgency to take shelter of the Lord's lotus feet. Thank you for Srila Vyasa's compilation of the Bhagavatam.

Thank you for Vidura, the Four Kumaras and Devahuti.

Thank you for revealing the heart of the Lord's great devotee, Lord Brahma, who withstood so much tribulation following the Lord's instruction to create this material world.

Thank you for the saintly kings Dhruva and Prthu. Thank you for the saintly characters of the Pracetas.

Thank you for Maharaja Priyavrata. Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for Jada Bharata.

Thank you for Vitrasura, whose life has greatly touched my own.

Thank you for Prahlada.

Thank you for Bali Maharaja.

Thank you for revealing how Jatayu made the ultimate sacrifice for the pleasure of the Lord. Thank you for Vibhishana's virtues of humility and forgiveness.

Thank you for Dvaraka. Thank you for Mathura. Thank you for the sacred abode of Vrindavana. Thank you for showing us how simply by hearing, Queen Rukmini became attracted to the Lord. Thank you for Uddhava. Thank you for the residents of Vrindavana. Thank you for Nanda Maharaja and mother Yasoda's love for baby Krishna.

Thank you for the song of the Avanti Brahmana.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for the Glories of the Srimad Bhagavatam.

By your grace you have introduced me to these Vaisnavas and you allow me to carry them in my heart. I can't thank you enough for Srimad Bhagavatam, Srila Prabhupada. I can't tell you how much I have been affected. I simply wish to live and to die with this darshan of the Lord, in the form of Bhagavatam, entrenched deeply in my heart.

*vayam tu na vitṛpyama
uttama-sloka-vikrame
yac-chṛnvataṁ rasa-jnanam
svadu svadu pade pade*

"We never tire of hearing the transcendental pastimes of the Personality of Godhead, who is glorified by hymns and prayers. Those who have developed

a taste for transcendental relationships with Him relish hearing of His pastimes at every moment.”
(*Srimad-Bhagavatam* 1.1.19)

*Thank you Srila Prabhupada.
Eternally yours,
Mukundanghri Dasa*



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



Murari Caitanya Dasa
Durban
South Africa

I OFTEN USED TO LAMENT for not being born early enough to have been around when you were here physically. I wanted to sit in your Srimad Bhagavatam classes and I wanted to experience morning walks with you. I only recently came to the realisation that rather than lamenting for not being there with you in the 60's and 70's, I should rather appreciate the fact that I have the opportunity to see, experience and take shelter of this extraordinary movement you began back then for the benefit of all.

I have realised that the more we take shelter of you through your books, lectures and your disciples, the closer our association with you becomes and a relationship is being built. Suddenly the longing to have been there with you in the early days of ISKCON has vanished because your presence is felt ever so

strongly every time I walk into any of the hundreds of temples around the world, or meet any of your thousands of followers, but most of all your presence is felt when sitting in solitude behind closed doors and relishing the nectar from your books.

I started off this year known as Bhakta Mahesh, but now by your causeless mercy and the mercy of your spiritual son, my spiritual master, I am known as Murari Caitanya Das. The debt to the Spiritual Master can never be repaid but I pray that I can at least be of some service to you and your mission. Please allow me to always take shelter from you and continue to have your association wherever I go.

*Your Most Fallen Servant,
Murari Caitanya Dasa*



Dear Srila Prabhupada
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories unto Your Divine Grace, on this auspicious day of your appearance and always.



Nadiya Devi Dasi
Gauteng
South Africa

AS THE YEARS PROGRESS, more of Your disciples are coming forward and presenting elucid recollections of their experiences with you. We are generously offered a myriad of pastimes that carry gems of wisdom, expanding beyond the boundaries of time. History often repeats itself, and challenges that your disciples experienced, and the solutions that you offered, applies today to thousands of devotees worldwide.

Recently a voice recording emerged, where you provide instructions about the mood one should imbibe when presenting an offering to Krishna. The depth of devotion is astounding. Listeners are left with a sense of awe and respect for the degree of love and devotion that you expressed. It is the benchmark we strive to attain. This is but one of the many jewels of instructions the world has inherited from your legacy of Bhakti. For this and much

more we are eternally grateful. How could we ever understand the mellows of devotion, if you hadn't expressed it in words and action.

I can only try to emulate your mood of service, but the reality is that I lack the purity that fuels devotion. I am simply tethering on mercy, knowing that you kindly overlook my unlimited faults and

magnify any relic sentiments or semblance of devotion. So I thank you once again for giving me hope in the form of Krishna Consciousness.

Seeking your mercy and guidance always....

*Your indebted grand-daughter,
Nadiya devi dasi*



Nalakini Devi Dasi
Johannesburg
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my Humble Obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet.
All glories to Your Divine Grace on this most auspicious day of your Vyasa-Puja. All glories to Sri Sri Nitai Gaura Hari.

ON THIS SPECIAL OCCASION we are given the opportunity to express our gratitude to you, dear Srila Prabhupada, but words can never be enough for what you have given us all. Thank you, Prabhupada, for giving us Krishna consciousness and the sweet nectar of the holy name. This has helped me tremendously, if ever I feel sad or down or alone then I will chant and read Srimad Bhagvatam and immediately my spirits will be lifted.

I try my best to give most of my time to chanting and reading everyday. Although I have been reading Srimad Bhagvatam daily, I was also convinced by Rasasthali to take up Nrsimhananada Prabhu's challenge to read the entire Srimad Bhagvatam in one year from last year Kartik to this year Kartik. So I am now reading both with all the devotees who have taken the challenge and my own readings too. Recapping from the very beginning of Canto 1 till now we are by Canto 10 has been really wonderful for me because it has given me a full overview and flashes of my previous readings. Srila Prabhupada, still this reading is ever fresh and I'm constantly learning more. I sometimes just want to read and chant the whole day nonstop, and wish I don't have to do any household duties or even cook but just keep reading. This is by your mercy, Srila Prabhupada, that we have the nectar of the Spiritual World and all these wonderful books you have given us.

I'm eternally grateful for your hard work in giving us these books.

One day when I was chanting in my temple room, my eyes closed. After a little while I felt a slap across my face. I got up with a shock. I looked at the alter and around the room but could not fathom who it was. I guess it was a full wake up call to focus nicely on my japa.

One evening I dreamt we were in kirtan at someone's house. Rasasthali, my daughter, was with me and I saw Srila Bhaktivinod Thakur amongst the crowd. I felt so ecstatic and blessed and when I woke I remembered my dream so clearly. Srila Bhaktivinod Thakur has many times been coming in my dreams and I feel very pleased to always receive his blessings and mercy.

Another time, I went to Cape Town to Meena, my elder daughter's, home. I would chant in her temple room daily in front of her deities. Again, while chanting, my eyes closed and this time a little girl wearing a white dress came and sprinkled some water on my head.

All these little happenings are seen to me only by your blessings upon me, Dear Srila Prabhupada, because only you have given me the most precious gift of this chanting of the holy name, Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare, and

this wonderful Krishna Conscious life. Thank you for everything, Srila Prabhupada. Thank you again and again.

Your Humble Servant of the servant.
Nalakini Devi dasi



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances in the dust of your divine lotus feet.
All glories to your divine grace.

 Namacarya Dasa
Johannesburg
South Africa

ON THIS MOST AUSPICIOUS DAY of your vyasa puja I have no gifts for you, nor any glorifying words. I am a real pauper and a miser.

Your greatness is not appreciated by us, the kali yuga specimens. Krishna mentions in His Bhagavad Gita that a sober person is not affected by happiness and distress you have so nicely exhibited these qualities. In the car accident in Mauritius you were unaffected and then in the early days when your typewriter and transcripts were stolen.

Thank you for allowing me, such an unworthy

person to be in this glorious house that you have built for the whole world to stay in. You have built so many temples to enable us to take association from senior devotees yet we do not seem to appreciate this.

Taking shelter in the dust of your divine lotus feet eternally.

Your unworthy grandson,
Namacarya dasa



I pay my humble obeisances to Prabhupada.

 Namalila Devi Dasi
Durban
South Africa

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

THANK YOU for giving us such a wonderful gift of Krishna consciousness and the maha mantra. Thank you for letting us come to this beautiful temple Sri Sri Radhanath. Thank you for saving us from this material world and material desires by chanting the maha mantra. Thank you for engaging in

devotional service. All glories to you Prabhupada.
All glories to Sri Sri Radhanath.

From Your Grand Disciple
Namalila Devi Dasi

Namarasa Mohan 🍁
(10 yrs old)
Gauteng, South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.

I WISH YOU A VERY HAPPY VYASA-PUJA. Thank you for bringing Krishna consciousness to the West. I love learning about Krishna and dancing in kirtan. Every Friday we have Krishna Club and learn about Krishna. You are a real superhero because you brought Krishna consciousness to us.

I also read some of your books and learnt a lot from them. Thank you for translating all these books like Srimad Bhagavatam, Caitanya Caritamrita, Caitanya Bhagavat, etc.

Last year I went to India and visited a lot of

sacred places like Vrindavan, Mayapur and Ujjain. My favourite place was Kamyavan.

I am now reading Srimad Bhagavatam. Now that it is Purushotama month I am reading Canto ten, Part two, Chapter fourteen - Brahma's prayers to Lord Krishna. Thank you for coming to the material world to give us Krishna consciousness. I love you.

Your humble servant and great grandchild
Namarasa Mohan (10 yrs old)



Nama-srestha Dasa 🍁
Edenvale
South Africa



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

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

PLEASE FORGIVE ANY OFFENSES I have committed. In my life of trying to become a devotee I am faced with many obstacles. It is the chanting of the Hare Krishna maha-mantra that you have given us which gives me the strength to overcome these obstacles. I am forever indebted to you for bringing us Krishna

consciousness for without this, I shudder to think where I would be. Please continue to bless me so that I can remain and serve at your lotus feet.

Your humble servant,
Nama-srestha dasa



Nandanandini Devi Dasi 🍁
(Disciple of your son
Bhakti Caitanya Swami)
Milnerton Ridge, Cape Town
South Africa



Dear grandfather, Srila Prabhupada, please accept my obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet.
All glories to you on this most auspicious day of appearance.
All glories to my guru maharaja.

SRILA PRABHUPADA, whenever I think how best I can glorify and appreciate you, words totally fail me. Only because your appearance here is

transcendental and purposeful. From the moment of your birth it was predicted of your spiritual journey here.

Recently, I watched a documentary on you and your ISKCON. Srila Prabhupada, the theatre was full. The silence was deafening as all attention was on you. This movie revealed so much more about you. My heart and mind were absorbing and a renewed love and appreciation for you was stirring within me. Tears rolled off my cheek as I know it is only by your mercy that I find myself in the association of your “army”.

This “army” has arisen from your deep desire. This desire was quoted by HH Bhurijana Prabhu, in his 2006 vp offering to you. You said, “My desire is that all living entities in the universe go back to godhead. Please help me with this desire”. From that deep desire manifested ISKCON, a house that

the fallen and conditioned souls have taken shelter. You have saved them from the vicious cycle of birth and death. Srila Prabhupada, you have given us the most priceless gift, “Krishna,” a gift that can never be repaid.

I pray that I always remember your sacrifices you made for us and try in some way to continue what you have started. I am so grateful to you, Srila Prabhupada. As your most fallen granddaughter, I pray to always be in the shelter of your divine lotus.

Jai Jagad Guru Srila Prabhupada!

*Your most fallen granddaughter,
Nandanandini devi dasi*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my respectful obeisances.

All glories to your Divine Grace on this most auspicious occasion of your Vyasapuja!



Nandapriya-Gopika Devi Dasi (JPS)

Pietermaritzburg

South Africa

IN COUNTING MY BLESSINGS as a result of being associated with your very esteemed family, ISKCON, I reminisce on my recent trip to the Dham. An experience that somehow brought about much change in my outlook on life and relationships and certainly an eye opener as well, the power of association and the opportunity to learn from a very exalted vaishnav.

Our trip to India was, in its entirety, a wonderful experience yet it was our stopover in Mauritius that first came to mind when I began thinking of all the amazing opportunities and blessings you have created for us.

It is so rightfully said that everything happens only by the Will of the Lord. By His Grace we were fortunate to have the association of HH Bhakti Brhat Bhagavata Swami, who showed us by his own example how to take care of a vaishnav. His attention to detail, his patience and care was impressive. Meditating on Maharaj’s sweet demeanour and considerate nature in itself was testimony to your greatness and love that you held so naturally for everyone. Those personalities that love you

and have dedicated their lives in continuing your selfless preaching mission, have also inherited your innate qualities and exude love and kindness to all.

I was in awe of the beautiful temples. I noticed that the 7 Purposes of ISKCON, as penned by Your Divine grace, adorned the walls of every temple. 5 decades later these 7 purposes are being upheld by all your dedicated followers... Why? Simply because of Your immense compassion and love that you showered on everyone who came in contact with you. They made it their lives mission to please you. I hope and pray that someday I could also be able to serve you with such dedication and be able to please you. Then only will my life become successful.

I am grateful for all the good fortune you have created for me, Srila Prabhupada, and for being so tolerant of me.

I pray to remain under the shelter of your divine lotus feet eternally.

Your servant,

Nandapriya-Gopika devi dasi (JPS)

Nandaraj Dasa 🍁
Johannesburg
South Africa



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

EVEN THOUGH I AM MOST UNQUALIFIED to write to you, by the mercy of Guru I am able to try and write a few words to thank you. Thank you my Dear Srila Prabhupada for this home called ISKCON and for all the wonderful devotees. Thank you for all of the hard work and effort that you have put in spreading the Holy Names. Thank you for saving me over and over again. It is only by your mercy that I can be part of your flourishing movement.

I sincerely and humbly pray to you to please keep me always engaged in unconditional selfless service by being an instrument in your hands to serve you in the spreading of the holy name.

*Your most fallen servant,
Nandaraj das*



Nandarani Devi Dasi 🍁
Johannesburg
South Africa



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

THE ACT OF EXPRESSING GRATITUDE to you shifts my focus from what I feel I may be lacking in my life, to remembering the richness that is already present. This richness is as a result of the priceless, transcendental gift of Krishna consciousness that you have given. As much as thanking you is a means to a powerful shift in consciousness, I find that sometimes when I offer obeisances or think of you, I am in a hurry. At other times I am unfocused and distracted and I don't take enough time to meditate on you. On this most auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja, I am reminded to slow down and reflect on how much I have to be thankful for.

Srila Prabhupada, the madness of the material world continues. People still believe that the quality of life will improve through technological and scientific advancement. However, things are getting worse. So much so that some scientists are noticing the destructive trends. I recently heard a talk by a well-established author who worked with leaders across the world for a few decades. She recounted how most of her career was aimed at working hard to make a difference. Now, a few decades later, she

has come to the realization that the complexity of the problems that we are currently facing is beyond society's ability to change - unanticipated consequences have emerged with a vengeance. Rather, she concluded, we need to restore humanity in human beings. I sat listening to her while continuously thinking – this is exactly in line with what our dear Srila Prabhupada has taught us. What the author was speaking about was the 'post-dated cheque' that you frequently referred to – the myth that if sufficient 'progress' is made, then things will get better. You, Srila prabhupada, have given us everything we need to know in order to navigate the complexities of material nature and indeed escape the clutches of maya.

You underwent so much of suffering to give us everything we need to know. However, you did not lose hope, you did not quit. Instead, you remained equipoised in fulfilling the order of your beloved spiritual master. You were not distressed in any way when facing the realities of the dualities of the material world, instead, you rose above the challenges. In 1969 when you suffered a stroke in New

York, the distraught devotees continuously prayed for your recovery. When one of your disciples later expressed their confusion as to why a pure devotee like yourself suffered such a challenge, you responded in a letter:

“Also inform Jayananda I have received his letter and the difficulties of life may come as seasonal changes, but we should not be disturbed by all those difficulties. Our process is to chant and that process will gradually clear everything in due course. There is nothing to be disrupted – you should go on with your work with enthusiasm, and everything will be solved. We are on the sound footing of Krishna consciousness.” (Letter to Mukunda das, June 6, 1967)

Srila Prabhupada, you did not have any expectations of being treated differently. You fully understood the context of the material world and you faced reality. As you say in a lecture that is contained in the book ‘Teachings of Queen Kunti’, even Devaki, Lord Krishna’s mother, suffered at the hands of her demoniac brother Kamsa. In commenting on this point, you describe how people in this material world are infected by jealousy or enviousness and as a result there is always suffering. It is a place of suffering. And so you accepted suffering as a normal part of life without becoming bitter in any way.

When I think in a conscious way of you, your pastimes (like the one above), the complete knowledge you have given us, your transcendental qualities and your example, I feel purified. It fortifies me, and gives me strength to carry on with my duties. Thinking of you replenishes my heart, which is

eroded daily by my own deep conditioning and massive ego. I do not have any qualification to be a recipient of your mercy but somehow I have been given access to your mercy through your ISKCON family. And so I ask myself - how can a heart like mine, craving fame and glory, full of misgivings and conditioning, heavy with illusion and confusion, rife with envy and jealousy, have access to your mercy? I can never fully understand your mercy but I feel that it is the reason a fool like me can hold onto hope.

Srila Prabhupada, I pray that by your mercy, your instructions can one day enter deeply into my heart so that I may accept the challenges of life without becoming self-absorbed as I usually do. I pray that I can gain a better sense of the realities of the material world and not hold onto unrealistic expectations. It is difficult and draining to engage in the material world when trying to fulfil my duties and not get influenced by its madness. I am so unfortunate that I still frequently get entangled in the web of illusion. I pray to you for your mercy so that I do not become distracted and unfocused, being influenced by the ‘post-dated cheque’ syndrome. I pray that by your mercy I can develop attraction to chanting the maha mantra and that I can be engaged in devotional service with enthusiasm in order to remain “on the sound footing of Krishna consciousness”.

Thank you Srila Prabhupada.

*Your servant,
Nandarani devi dasi*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most humble obeisances.
All Glories Sri Guru and Sri Gauranga. All Glories to His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada

I’M SIMPLY AMAZED and astonished by the multitude of realizations you have ignited in this vast material world. I am deeply touched by your loving compassion yet caring nature for us fallen, degraded

conditioned souls that would have otherwise been still roaming the streets of Maya or drowning in abject distress.

As Jagat Guru, you were also the architect of



Narahari Dasa & family
Sri Sri Radha Radhanath Temple
Chatsworth, Durban
South Africa

ISKCON & inspiringly drafted with meticulous hindsight a formidable design with precision of simply distributing the Holy Names of The Lord worldwide .you have undoubtedly been blessed by the Lord Himself & also by your Spiritual Master for you have unearthed many a great gem with such fortitude albeit your failing health .you single-handedly uplifted the whole of mankind to the ethos of Simple Living & Higher Thinking via your honest, sincere & faithful dedication for this we salute you. By your tenacity & valiant attempts you have empowered everyone with your wisdom what to speak of your glorious association!

We humbly thank you for having us, fallen,

degraded souls in your thoughts and prayers but ultimately for opening our eyes with the torch of knowledge and destroying our rudimentary ignorance. Thus we are, lifetimes upon lifetimes indebted to you always thus we therefore humbly offer our dandavats and millions of obeisances and always begging for a little Mercy at your Lotus Feet. Please offer us just a little if not some shelter at your Divine Lotus Feet for we cannot do it. Please be merciful to us conditioned souls for we lack the purity of the spiritual world. Dhayavaad.

*Your most fallen & degraded useless servants,
Narahari das & family*



Narayani Dasi 🙏
Queensburgh
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupad.
Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust
of your Divine lotus feet on this most auspicious day of your Vyasa-Puja.

THANK YOU for everything you have done to save this material world of fallen people. Thank you for starting this movement and thanks to you when I was sick in hospital I had your chanting playing all the time. Thank you for starting Ratha-Yatra. Thank you for giving me a second chance.

*Your fallen daughter,
Narayani Dasi*



Nashvin Gangaram 🙏
Durban
South Africa



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

I AM AGAIN AT ISKCON NEW VRINDABAN, experiencing the heavenly atmosphere. Although I am mostly just relishing the amazing life here, I am also developing some slight compassion for everyone who has not yet accessed the wonderful life of Krishna consciousness. Please utilize me in any way to fulfil your desire of spreading this mercy all over the world.

These are some words from you and about you that I found particularly inspiring this year:

Caitanya-caritamṛta, Adi-lila 8.62, purport

“It is a qualification of a Vaisnava that he is adosa-darsi: he never sees others’ faults. Of course, every human being has both good qualities and

faults. Therefore it is said, saj-jana gunam icchanti dosam icchanti pamarah: everyone has a combination of faults and glories. But a Vaisnava, a sober man, accepts only a man's glories and not his faults, for flies seek sores whereas honeybees seek honey."

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"If a person is actually executing devotional service, then he must be happy. If he's not happy, then he's not doing properly. So first thing is this. He might be doing something in the name of devotional service. If he's actually rendering devotional service, then he must be feeling. Just like if you are eating actually, then you must feel strength and satisfaction of your hunger. You cannot say, "I'm eating, but I'm not satisfied of my hunger." That is impossible. This is not possible. Then you are not eating. Or you are eating, but it is being devoured by the worms within your intestines. Sometimes it happens. If there are many worms within the intestines, you go on voraciously eating, but you don't get strength because the eating substance, the essence, is taken by the worms. Therefore the worm treatment is there to kill the worms. Otherwise they will eat everything. You'll feel hungry, but will not get any strength. This is the worm disease. So if I am actually rendering devotional service and I'm not getting any happiness, that means there is some maya's play. Otherwise there is no such reasoning. He must feel happy. Then he has to rectify the process of his service. Not to change but rectify the process. (aside) What is that? (laughs) It cannot be. If you are actually executing devotional service, you must feel happy. If you don't feel happy, then you are not executing. There is some flaw. Yes."

Srimad Bhagavatam 6.9.22

"Free from all material conceptions of existence and never wonder-struck by anything, the Lord is always

jubilant and fully satisfied by His own spiritual perfection. He has no material designations, and therefore He is steady and unattached. That Supreme Personality of Godhead is the only shelter of everyone. Anyone desiring to be protected by others is certainly a great fool who desires to cross the sea by holding the tail of a dog."

Srimad Bhagavatam 6.1.52

"The foolish embodied living entity, inept at controlling his senses and mind, is forced to act according to the influence of the modes of material nature, against his desires. He is like a silkworm that uses its own saliva to create a cocoon and then becomes trapped in it, with no possibility of getting out. The living entity traps himself in a network of his own fruitive activities and then can find no way to release himself. Thus he is always bewildered, and repeatedly he dies."

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"The inhabitants of Vrndavana said, "By the will of the supreme authority and according to the results of our own work, we may take our birth anywhere. It doesn't matter where we are born, but our only prayer is that we may simply be engaged in Krishna consciousness." A pure devotee of Lord Krishna never desires to be promoted to the heavenly planets, or even to Vaikuntha or Goloka Vrndavana, because he has no desire for his own personal satisfaction. A pure devotee regards heaven and hell to be on an equal level. Without Krishna, heaven is hell; and with Krishna, hell is heaven."

Please bestow your favour upon me even though I do not deserve it.

*An aspiring servant of your loyal followers,
Nashvin Gangaram*



Nayana Gopi Devi Dasi
Pietermaritzburg
South Africa



Hare Krishna, please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to you my dear Srila Prabhupada Maharaja and all the great gurudevas you have created,
which are masterpieces that are guiding your ISKCON family in this age of kaliyuga.

I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY to humbly thank you for allowing me the opportunity to be in the association of the beautiful family you created. I am not sure how or what I did to receive this good fortune but am grateful for the mercy you have showered on this fallen soul. Before you allowed me the greatness of being with you, I was very lost but now see things very clearly. My dear Srila Prabhupada Maharaj although I see things clearly with your abundance of teachings, it sometimes becomes distorted, please my Gurudeva shower your mercy on

this fallen soul to pick up and move on for time is limited for us all.

Thank you for your abundance of literature which I so cherish. Thank you for all the great devotees you created and left behind so that we can hear, read, listen and understand our purpose here.

Your ever-loving fallen child who promises to serve you in eternal Krishna consciousness always.

*Your humble fallen servant
Nayana Gopi Devi Dasi*



Neeraj Maharaj
Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
All glories to your divine lotus feet
on this the most wonderful and glorious day of your appearance.

AS AN OFFERING WE DEDICATE all the harinams and books distributed for your pleasure and the pleasure of all Their Lordships.

We thank you again and again for continually engaging us in this beautiful service and giving

us the strength and ability. We humbly pray that by your mercy we can continue and expand in our practice. Hare Krishna.

Neeraj Maharaj



Nesheen Jugdeo
Cape Town
South Africa



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

FROM A VERY YOUNG AGE, I was always attracted to the holy name of Sri Krishna and found myself chanting his name, reading the *Bhagavad-gita* and listening to music that connected me closer to Krishna. My soul knew at a tender age that there was a higher energy that I belonged to and needed to reconnect with.

It was only when I was much older in my late 20's did my yearning for Krishna lead me to an

ISKCON temple. I was afraid and nervous to enter the temple as I was not sure what to expect and who I would meet. I still remember my first day clearly. It was a late evening and I attended an evening lecture. The speaker spoke directly from the *Bhagavad-gita* and I hung to each and every word. The kirtan was something I never saw before or participated in. It was a profound experience seeing people dance and sing in such pure happiness and peacefulness.

I knew right then and there, I had found the road I was searching for. I was always walking in different directions looking for Krishna, knowing I needed to find him but not sure how to connect with him fully. By finding ISKCON, I found that path that would guide, support and take me directly to my souls yearning, to be with my beloved Krishna.

Dear Srila Prabhupada, I thank you sincerely for bringing ISKCON to us and giving us the means to connect with Krishna on such an intimate level. Due to your tireless efforts, we have the opportunity to enjoy the benefits of associating with devotees.

ISKCON has taught me what it means to chant the holy name consistently, how to prepare food properly and how to serve Krishna fully. Most importantly, ISKCON has taught me how to bring my family closer to the lotus feet of Sri Krishna which is a gift I would not be able to achieve, if it was not for you dear Srila Prabhupada!

This soul is forever in your debt, lifetime after lifetime. All glories to Your Divine Grace.

Your servant
Nesheen Jugdeo



Hare Krishna,

YOU HAVE HELPED SO MANY PEOPLE get closer to God.

I thank you for this great act of kindness.

Hare Krishna

Nevashen Govender



Nevashen Govender
Durban
South Africa



Dear beloved Srila Prabhupada
Please accept my humble obeisances at your divine lotus feet.
All glories to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada.



Nikhil Govindram
Johannesburg
South Africa

THANK YOU for bringing the light of Krishna consciousness into my insignificant life, the books of Srila Prabhupada is what has brought me into this movement, the first book in specific which I have read “Chant and be happy”. I admire your remarkable loving devotion to the movement and

your achievement of spreading the divine name of Lord Krishna.

Your humble servant,
Nikhil Govindram



Nikunja Seva Dasi
Durban, KZN
South Africa



My dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet.
All glories to your divine grace on this most blessed day of your Sri Vyasa puja.

SRILA PRABHUPADA, I just got back from the funeral of one of your grand disciples, Tulasi Maharani who has been in and out of hospital for past six years. She has been through many difficulties with her health but she never let her disability come in the way of practicing spiritual life. Although she had both her legs amputated still she had a very strong will power and determination to rise early in mornings to chant her round to cook and make an offering to Lord Krishna and to give Krishna to others in the form of prasadam. She could not come to the temple but she always hankered for devotional service. She always wanted to be engaged in Lord Krishna's service. For her that was her life.

Srila Prabhupada, you are really amazing this is all due to your causeless mercy. Today by your potency so many non-devotees got to hear the holy name and was appreciating it.

Srila Prabhupada, every day you are touching the hearts of hundreds of thousands of non-devotees who come in contact with your books, prasadam or they may meet a devotee. You mentioned that your books will be law books for next 10 000 years. I have been very fortunate I have been gifted your lectures, "Srila Prabhupada Complete Audio Archives" with 2200 audio and 1200 hours of nectarian discourses

on all your books. Once the reporter asked you what will happen when you die and you said I will never die. It's so true Srila Prabhupada, we as your grand disciples know that as we read your books hear you lectures that you are physically present with us. You will always be with us. It's such an inspiration to hear you speak every day. Srila Prabhupada it's so true when you said I will live eternally in my books.

Thank you Srila Prabhupada for always going out of your way encouraging people to take shelter of Lord Krishna. I can't imagine my life without you Srila Prabhupada.

You are no ordinary person Srila Prabhupada, you have touched so many hearts and are still continuing to attract thousands more.

Srila Prabhupada, I am very indebted to your divine grace.

I pray today that I may always remain at the shelter of your lotus feet under the direction and care and protection of your dear disciples.

Begging to always remain at shelter of your divine lotus feet.

*Your unworthy granddaughter,
Nikunja Seva dasi*



Nikunja Viharini Dasi
Durban
South Africa



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

YOU DESCRIBE KRISHNA CONSCIOUSNESS as "The art of focusing one's attention on the Supreme and giving one's love to Him is Krishna Consciousness". Your life truly exemplified this pure love of God. Through your compassion, you shared this with the entire world. You went to New York in 1965 and in 12 years

made Hare Krishna a household name.

You taught us simplicity..., "simple living and high thinking", devotion, compassion, cooperation and much more.

In 1998, a few years after joining ISKCON, Raghunath Bhatta Das, a very dedicated and sincere

devotee, engaged me in your Back to Godhead service. I learnt how you single-handedly wrote, edited and typed, met with the printers and distributed the magazines by approaching people in the streets, and selling or giving the Back to Godhead magazines. This touched my heart and I dedicated my life to the distribution of the Back to Godhead magazine. We have a dedicated team of devotees also engaged in this wonderful service.

For the past 20 years, we have engaged many, many people in the service of packing these magazines for distribution. Currently we have close to 100 people, who very enthusiastically engage in this service. Just by coming to the temple and packing

the magazines many have taken to the process of Krishna Consciousness. Some are studying your books too. This can only be attributed to your mercy and kindness.

Thank you Srila Prabhupada for giving us this Krishna Conscious Movement where we can re-establish our lost relationship with Lord Krishna, through our spiritual masters and go back home Back to Godhead. I am eternally grateful for your legacy you left through your books, your magazine, and our spiritual masters.

*Your ever-grateful servant,
Nikunja Viharini Dasi*



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



Nikunja Vilasini Dasi
Durban
South Africa

ANOTHER YEAR HAS PASSED, and so much has happened. I wish I could say that I have a year's worth of faith and devotion to offer you, but from the few storms I've struggled through this past year, I can say that faith and devotion are not easily achieved. They are often tests, and sometimes when we think we have advanced a little to Krishna's lotus feet, a wave sweeps us into despondency and despair. We wonder, where have our many years of practice and determination gone to?

I wonder how you surpassed so many trials and tests in Krishna's service. Every night we read Satsvarupa Maharaja's wonderful narrations of your pastimes in Srila Prabhupada Lilamrta. There's hardly a page in which you weren't presented with some challenge or setback—from your personal health difficulties to issues with immature disciples, from challenges in establishing centres around the world to outside interference. The problems were endless that sometimes I wonder how is it that you stood your ground and didn't lose confidence. Of course, there were times when you were tested and

wished to go back to your home in Vrindavan, but you passed every test because you didn't think of yourself. You constantly thought of the welfare of others, for our welfare.

Your confidence came from your faith in Krishna, whether in His loving embrace or in His apparent indifference. You saw Krishna's higher plan at work, so you didn't give up.

For example, recently we read about the fierce lawsuits in America that you and the devotees had to contend with, which accused the movement of brainwashing its followers. Devotees were being kidnapped by their parents and committed to psychological treatments. A devotee was kidnapped while distributing your books at an airport and confined for thirty days in a deprogramming centre. It was a trying time for you and your followers.

Then your disciple Adi Keshava Swami, a twenty-three-year-old sannyasi who took charge of the case, came to see you in Mayapur to seek your help and guidance. Even before he came, for hours you had spoken about this issue to your disciple

assistants, who posed different arguments of the opposition so you could practice defeating them. As usual you were bold. You did not flinch to face your opponents and present the strongest of arguments. And so, when Adi Keshava Swami came before you, anxious about the situation, you did not hesitate to train him in how he should present his case.

In this chapter aptly entitled “Chant Hare Krishna and Fight,” you said, “This movement is not brainwashing. We are brain giving. First of all you must have brain. Then there is a question of washing. But you have no brain. You do not know what is this life. You cannot explain what is the difference between a dead man and a living man. You have got so many big, big scientists and philosophers, but you do not know. So where is your brain?” (SPL, Volume 6, Ch 7)

Adi Keshava Swami took the role of the antagonists and said that he had a brain and that it was functioning. Otherwise how could he have been speaking to you.

You replied, “But that speaking and the dog’s barking are the same thing. The dog is barking. What is the difference? He is speaking in a different language, that’s all. . .”

In this way, you refuted his arguments. You also looked for the positive in the situation, and when Tamal Krishna Goswami earlier remarked that some of the opposition were saying that this movement is so powerful that our ambition is to take over the world, you laughed and agreed. “That’s a fact,” you said. “It is a fight between Krishna and demon. Let us do our duty and chant Hare Krishna; everything will be all right. There were so many demons. Prahlada Maharaja was five-years-old boy, and his father was such a big demon. But still Prahlada Maharaja was victorious. Similarly, you are all like Prahlada Maharaja. The fight is there. Chant Hare Krishna. Depend on Krishna. You will come out victorious. Nrsimhadeva will come. . .”

After presenting several more arguments, you encouraged Adi Keshava Swami to take all your books to court and preach. You encouraged him

that he shouldn’t be afraid and that Krishna would protect him. Your faith and determination rubbed onto Adi Keshava Swami, and he went back to fight the case with renewed vigour and enthusiasm.

Almost two weeks later you received news of the New York court decision that appeared on the front page of the Times of India. The headlines read, “Hare Krishna Movement is Bona fide Religion”. After reading the article, which described the movement as an authentic religion with roots in India that go back thousands of years, you exclaimed, “My mission is now successful. In 1965 I went there. This is now recognized after twelve years. I was loitering in the street alone, carrying the books. Nobody cared.”

You commented that you feared that the case might have taken fourteen years, and yet it had not even taken fourteen hours. You declared that Krishna was wonderful. “If Krishna is not wonderful,” you said, “is it possible for me to do all these things? Who am I? We don’t want to become cheaply wonderful. We want to become really wonderful, by serving Krishna. That is our mission. . . Always remember, Krishna is wonderful. Don’t take Krishna very slightly, any one of you. That is foolishness. Krishna is wonderful always. He is the most wonderful person, and He can do anything wonderful.”

Such was your humility, Srila Prabhupada, and your full dependence on Krishna’s wonderful grace. Your unflinching faith in guru and Krishna, amid all struggles and obstacles, carried you to victory. And now four decades later, your mission is not only successful but thrives, expanding and reaching countless souls.

Therefore, there was never a battle that you didn’t win. As a spiritual warrior, you fought on Krishna’s behalf, knowing that Krishna would take care of the rest. The Lilamrta also describes the Juhu struggle, another battle fought and won, and the list goes on. Sometimes I wonder, is this why Krishna chose to place you in adversity, just to teach us what it means to have faith in His will?

So today when I look at my lack of faith and devotion and wonder where my years of devotional

practice have gone to, I can say that they are not in vain. You acknowledge any small service and magnify it. You see every insignificant attempt to spread your mission as the greatest contribution. This compassionate vision is what drove you in the first place to save suffering souls like me. So, I am hopeful only because I've learned about the depth of your heart. But still, to be a better instrument in your service, I need to fight the battles that come from within. You encouraged your followers to fight their battles, internally and externally, but you also gave them an insurmountable strength through your love and guidance. I pray to take shelter of your guidance that fills your books. You are still alive in your books, Srila Prabhupada. Surely, your words can lift the darkness and shed light on my weaknesses, helping me to become a warrior and conquer them.

But your example alone gives us the strength and inspiration to fight our battles with determination and faith, knowing that Krishna will make us victorious. Just as a child is fully dependent on the

parent for sustenance and protection and doesn't doubt a parent's love even though the parent may sometimes be harsh and chastise him, you fully depended on Krishna for everything, and amid the worst setbacks you never doubted Krishna's love for you. You never doubted Krishna's divine intervention and kindness, which gave you courage.

On this most auspicious day, I pray to take courage from your perfect example of dependence. Please bless me with sufficient faith in Krishna's love, which will conquer my fears and despondency that hinder my attempts to serve. Please allow me to somehow assist you in your grand mission, even if I'm like an ant trying to carry a few grains for the benefit of its colony. This would be the perfection of my life.

All glories to your Divine Grace!

*Begging to remain your insignificant
servant of your servants,
Nikunja Vilasini dasi*



Hare Krishna.
Please accept my humble respects,
all glories to you Srila Prabhupada.



I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU for your life of sacrifice, bringing us all closer to Krishna and His devotees.

Your life is a great example of how to be Krishna conscious no matter what, and your books and lectures are my life and soul. The taste of your message cannot compare to anything in this world.

My only wish is to understand the essence clear

as daylight so that I can serve you better by spreading your message.

Thank you always.

*Your servant,
Nilacala Chandra Das*



Nilacala Chandra Das
Port Elizabeth
South Africa



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



IT HAS ONLY BEEN BY YOUR MERCY that an insignificant soul like myself has been given the opportunity

to serve in Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu's mission. I was maybe 10 years old when a group of devotees



Bhakta Nilesch Luckhoo
Cape Town
South Africa

came to our little town called Ventersdorp in the north west province of South Africa. They taught us the maha mantra and sang with us. That was my first interaction with devotees from ISKCON. Years later, after being caught up in the clutches of maya, I met my lovely wife, who was practicing Krishna consciousness. We got married and moved to cape town. I had the opportunity again to be in the association with devotees. I was asked to be involved in the food for life program at the temple. Again, by your mercy, with no vehicle and no finances, you always made it possible for us to help serve the less fortunate. Two years ago my wife and I were blessed with a daughter

Raseshvari. She is a unique soul and has an attraction to you Srila Prabhupada and the devotees.

I pray that you bless us so that we can continue serving in Lord Caitanya's mission. Please guide us so that we may not get trapped in the clutches of maya along the way.

Thank you again, Srila Prabhupada, for all the mercy that you have given my family and I.

Hoping to always be a servant of your servants.

Bhakta Nilesch Luckhoo

Nimai Sundar Dasa
Johannesburg
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
I offer my humble obeisances to you.
All glories to Your Divine Grace.



I AM WRITING THIS LETTER because of the stuff you have done for Krishna consciousness. You are a great role model and you have made a lot of temples in the world. You are the best devotee.

I pray that I can become a good devotee.

*Your servant,
Nimai Sundar das*



Niña Gobrie
Pietermaritzburg
South Africa



Hare Krishna, dearest Prabhupada!
Please accept my humble obesciances all glory to you this vyasa puja.

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

THESE POWERFUL WORDS just by chanting has changed my life with lots of unconditional love and prosperity you have really blessed my families and friends. Just by chanting the sweet nectar I surrender all my difficulties at your lotus feet, for your guidance help and love for my family and friends.

Please bestow us with your unconditional love and mercy there's nothing more left to ask it's all in

my bead bag. Grant us your mercy. My life would never be the same if I never chanted. I have seen miracle in my life with the sweet 16 words everything is possible.

*Your servant,
Niña Gobrie*



My Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All Glories to Your Divine Self.

SRILA PRABHUPADA, no words can really express the feelings I have. Your compassion and love for all souls is unparalleled and makes me realise how much more we need to do. Every time I am perplexed with a situation, I just need to hear Your voice and I am immediately aware of the humble position to take. Even in Your physical absence You are still teaching and with so much heart.


I can only imagine what my life would have been like without You in it. Thank You for sacrificing

so that we could be saved. I will always endeavour to never disappoint You.

I pray that I can please You in whatever small way I am able to and that You continue to watch over us so that we always stay on the right path.

With all my heart and soul.

*Your servant,
Nishana Baboolall*

 Nishana Baboolall
Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
I offer my humble obeisances to your lotus feet.

I AM GRATEFUL to know about you. You inspire me to become a devotee. May you please give me your blessings.

*Your humble servant,
Nitai Pada dasa*

 Nitai Pada Dasa
Mondeor (ISKCON Lenasia)
South Africa



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

WORDS CANNOT EXPRESS the deepest gratitude we feel for being a recipient of your causeless mercy. We often think of where we would be without you, your disciples and your preaching centres. It is never a pleasant thought and it makes us feel so much more grateful to be a part of this amazing movement.

Your mood is filled with so much of compassion and love and we constantly feel it through your disciples, your books and your temples. Your lectures

have always been a treasured source of shelter, protecting us from the dark veil of ignorance. Your teachings are simple yet so impactful. Thank you for giving us guidance when we were lost and thank you for giving us love when we had none.

We pray that the instructions that you have left behind for us to follow become one with our heart, so that we can serve you selflessly with sincerity and devotion, assisting you in your service to your

 Nitya Seva Devi Dasi
and Rasa Sundari Devi Dasi
Johannesburg, South Africa

spiritual master. Please allow us to always take shelter of your lotus feet.

*Your humble servants,
Nitya Seva devi dasi and Rasa Sundari devi dasi*

Krishna Kirtan Das &
Nitya Sundari Devi Dasi
Lenasia Johannesburg
South Africa



Dearest Shrila Prabhupada,
Please accept our humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet.
All Glories to you on this most auspicious day of your Vyasa Puja.



AS THE YEAR PASSES EACH YEAR, we are continually reminded of why we should be thankful to your Grace, Shrila Prabhupada. You have given us Krishna Consciousness and hence you have opened our eyes to real happiness. We have taken birth in this material world, and as such are continually faced with obstacles and the influences of Maya. But by excepting Krishna Consciousness into our lives, you have given us an understanding of why we should make Krishna the center of our lives, and only in that way, can we overcome, materialistic desires and avoid the influences of Maya.

We pray Shrila Prabhupada, at your lotus feet,

that you continue to shower your mercy on these fallen souls and continue to guide us, through your books and lectures, and through the influence of your son, Bhakti Chaitanya Swami, who has taken these fallen souls under his shelter.

Thank you Shrila Prabhupada, for giving us purpose and for loving us so much. We love you Shrila Prabhupada. Thank you, thank you.

*With love and gratitude,
your grandchildren
Krshna Kirtan Das & Nitya Sundari dd*

Nitya-manjari Dasi
Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to your unlimited mercy.



HOW HAVE I BECOME SO COMPLACENT of your mercy? I have taken for granted all the precious rewards your mission endows on me. I feel like a freelancer, enjoying all the fruits and hard work of your dedicated followers. These days it feels like I'm here only for the good times. That is, association of your stalwart disciples, the beautiful Deities and Their many festivals, soul-nourishing kirtan, liberating literature, my well-wishing devotee friends, and of course the succulent prasadam and too many more to mention. And, when it comes to preaching, fundraising and thoughts of how to add value to your mission I

seem faraway.

Srila Prabhupada, I sincerely pray that you empower me to focus my time and efforts in your mission optimally. Kindly give me the courage to jump over the hurdles which prevent me from fully surrendering to your vision and goals.

And most essentially, please keep me closer to your lotus feet.

*Your indebted servant,
Nitya-manjari dasi*



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisance.
All glories to Your Divine Grace! All glories to your disciples!



Nityananda Dasa
and Vasudha Devi Dasi
Durban, South Africa

ON THIS MOST AUSPICIOUS DAY of your appearance anniversary, we would like to acknowledge our indebtedness, gratitude and appreciation to you!

Your message is suitable for all people, irrespective of their spiritual or material situation. “There are two classes of men. Some of them are full of polluted material things within their heart, and some of them are materially free. Krishna consciousness is equally beneficial for both of these persons. Those who are full of dirty things can take to the line of Krishna consciousness for a gradual cleansing process, following the regulative principles of devotional service. Those who are already cleansed of the impurities may continue to act in the same Krishna consciousness so that others may follow their exemplary activities and thereby be benefitted” (*Bhagavad-gita* 4.15, purport):

*tad-viddhi pranipatena
pariprasnena sevaya
upadeksyanti te jnanam
jnaninas tattva-darsinah*

“Just try and learn the truth by approaching a spiritual master. Inquire from him submissively and render service unto him. The self-realised souls can impart knowledge unto you because they have seen the truth”

In the purport to the above verse 4.34 from *Bhagavad-gita*, you nicely explain how to approach

a bona fide spiritual master in the line of disciplic succession. Your message, straight forward - plain and simple - yet profound. In these times, when people are accustomed to complicating and confusing the facts of spiritual life, you always remain true and faithful to the disciplic succession lineage by simply repeating what the previous acaryas have explained. In so doing you are presenting us with spiritual truths that are from time immemorial. You do so in such a manner, that many take up with great enthusiasm – across the east and west sides of this planet.

Thank you for facilitating us to take shelter of your disciples and thereby be connected to you.

Your message is as relevant today as it was when you delivered it some years ago. The bodily conception of life is becoming more prevalent these days. So much so that fiery debates and violence is taking place in the name of race, religion and hate speech. Fortunately your devotees are preaching your message which is not based on these considerations. And so it is the only hope for humanity.

You have given us everything. Thank you!

Please bless us with the association of devotees and devotional service eternally.

We pray that we always remain attached to your lotus feet.

*Your servant of your servants,
Nityananda das and Vasudha devi dasi*



Dear Guru Dev,
Please accept my humble salutations at your lotus feet.



Nivash Rugbeer
Pretoria, Gauteng
South Africa

GURU DEV, WORDS CANNOT EXPRESS the greatness of your message and life; however, I offer this heart

to heart message as a vehicle of my devotion, gratitude and selfless love to you. Guru Dev, thank you

for removing the ignorance that pervades this world in the hope of aspiring towards innate divinity and a higher level of consciousness. The spiritual journey seems to start externally, but with self-introspection the intellect is directed internally, which culminates into a never-ending experience both internally and externally—echoing the oneness of life.

Perplexed by the duality of this world, you encourage the chanting of the Maha Mantra (Hare Krishna, Hare Krishna, Krishna, Krishna, Hare, Hare, Hare Rama, Hare Rama, Rama, Rama, Hare, Hare) as a remedy in this age of Kali. The holy mantra illumines the intellect and transforms the body and mind into channeled focus towards a deeper and unchanging truth. The spiritual ecstasy of the holy mantra energizes all faculties of the human being towards a meaningful life.

Your life is your message—selfless service to humanity should be of priority to breakthrough

divisions and disarm the ego, which paves the way to a blissful state of life. Furthermore, all actions are surrendered to you, which promotes self-confidence and acting for the betterment of others. Leading by doing is the hallmark of your greatness; this enables one to succeed in every action that one performs as an offering to you.

Duty without attachment enables one to make the impossible—possible. Your relentless efforts in spreading the unchanging and transcendental knowledge around the world motivates one to persevere and never give up until the goal is reached. Thank you for impacting my life in the way you have; it is through your grace and divine blessings that I have this opportunity to express my innate love for you.

*Your humble servant,
Nivash Rugbeer*



Nrshima Das
Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most humble offering to your lotus feet, on your Vyasa-puja.

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

IT IS THIS PART OF THE YEAR I am so grateful to you for still keeping me in the movement after so many years and allowing me to do some kind of service for the Sri Sri Radhanath temple of understanding, in my little way. It is by your mercy that my family and I learnt how to offer Prasad to the deity of Radha and Krishna. All the time we learn something or the other weather singing the prayer of how to worship the deities. How we are to respect the guru and devotees. I cannot thank you enough on your Vyasa-puja day

for rest of the world. I always think how you, as one person manage to spread this ISKCON movement throughout the world. It always amazes me how one person like you took this movement around the world in such a short time.


Once again I thank you very much in your most auspicious Vyasa-puja.

*Your most fallen grand disciple,
Nrshima Das*





Hare Krishna, Prabhupada.

 Ntando Mpamvu
Bloemfontein
South Africa


I HAVE BEEN IN THE MOVEMENT for a good four years now. By the virtue of your soul existing embodied by flesh we can see you with both physical and spiritual eyes, you allowed me to have a chance in gaining knowledge that cleared the dirty mirror of my soul.

I thank and appreciate your efforts to unite us with the supreme personality of Godhead. We shall forever remain humbled and thankful. Hare Krishna.

Ntando Mpamvu



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

 Padmanabha Das and Padmavati Dasi
Johannesburg
South Africa

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

SRILA PRABHUPADA, I think of you sitting and waiting in the heat, for many hours at Sumati Morarjee's office just so that you could get a ticket to go to America in order to save us from this material entanglement so that we can go back to Godhead.

I sometimes wonder what would have been my position if you had not left India and come to the West to give us this gift of Krishna consciousness and especially ISKCON.

Despite your ill health and old age, you travelled and preached widely. You gave us many temples, initiated many devotees and most importantly you gave us your books.

Your books have saved me!!!

Thank you Srila Prabhupada, for giving us the opportunity to associate with your amazing disciples who are giving us the wonderful knowledge that you gave them.

On this most auspicious day of your Vyasa puja I pray for your mercy and humbly beg you for forgiveness for all of my mistakes and faults. Please keep me always engaged in your service and the service of the Lord and protect me so that I will always remain within your ISKCON.

*Your menial servant of the servant,
Padmanabha Das and Padmavati Dasi*



All glories to our beloved Srila Prabhupada.

 Pandu Das & Kunti Sevika
Durban
South Africa

WHAT CAN I SAY ABOUT PRABHUPADA that has not been already said millions and millions of times,

but please know that if it was not for you, our dearest Prabhupada, our lives would have been in even

more difficulties than it's already in. We realise that in the material world there is no happiness. Our only happiness is devotional service to Lord Krishna, and you have so graciously made us aware of this, and we will always be indebted to you always.

Thank you, my spiritual father, for guiding us. May Lord Krishna always bless you and give you all the credits you rightfully deserve.

Pandu Das & Kunti Sevika



Parama Karuna Dasa
Johannesburg
South Africa



I offer my respectful obeisances to you Srila Prabhupada.

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

THANK YOU for the Sunday Love Feasts that you inaugurated. I especially like to see Sri Sri Nitai Gaura Hari when we visit the Lenasia temple.

I also enjoy the Festival of Chariots very much which you brought to the western world.

Thank you Srila Prabhupada for making ISKCON a home in which we all can live.

*Your humble servant
Parama Karuna das*



Paramala Devi
Batu Caves
Malaysia



Hare Krishna Guru Srila Prabhupada.
Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.
All glories to guru and Gauranga.

THANK YOU so much for preaching to others around the world about Krishna consciousness. I beg for gurudev blessings and mercy upon me to remember and serve Radha Krishna always. Please forgive me for all the sins I did. Seeking your guidance

forever to deliver a fallen soul like me. Please help me, gurudev. Srila Prabhupada Ki Jai.

*Your servant,
Paramala Devi*



Paramatma Dasa
Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada.
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to you and the parampara.

THIS FALLEN SOUL begs for your blessings and mercy. In gratitude thank you for sacrificing your

precious time in spreading Krishna Consciousness so wonderfully and precisely. You have helped me to

understand a higher purpose in life. Thank you very much for establishing ISKCON and empowering your disciples to keep spreading Krishna Consciousness by sharing your Nectarean books. You have brought us closer to the spiritual world. All glories to you and

your heart warming lectures.

Thank you Gurudev, Hare Krishna.

*Your eternal servant of your servants,
Paramatma Dasa*



Hare Krishna dearest Srila Prabhupada, please accept our humble obeisances as bow down to the dust at your divine lotus Feet.
All glories to His Divine Grace Srila Bhakti Siddhanta Sarasvati Thakura.
All glories to you Srila Prabhupada.



Paramisvara Das
and Paramisvari Devi Dasi
Port Elizabeth, South Africa

*om ajnana timirandhasa
jnananjana salakaya
caksur unmilitam yena
tasmai sri guruve namah*

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

DEAREST SRILA PRABHUPADA, we, the servants of your dearest servants, are humbly writing to you to offer our deepest love and sweet words of gratitude to you on this most auspicious day of Your Vyasa puja. We beg you to please accept our simple and humble offering.

We are truly unable to find appropriate words to describe your glory and all that you have done for us fallen souls. The more we read your glorious books, the more we realize how fallen we are, how miserable this material world is and how we are becoming more and more anxious to go back home, back to Godhead. You taught us how to help other fallen souls just like us, to develop their love for Krishna and to also desire to go back Home. You have given us Bhagavad Gita as it is and put us into direct contact with the sweetest words spoken by Krishna Himself. Now Krishna is speaking directly to us face to face through this divine book. In the Caitanya Mangala, Locana Dasa Thakura foretold that a great General (Senapati) will appear to widely

and powerfully preach Lords Caitanya's message. That great Senapati is you Srila Prabhupada. You have achieved exactly what was predicted by all the great sadhus in the disciplic succession. You have went amongst the most unlikely candidates for spiritual life and made them into great devotees. Today, we bow down to the lotus Feet of those very same candidates as some of them have become sanyasis and gurus by your divine mercy. You have displayed how to be a faithful servant of your guru and to never have a slightest tinge of doubt in his instructions. You have also taught us how to be fully dependant on the mercy of guru and failing to do this will result in severe consequences. All this and so much more we have learnt from your divine books. This knowledge that we never knew, even existed.

By your mercy, which has been showered to us by your loving servant, our Guru Maharaja, Bhakti Caitanya Swami, we are now engaged in helping to serve your mission in ISKCON.

We thank you from the core of our hearts for

everything that you have done for us, even though we are so unqualified to receive your mercy.

Thank you so much Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krishna. His divine grace AC Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada ki Jai.

*Your very loving and
insignificant servants of your servant,
Paramisvara Das and Paramisvari Devi Dasi*

Parjanya Dasa
Durban
South Africa



Hare Krishna.
Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances at your divine feet.



I AM WHOLLY INDEBTED TO YOU for changing my consciousness and lifestyle. Before taking shelter in the Hare Krishna movement, I was a socially and spiritually confused person. Your spiritual revelations makes me cringe at the karma I have accumulated in the past. I am less a Nitai bada now. Thanks to your teachings,

To help the fallen souls, I do some devotional

service, via book distribution, teaching school children about Krishna and preaching via our western band. I am immersed in your books and lectures too.

I feel cleansed being a devotee. Thanks to you. I am trying to do more.

*Your humble servant,
Parjanya das*

Pastor Wilson
Nairobi
Kenya



Srila Prabhupada,



I AM A CHRISTIAN CHURCH PASTOR who ministers a church in Nairobi. I came to know about the Hare Krishna. We were taught about the major religions Holy Books i.e. *Bhagavad-gita*, Quran e.t.c. The teacher who was teaching us on evangelism told us that we should never fight with any religion's faith but we should enquire and learn their beliefs first from their learned people.

My first encounter with Srila Prabhupada's books were through some Hare Krishna devotees who were distributing books on the streets of Nairobi. The first time I bought a few books but later as I read the books I ended up buying a collection of His Divine Grace's books including his biography.

As I read through the pages of these wonderful literatures, I am acquiring more knowledge and inspiration daily.

In conclusion, the knowledge that I have gained from reading A.C.B.S Prabhupada's books has increased my spiritual wisdom and helped me personally in my pastoral duties while teaching the

Krishna Religion in Bible Seminary College when we were studying a course on evangelism.

We were taught about the major religions Holy Books i.e. *Bhagavad-gita*, Quran e.t.c. The teacher who was teaching us on evangelism told us that we should never fight with any religion's faith but we should enquire and learn their beliefs first from their learned people.

Bible study to my church members and preaching. I have also increased my knowledge and inspiration through the teachings of Hare Krishna devotee's videos and audio video messages in the *Bhagavad-gita* class which I also transmit to my friends who want to acquire (gain) knowledge.

My final appeal to all the Hare Krishna devotees is to put more efforts to spread the Krishna consciousness to the people of all races in the world.

All glories to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada!

*I remain a servant,
Pastor Wilson*



Dear Srila Prabhupada, please allow me to offer you my respectful obeisances.
All glories to you, the divine founder of International Society for Krishna Consciousness.
All glories to your Spiritual Master. All glories to Guru and Gauranga.



Patri Dasa
Durban
South Africa

I AM OFFERING YOU THESE FEW WORDS to attempt to glorify you, however I also my express my futility in attempting to give a commentary on someone who is steeped with accolades as I am unqualified to make this offering, I therefore pray for your mercy that I am able to make this offering with sincerity and love.

When I take a few steps back and look at your contributions to the world, and how these contributions have transformed the hearts and minds of millions of people, I immediately see the mountain of a person that you are and just as one stands at the foothills of a mountain and feels insignificant. I also feel that our efforts to walk in your footsteps could be sincerely described as a feeble and insignificant effort when compared to the decade of contributions you had made to propel the International Society for Krishna Consciousness movement to where we see it today.

Needless for me to say, dear Srila Prabhupada, that your will for us to remain steadfast on this path is not without a solid structure of processes, literature, holy places and saintly leaders.

We are truly blessed that you have shown us the path that takes us from insanity to sanity, from unrighteousness to righteousness and from an existence of materialistic life to a simple living and high thinking culture. The lesson you have taught us is the anecdote to become free from the bodily concept of life and developing our relationship with Their Lordships Sri Radha Krishna.

On your Vyasa-puja, I am paying my obeisances unto you again and again as I fully understand that no worldly acquisition and opulence is meaningful if we are neglectful of acquiring your mercy and the mercy of your disciples.

Please bless me that I may always behold your lotus feet on my head and that I may become eligible for your mercy as I understand that without your mercy, I will remain fallen and hopeless.

Thank you again and again and I will continue to keep you in my mind and my heart and vision on a daily basis.

*Your humble servant,
Patri dasa*



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



Piyush Bava
Mulbarton
South Africa

YOU HAVE PLANTED THE SEED of Krishna consciousness in our hearts and this most merciful unconditional love has touched our souls though your books prasadam kirtan and the power of prema into bhakti.

You have also inspired us to chant the *maha-mantra*: Hare Krishna Hare Krishna, Krishna Krishna Hare Hare / Hare Rama Hare Rama, Rama Rama Hare Hare. This is one of the most important aspect of spiritual progress. You left India to go to

America penniless but today India will be proud of possessing one of the most beautiful spiritual temples in the world. This is only possible through your endless mercy.

Srila Prabhupada, this fallen soul cannot thank you enough for everything you have done for us.

*Your humble devotee,
Piyush Bava*

Pooja Morar 🙏
Lenasia
South Africa



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

THE TITLE OF SAVIOUR OF THE WHOLE WORLD can only truly be given to you. You have entered our hearts and changed us from being sinful fools and rascals to being aspiring devotees with great hope for receiving Lord Caitanya's gift of Krishna-Prema. Thank You for coming to save us. We are eternally indebted

to you. On the auspicious day of Your appearance, I bow down to your lotus feet imploring for Your blessings once again because without You I have nothing.

*Your aspiring servant,
Pooja Morar*



Prabhanu Dasa 🙏
Phoenix, Durban
South Africa



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

THANK YOU for allowing me the opportunity to render some service within your Society. Thank you for allowing me to access your disciples, books and temples.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to become connected to you by becoming an initiated disciple of HH Bhakti Charu Swami, one of your most amazing sons, who taught me to honour and appreciate you and your most incredible contribution to the entire planet.

Srila Prabhupada, your contribution changed the perspective of the world. Your contribution showed the value of Lord Krishna, his entourage, paraphernalia, devotees and places of pilgrimage. This value proposition changed the mindset of the young and restless, the old and descript and created an environment of spiritual happiness, it created wholesome relationships between persons from different cultural backgrounds, ethnic differences was dissipated and the Glory of Worshipping the Supreme Personality Of Godhead established in the hearts of all that would allow Lord Krishna in, through your speaking, writings and establishment of the holy places.

This contribution you began in 1965 continues to this very day, you are making the arrangements

for YOUR ISKCON SOCIETY to spread and manifest all over the world, your journey to different countries started a revolution that simply cannot be stopped until everyone accepts this philosophy of Krishna Consciousness.

I have absolutely no doubt that the solutions you have presented to us all constitute the only remedy for today's fallen condition. We simply need to learn how to present the perfect philosophy of Krishna consciousness in such a way that more and more people will take to it. But for this we need to become blessed and empowered. As stated in the Caitanya-caritamrita (Antya 7.11), kali-kalera dharma—krsna nama-sankirtana/krsna-sakti vina nahe tara pravartana: "The fundamental religious system in the Age of Kali is the chanting of the holy name of Krishna. Unless empowered by Krishna one cannot propagate the sankirtana movement.

Srila Prabhupada, I pray that you will continue to be merciful to me and allow me to serve you. Whether my situation appears favourable or not, if you kindly allow me to remain serving in your mission of distributing Lord Caitanya's message, my life will be complete. I forever thank you for your kindness. Though I understand I can never repay what you have done for me.

I am therefore begging Your Divine Grace to kindly give me, as well as all those sincere sons and daughters you inspire daily, the strength, courage, and determination to push forward this great movement of Krishna consciousness. Please may I have the opportunity to render devotional service and become a small instrument in your divine mission.

May your glories and fame become increasingly known all over the three worlds. May you ever remain the shining light and hope for all seekers of the Divine Couple for ever end ever.

*Your servant of your servant,
Prabhanu das*



My dearest Srila Prabhupada, Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your divine lotus feet.
All glories to Lord Jagannath, Baladeva and Subhadra Maharani.
All glories to Your Divine Grace.



Prabhavati Devi Dasi
Ladysmith
South Africa

*nama om vishnu padaya krsna presthaya bhutale
srimate bhaktivedanta swamin iti namine*

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

*namaste sarasvate deve gaura vani pracarine
nirviseśa sunyavadi pascatyāśa tarine*

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

Srila Prabhupada I am not good in writing letters but I hope you will accept what little I have written.

Srila Prabhupada, I always think what would be our position if it was not for you. I thank you a million times for introducing my family and I to your wonderful Krishna consciousness movement. We were so ignorant until Your Divine Grace came into our lives.

Thank you dear Srila Prabhupada for showing us the divine light to Sri Krishna. Please continue to shower your mercy upon us so that we can spread Krishna consciousness in Ladysmith.

*Your humble servant,
Prabhavati Devi Dasi*



Hare Krishna.
Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most humble obeisances at your divine lotus feet.



Pranayini Radhika Dasi
Verulam
South Africa

THE BOOKS YOU HAVE WRITTEN continue to inspire people.

On this auspicious day of your Vyasa puja I would like to express my deep appreciation and

gratitude for engaging me in devotional service. This has come to me by your mercy.

I pray to Your Divine Grace that I can go deeper in my *sadhana*.

I thank you from the depths of my heart for this wonderful gift of Krishna consciousness.

*Your insignificant servant,
Pranayini Radhika Dasi*



Pranesh Sewpershad 🌸
Johannesburg, South Africa



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

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

IT IS ONLY BY THE PURE AND LOVING DESIRE of your magnanimous heart that my dirty and ignorant heart has received a rainbow of light showing me a path that I have unknowingly yearned for over many repeated births.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU Sri-
la Prabhupada for enduring such tremendous diffi-
culty just to give me the greatest gift ever, the holy
name.

Please, Please, Please Srila Prabhupada, only

by your grace can I make any spiritual advance-
ment so please grant me the strength to take full
advantage of your books, help me grow spiritually
stronger every day in making this lifetime a worthy
offering to Krishna.

*Your aspiring servant,
Pranesh Sewpershad
Johannesburg, South Africa*

Pranesvari Devi Dasi 🌸
Kuala Lumpur
Malaysia



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

I'M ONE OF MANY HUMAN BEINGS who benefited from your glorious Krishna consciousness movement, ISKCON.

My life has improved greatly and is blissful. Sur-
rounded by many beautiful souls selflessly preach-
ing and practicing bhakti. Due to your mercy I
found a wonderful spiritual master that is so lov-
ing and merciful. We are so indebted to you Srila

Prabhupada. We are trying our best to engage in
little service to distribute your books so others can
be happy like us.

Love you so much Srila Prabhupada for saving
me from a rotten life.

*Your spiritual granddaughter,
Pranesvari devi dasi*





Dear Srila Prabhupada,

IN THIS DARK AGE OF KALI YUG, His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada is a ray of light to eliminate this darkness. His message is the only hope we have to free us from Maya... Chant chant chant....Guru has instructed us the direction back to Godhead the way/ the road back home is to simply CHANT Hare Krishna Maha Mantra. Guru's

message, books and quotes are similar to that of a desert rain, a cure to be free from this materialistic age of Kali Yug and to return back to Godhead, back to the Supreme Personality Lord Krishna.

Prashantha Jairam



Prashantha Jairam
Stanger Kwa Dukuza
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

YOUR DIFFICULT TASK of spreading the holy name throughout the world has made it possible for me to come into contact with your books and the devotees. The chanting of the holy names has forever ridden myself of the bad habit of swearing. Whenever the thought of swearing enters my mind, I always think

what will Srila Prabhupada think if this mouth that chants the holy name also utters vile words. For this and other good qualities that flow from the chanting I am eternally grateful.

Pravin Singh



Pravin Singh
Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.

I HEAR THE CRIES OF THE FALLEN SOULS,
We are entangled in material existence,
Srila Prabhupada has come to our assistance,
Everyone shouts, "Hare Krishna Hare Krishna, Krishna Krishna,
Hare Hare, Hare Rama, Hare Rama, Rama Rama, Hare Hare".
The pain ceases,
The suffering eases,
Prabhupada has given us the highest knowledge,
We find solace,
Who we are and what is our purpose?
Goes beyond the surface,
We understand the law of karma,



Preisha and Suran
Chatsworth, Durban
South Africa

No-one else has helped humanity to such an extent..
 Your books are saving so many souls,
 Prabhupada you have transformed many lives,
 Srila Prabhupada re-kindles our ultimate connection,
 Simply chant the holy names of Krishna,
 Perfect this life and go Back to Godhead,
 Where one does not have to go through birth and death continually,
 The suffering is ended perpetually,
 To you Srila Prabhupada we owe you so much gratitude,
 Your selfless mercy extends to such a magnitude,
 For helping in our spiritual lives,
 Transforming the heart,
 This Krishna consciousness movement we always want to be a part,
 You live always in our heart Srila Prabhupada!
 Srila Prabhupada Ki Jai!

Preisha and Suran



Prema Bhaktiras 
 Durban
 South Africa



My Dearest Dadaji,
 Please allow me to offer my most sincere obeisances at your divine feet again and again
 on the occasion of your divine vyasa-puja.

*mukam karoti vachalam
 pangum langhayate girim
 yat-kripa tam aham vande
 shri-gurum dina-taranam*

DADAJI, WORDS CANNOT EXPLAIN how thankful I am to you for putting me on this path to Krishna. Prior to coming to ISKCON, I used to ask myself ambiguous questions while trying to understand the goal of life but could not do so. I was really confused until you came into my life.

By your mercy this lame and dumb granddaughter is trying to reach Krishna. You have perfectly structured this movement so that anyone can surely go back home to Godhead after following your teachings. I recall listening to your audio recording, you implored us to do bhakti to Krishna,

this really brought tears to my eyes. I could just feel the sincerity in your voice. I thank Krishna again and again for sending you into my life, if you had not come I would have been like a fish out of water. You have definitely opened my eyes with a torchlight of knowledge, and thus I now understand what life entails.


I beg of you Dadaji, please hold my hand and never let go. Please correct me at all times.

*Your most foolish granddaughter,
 Prema Bhaktiras*





Please accept my humble obeisances dear Srila Prabhupada,

 Prema Datri Devi Dasi
Johannesburg
South Africa

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU for your company, and allowing my family and I to associate with you daily.

I enjoy listening to your morning walks, I am learning so much from just listening to your interaction with all your American devotees, not forgetting Dr. Patel. There is a lesson for us to learn about your patience with him. I am so addicted to listening to your voice, I feel safe, and to hear you chanting the maha-mantra, its magic how you bring my mind back from wondering when I am chanting, also you can read my mind and everything falls into place whenever I am disturbed and just think of you. Thank you my dear Srila Prabhupada for always taking care of us.

Thank you for engaging us in services, and especially the association with devotees. I love book distribution, each person we meet has a story to tell about their private life, we make them aware of you, your teachings and Sri Krishna and give them your books and prasadam so they can bring some peace

and order in their lives. Many of them come and join us at some of our programmes and enjoy the experience.

We have taken the next step, by your mercy, of allowing us to take shelter of your disciple Guru Nanda Kumar das Adhikari. May you help us, help our Guru to spread your ISKCON movement to as many fallen souls like us.

May my boys and I always remember your teachings and instructions, and please you, by following them daily.

May you always grant us shelter at your lotus feet, and the holy name.

Thank you Srila Prabhupada our ever well-wisher for everything you gave us and are still giving us.

We love you lots.


*Your fallen servant,
Prema Datri devi dasi*



My dear Srila Phabhupada,

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

All glories to Sri Panca – Tattva. All glories to Sri Sri Radha Radhanath. All glories to your Divine Grace.

 Prema Kishori Devi Dasi
Durban
South Africa

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

SRILA PRABHUPADA, indeed I am honoured to write a few words for your Vyasa-puja. Our ISKCON has grown all over the world. More temples are being constructed for worship. This is due to the purity of ISKCON. ISKCON as a scientific spiritual movement can save the world.

A quotation from spiritual connections which

really touched my soul:

Srila Prabhupada – Krishna! You? Am I dreaming or is it really You? Krishna yes, my dear. I am always with you. Just as you did not forget me for even a moment.

Srila Phabhupada – Krishna! So mercifully my spiritual master installed your Deity in my heart,

but I could not serve you properly. I could not even fulfil his first instruction. What is the use of this life. It will be a relief to give up this useless body.

Krishna – No, my dear. Now the time has come to fulfil the dream of your spiritual master.

Srila Prabhupada – Now! At the very end of my life, when my body is devoid of strength and my spirit is so weak, what can I do? What can I really achieve? My entire life is a story of endless struggle, and I have been a miserable failure. Now that I am old and useless, Krishna, why are you sending me to the west? What will I be able to achieve? What will an old and useless man like me be able to do?

Krishna – do not worry my dear. I have made all arrangements. You just go to America. You will see how all kinds of wonderful things start to happen. Now just relax.

Kali – Yuga, the age of quarrel and hypocrisy are getting stronger all over the world, there is crime and refugee problems. People are suffering as they are in the mode of ignorance.

In South Africa criminals are ruling. Daily

there are hi-jackings, murder, armed robbery and a host of other crimes. Even the police are helpless. What to do? The solution is Krishna consciousness. When the citizens begin to chant the holy name, their hearts will change and peace will reign.

Our spiritual masters are preaching globally. Bhakti Caitanya Swami is preaching very strongly in the Russian zones. So many citizens have become nice devotees.

We must be proud of our spiritual masters as they are taking ISKCON to new heights.

Srila Phabupada, indeed you have so many wonderful sons who are preaching until their last breath.

Dear Srila Prabhupada please bless this fallen soul and assist her to preach sincerely. Also bless my family to become devotees. May I be able to preach until my last breath.

Have a glorious Vyasa-puja.

*Your humble servant,
Prema Kishori Devi Dasi*

Prema Rani Devi Dasi
Lenasia
South Africa



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

WHEN I THINK ABOUT YOUR ACTIVITIES and qualities, I am awestruck. Your lotus feet are the refuge of the whole world and only hope for the drowning conditioned souls without any clue to a means of rescue. Your Divine Grace has provided an immaculate path to achieving pure Krishna consciousness, the very means of liberation from the drowning material existence. Guru gives us the path by which we may

quickly surrender unto the lotus feet of the Lord and His devotees and thus quickly get free from material entanglement and it is for this Srila Prabhupada, that I am eternally indebted.

*Your granddaughter,
Prema Rani Devi Dasi*







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



Premamrita Dasa
and Kanakabja Devi Dasi
Cape Town, South Africa

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

ON YOUR AUSPICIOUS VYASA-PUJA DAY we would like to express our deepest gratitude. You have awakened and saved many fallen souls by giving them Krishna consciousness.

You so mercifully built a house in which the whole world can live in. You provide so many opportunities for transcendental, loving devoted service. Oh how dull our lives would be without this. Even in performing devotional service, one experiences so much of difficulty, yet you provide the knowledge through your divine translations as to how we can overcome these. Everyday your books are being distributed all over the world. Each day one soul somewhere receives a transcendental time bomb.

We are unable to estimate your glorious position and qualities but we do know that undoubtedly you have been chosen by the Lord to spread

His name and to save man from the degradation of this material birth. When we associate with Your Deity, Your books, your temples and devotees, we feel your divine presence in them and we are very grateful that you have chosen us to be part and parcel of this parampara. Had it not been for your mercy and kindness we would have been engrossed in total ignorance.

You have built many of temples all over the world. We are the most fortunate souls of this planet to be blessed with all the Vaisnavas, for anyone to come and freely take shelter from the material energy and surround themselves in Krishna consciousness.

*Your eternal servants,
Premamrita dasa and Kanakabja devi dasi*



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your divine lotus feet.
All glories to Lord Jagannath, Lord Baladev and Subhadradevi and Sri Sri Nitai Gaurasundara.



Priya Darsini Devi Dasi
Durban
South Africa

YOU HAVE MERCIFULLY allowed me to continue with devotional service this last year, providing many memorable opportunities for me. Through your mercy I had wonderful association with many exalted devotees. You have created opportunities for me

to read your books and my chanting is beginning to improve. Thank you Srila Prabhupada for everything that I have achieved in my life.

Priya Darsini Devi dasi



Priya Kishori Devi Dasi
Durban
South Africa



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

HAPPY VYSASA PUJA, SRILA PRABHUPADA. On this most auspicious occasion, I offer my heartfelt thanks to you for allowing me and the entire world access to the hidden treasure of Love of Godhead. This year we were fortunate enough to watch the Hare Krishna! movie which highlighted the journey and struggles You went through to bring Krishna consciousness to the West. This is no ordinary story and it gave us a glimpse into the depth of your character and determination to fulfil your spiritual master's instruction.

Srila Prabhupada, Your selfless service has impacted the world in so many ways and I would like to sincerely thank You for allowing me to be a part of this movement, Your ISKCON. Your books have changed my life and trying to distribute them has brought a deep sense of purpose to my existence.

I pray that I may always remain engaged in this

transcendental service to please you and my spiritual master.

*yad yad acarati sreṣṭhas
tat tad evetaro janah
sa yat pramanam kurute
lokaś tad anuvartate
(Bhagavad-gita 3.21)*

Translation: Whatever action a great man performs, common men follow. And whatever standards he sets by exemplary acts, all the world pursues.

May I always follow in your footsteps and serve you with all my heart. Thank you very much, Srila Prabhupada.

*Your most insignificant servant,
Priya Kishori devi dasi*



Priya Malini Dasi
Midrand
South Africa



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

IN THIS AGE OF QUARREL AND HYPOCRISY, I consider myself most fortunate and blessed to be a part of ISKCON. ISKCON is a treasure trove of priceless gems: the holy names, prasadam, philosophy, devotees. Because of your love and compassion for the fallen conditioned souls you sacrificed your life to give us ISKCON. In this age of Kali, ISKCON is the only shining beacon of hope.

Srila Prabhupada, although I cannot

fully comprehend your contribution to this material world, I am certainly feeling the wonderful effects in my personal life. For this I am eternally grateful. I only hope and pray that I can offer some little service to you.

*Your insignificant grand servant,
Priya Malini dasi*





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

ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS my Guru Maharaja, His Holiness Srila Krishna Das Swami, would chastise us for using HK or HB. Guru Maharaj would always say use Hare Krishna or Hari Bol. My Guru would always say that Your Divine Grace has done so much of hard work for our benefit. We should always be appreciative.

Unfortunately Srila Prabhupada, no amount of

words, no amount of gratitude can come close to the debt that we owe you.

Please be merciful unto us so that we can try to serve you.

*Your unworthy grand disciple,
Priyavrata Das and Family*



Priyavrata Das and family
Port Shepstone
South Africa



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

IT IS THROUGH RECOGNISING ALL LIVING ENTITIES as spirit souls that I began to understand God, and my purpose. Srila Prabhupada it is because of you that all this is possible.

By chanting the maha mantra with my six year old son (Boemo), my days, my life has become easy and full of colour.

I appreciate your bravery in preaching Krishna

consciousness. Nothing is ever easy but with love they become easy. Your love for Krishna has enabled the whole world to know and to love Krishna. For this I'm forever indebted to you, you are the greatest.

Hare Krishna.

Pulane Mokhafula



Pulane Mokhafula
Bloemfontein
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances unto your lotus feet.
All glories to your Divine grace. All glories to all the Vaishnavas engaged in Krishna's service.

WITH FOLDED HANDS I would like to thank you Sri-la Prabhupada, for engaging me in Krishna Consciousness through your disciple H.H.Gopal Krishna Goswami.

Devotional service begins when one hears from a pure devotee of the Lord. Even if one does not understand the philosophy, simply by hearing the voice of a pure devotee, purification starts.

Srila Prabhupada you have saved millions of

people around the world through your transcendental books, and continue to do so now and will continue also in the future.

While engaging them in devotional service you have made their path back to Godhead sublime.

The most pleasing activity to you Srila Prabhupada is publishing and distributing books. This you consider the success of your mission.

You said anyone who is engaged in this



Pundarika Dasa
Kisumu Temple President
Kenya

endeavour, will go back home back to Godhead. I beg again and again at your lotus feet Srila Prabhupada, to engage me in serving you and your mission by distributing books.

*Your humble servant,
Pundarika Dasa*



Pundarika Vidyanidhi Dasa
Phoenix
South Africa



Our dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our humble obeisances.
All glories to Your Divine Grace. All glories to Your munificent ISKCON.

AS THE YEARS GO BY, with the cleansing process of Krishna consciousness, our minds begin to get a bit clearer and thus we begin to gain insight into your actual person, and how great you really are. It is still a realization in progress.

Your divine grace will be worshipped and immortalized for your contribution to the upliftment of humanity and for creating this passage for all to go back home, back to Godhead.

When we started out in Krishna consciousness, we simply accepted - and took for granted - all the benefits of Krishna consciousness your divine grace had made available for us and all of humanity. We did not realize then how much work your divine grace had put into creating your ISKCON to benefit us spiritually today, and in the future. It is the only

saving grace for the three worlds. Your literature and instructions are timeless and futuristic. It is impossible for us to fathom the extent of your hardship, sacrifice and austerity for benefitting us. It is much too vast for us to comprehend with our puny little minds. Nevertheless, we are eternally grateful for the glorious gift of eternal life in Krishna consciousness and the kingdom of God.

Please accept this humble offering of appreciation and gratitude for your kindness, and pray that we may all redeem our eternal debt to Your Divine Grace by becoming true ambassadors of your divine legacy.

*Your ever-aspiring servant,
Pundarika Vidyanidhi das*



Purnendu Krishna Dasa
Johannesburg
South Africa



My Dear Srila Prabhupad,
Please accept my humble obeisance's at the dust of your lotus feet.
All glories to your Divine Grace. All glories to your ISKCON.

YOUR MERCY KNOWS NO LIMITS as you continue to work through all your representatives who are empowered in different ways in building our beautiful society and distributing Krishna consciousness throughout the world. You continue to reciprocate so lovingly with any genuine seeker. We have a lot to be grateful for as we reflect on another fruitful year

in your shelter. Despite the many challenges and seemingly insurmountable obstacles, you always have the blueprint of the Lord's plan, while we are simply caught up in the detail. Its only when we surrender, that we see this beautiful master plan unfold as you always chart out an ideal path for us. It is only by attachment to you, your instructions in all forms

and your representatives that we have access to your causeless mercy. Your causeless mercy is the greatest benediction and as I reflect on Vasudev Gosh's song "Gora Guna Gao Suni". All I can do, is be grateful for we would be lost without you and would never know the love of Lord Gauranga.

You have blessed me with priceless diksa and siksa relationships and you continue to nourish these relationships, guiding me always and I am grateful for this. It is these relationships that solidify our connection and help me develop my relationship with their Lordships. I experienced this at the retreat and parikrama last year with HH Bhakti Caitanya Swami. I realized the results are always guaranteed and impactful when we follow the standard you set. I truly felt a transformation of the heart and a greater appreciation and attachment for you. Earlier this year at the very instructional Kirtan Ashraya course facilitated by HH Bhakti Brhat Bhagavat Swami and HG Nrsimhananda Prabhu. I was impacted by an emotional audio clip of your instruction on how to approach Krishna. I had many realisations from your important instruction as a result, which have moulded me further and helped me to surrender more. Thank you for our beautiful ISKCON

Midrand temple and all the wonderful devotees. Thank you for empowering me to fulfil my Guru Maharaja's life instruction. Thank you for my diksa and many siksa Guru's, who inspire, guide and uplift me always through their practice and great attachment to you and Lord Krishna. Thank you for our GBC, national/regional and temple management authorities. I pray you continue to bless, guide and empower them in their service. I appreciate all their sacrifice's and tireless efforts in growing the mission. Their efforts are testament to the faith that they have in you and your instruction.

Thank you Srila Prabhupada for always being a symbol of hope and opening up your home to us. Thank you for transforming our hearts and lives for the better. Thank you for all the facility that you have blessed me with and continue to bless me with, to serve your mission without any self-interest. Thank you for keeping us safe at the shelter of your lotus feet, always engaged in serving the mission. I love You Srila Prabhupada! All glories to you and your ISKCON.

*Your insignificant servant,
Purnendu Krishna das*



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

All glories, all glories, all glories to Your Divine Grace. All glories to your International Society for Krishna consciousness. All glories to your Vaishnava community.

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namaste sarasvate deve gaura vani pracarine
nirvisesa sunyavadi pascatyā desa tarine*

SRILA PRABHUPADA please forgive me for not having written my appreciation and realization offering to you previously.

You have given this wretched, fallen, useless, ignorant, puffed up soul the shelter that no one can give; the shelter of your divine lotus feet. In fact you

have given the shelter to my whole family. We are so naïve that we cannot with our dull brains comprehend the great, rare good fortune. You have created that fortune and now it is up to us to nurture our lives as per your instructions seriously.

On a personal note, I'd like to share some



Purushottama Krishna Dasa
Uitenhage
South Africa

realizations. When I went for my heart bypass surgery in 2007, I prayed for your causeless mercy and you very, very mercifully granted it. For 48 hours I did not remember anything until the sister spoke to me and said, “thank God you’re alive.” I do not know how to express my gratitude of thanks to you my dear Grandfather.

Now that I have a major problem with my health due to diabetes, you are there for me when I have sleepless nights due to the pain in both my feet because of poor blood circulation. The pain is so severe that I cannot stay awake or sleep and I constantly pray to you for help. I try to sleep hearing you chanting japa. After several hours the miracle happened. This is what you have given me. You have taken my pain away and it is because of your causeless mercy that I was able to rest and sleep. I am looking forward to the day when I can serve you in the spiritual sky, take training from you in studying the scriptures and preach to one and all about what the real goal of human form of life.

Yes, Srila Prabhupada, I do miss you very much. My health was not good for two months plus, I shed tears and told my Guru Maharaja, His Divine Grace Srila Bhakti Charu Swami Maharaja, that I could not do more for Srila Prabhupada’s society and I feel so uncomfortable. I started realising how your sons and daughters felt when you withdrew your pastimes from this material world in November 1977. Just the way they are missing You, I am missing you, my friends, His Holiness Shyamaldas Adhikary Prabhu who is already with you and not forgetting my Guru Maharaja, Indradyumna Maharaja and Bhakti Bhringa Govinda Maharaja who are still here. They are so merciful to me and after all they all have been personally trained by you. I am very much attached to all of them other devotees.

I am offered so much respect from people of all walks of life and all that credit Srila Prabhupada is all yours. Eternally I fall at your divine lotus feet. All I can offer you is my reconditioned heart and stone hearted soul, I pray and trust you will accept it.

You have created a society, a society of preachers to help others to approach the real goal of life and that is to go back, home back to Godhead at the end of this lifetime. I am begging to please let me remember your divine lotus feet at my last breath and say Hare Krishna out loud. I am positive that I’ll meet Your Divine Grace in the spiritual sky along with the Vaishnava acharyas and my devotee friends who are already there with you.

You very rightly mentioned that this world is not meant for wise men and as the days pass on, I can see it, feel it and realise it.

I must finish my last duties and prepare for my final journey with the time I have on hand. As usual and normal, I beg for your causeless mercy and I am ready when your call is there.

I have an earnest, genuine, heartfelt and sincere prayer; please keep my fallen family at the shelter at your divine feet.

To all your Vaishnava devotees, aspiring devotees and bhaktas, please forgive me for having caused offenses knowingly and unknowingly. I need all your forgiveness in preparation for my final journey.

Your most useless, fallen, burdensome, egoistic, naïve, puffed up, ignorant, good for nothing, heartless, ashamed grandson disciple,

Purushottama Krishna Dasa





Dear Jagat Guru, Srila Prabhupada,
Kindly accept our most sincere and humble obeisance's at the dust of your lotus feet.
All glories to your Divine Grace on this auspicious day of your Sri Vyasa Puja.

 Raam Das and Candrika Devi Dasi
Isipingo, Durban
South Africa

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SRILA PRABHUPADA, you opened our eyes and showed us the transcendental light of being totally absorbed in Krishna Consciousness. You taught us about the importance and potency of the Hare Krishna maha-mantra and showed us their path to Goloka Vrindavan. Jagat Guru Srila Prabhupada, your divine blessings is always greatly felt around us.

We, thank you for the shelter which you have provided for us and its 'Only In Your House' can devotees of Radha & Krishna, taste the transcendental nectar of bhakti-yoga, which you have effortlessly taught. It's through your special mercy that we have become devotees today.

Many Thanks & Dandavats to you, Srila Prabhupada. You demonstrated to the world the role of

an "Acarya" and lead by example, thus inspiring and touching the hearts and souls of all those who made contact with you – we still feel this now through your transcendental literatures. There will be no other who can do this, till the end of this Kali-Yuga, Srila Prabhupada. It is certain that you will appear in the next cycle of the combined Yuga's, some day.


Dear Srila Prabhupada kindly grant us the opportunity, that you will always keep us in the association of your ISKCON community.

All Glories to your Divine Grace and your Bhagavad Gita As It Is.

Aspiring to be a servant of a servant of your devotees.
Raam Das and Candrika Devi Dasi



Beloved Srila Prabhupada, please accept our most humble obeisances at the dust of your merciful lotus feet.
All glories to Your Divine Grace on the occasion of your Sri Vyasa-puja 2018.
All glories to the divine shelter you have given the world, your International Society for Krishna Consciousness.

 Radha Damodara Das
Bhaktin Ashika and Radhika
Durban, South Africa

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SRILA PRABHUPADA, every day we feel thankful to you for the beautiful life of Kṛṣṇa consciousness and officially all of us, your devotees, come together on the glorious occasion of your Sri Vyasa-puja to thank you again, in joyful celebrations all over the world! Every devotee feels so much affection and gratitude for your great compassion, your love for every one of

Kṛṣṇa's parts and parcels and for your astounding hard work while you resided on this planet.

Hardly anyone knew of the calamities that we see the world face today, but you predicted these in your teachings of the Srimad Bhagavatam. The world, even after the hippie era when the status quo was rightly questioned, seems to have gone to sleep

again due to constant intoxication from the pitcher of economic development. The soul's inherent quest for perfection in material life appears lofty to one without real knowledge. Who would have known? How would we know? Even morality and religion in the world are based on a view of material success. As you pointed out several times, the educational institutions are simply facets of economic development with no role in giving people real knowledge, no department to teach about the science of the self. There is a worldwide focus on efficiency but what is the value of our quest for efficiency? To exact the most out of material science? You have taught us the limit of this science. That it is simply a small subset of real science and that it is also temporary. Kṛṣṇa says this in Bhagavad-gita:

“Men of small intelligence worship the demigods, and their fruits are limited and temporary. Those who worship the demigods go to the planets of the demigods, but My devotees ultimately reach My supreme planet.” [BG 7.23]

Without your most valuable contribution of Kṛṣṇa consciousness the world would be completely bereft, in fact life itself would have no meaning. So many times, you've emphasized the value of this human form of life and stressed that it should be fulfilled by serving Kṛṣṇa. You gave us everything we need. First you gave Bhagavad Gita, then you gave the beautiful Bhagavatam. And through your Caitanya Caritamrita the fine details of devotional life are completely elucidated. The science of Kṛṣṇa consciousness is wholly consistent, intrinsically efficient, full of knowledge and satisfying to the soul. Serving Kṛṣṇa is the perfection of life and one who is intelligent will begin on the path of devotional service. The Bhagavatam is so sublime and it gives so much detailed information about the Supreme Personality of Godhead. The Bhagavatam verses are beautiful and rendered even more attractive by your mercy-soaked purports. Your writing reveals your infinite love for the Lord and compassion for

his parts and parcels. Thank you, Srila Prabhupada for your beautiful writings.

The concept of metaphysics is hardly understood by man and much the same is true of the cosmos, space travel and evolution of species. Every person is intrigued by the prospect of greater knowledge. Yet our current material knowledge is besieged by deceit, approximations and partial understanding. Kṛṣṇa consciousness is the superset of knowledge and has every answer. Your books are the basis of a real civilization, one with Kṛṣṇa in the centre, and one full with all of economic development, harmonious social life and ultimately perfection of existence. Your books are complete and authentic with details of both spirit and matter. You have stated that one who wants complete knowledge should study the Srimad Bhagavatam.

It's needless to say that Lord Caitanya is again setting the scene for a resurgence of Kṛṣṇa consciousness, to make the world more aware of your great teachings and role as the preeminent spiritual master of modern society. In the midst of mindless extortion of our planet in an attempt to squeeze more out of material nature for our profit and aggrandizement, there is a growing pinprick. Actually in some parts of the world, it's an open national crisis against core human values. Corporate failures and economic meltdowns are modern day realities. More and more people are getting the inclination that there must be an alternative, and they are turning to your books. People from other faiths are taking more interest in your books to find real answers to life's perplexing questions. It's all the Lord's plan for next Hare Kṛṣṇa Explosion.

Thank you for allowing us to be a part of your glorious Society, Srila Prabhupada. We pledge on this divine day to be more determined to distribute your books more.

Srila Prabhupada, the following words were typed into the offering by Radhika:

Beloved Srila Prabhupada, I thank you for

everything you have given us, for giving us Kṛṣṇa consciousness and for having made our life so easy.

Kṛṣṇa conscious books will definitely be the law books.

I want to thank you, Srila Prabhupada.

Your devotee, Radhika.

Your insignificant servants,

*Radha Damodara Das, Bhaktin Ashika
and Radhika*



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,

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

Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.



Radha darshni
Johannesburg
South Africa

YOU ARE SO MERCIFUL you have accepted so many fallen souls like us as your disciples. You really are most merciful, jagat-guru. Dear Srila Prabhupada because of your unlimited mercy fallen souls like us we have Krishna and his mercy. Thank you for

giving us Krishna and Krishna consciousness and giving us purpose for our lives.

Your eternal servant,

Radha darshni



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my most humble obeisance

at the dust of your lotus feet on this most auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja.



Radha Dasi (GRS)
Durban
South Africa

PURE DEVOTEES, out of compassion for the fallen souls, are kṛpalu, very kind to people in general; they distribute this Bhagavata knowledge all over the world. A kindhearted devotee is called dina-natha, protector of the poor, ignorant mass of people. Lord Kṛṣṇa is also known as dina-natha or dina-bandhu, the master or actual friend of the poor living entities, and His pure devotee also takes the same position of dina-natha. (*Srimad-Bhagavatam* 4.12.51, purport)

“Therefore sometimes, when people say in India, “Swamiji, you have done wonderful.” And yes, I do not know. I’m not a magician. But, so far I am confident that I did not adulterate the words of Krishna. That’s all. That’s my credit. I did not like to take the position of Krishna. I remained a servant of Krishna, and I spoke what Krishna said. That’s all. This is my secret. So everyone can do that. There is nothing magic.” [Lecture, 19 May 1972]

Srila Prabhupada, Lord Sri Krishna’s pure

devotee, with so much love and compassion in your heart, you took people addicted to material life, engaged them in devotional service and empowered them to spread Krishna consciousness all over the world. Your bold and kind hearted preaching touched so many lives, I am always amazed by your wonderful accomplishments worldwide and as the years go by, my appreciation for you grows and grows.

Whenever I try to shy away from challenges, I always remember you Srila Prabhupada and all that you have done, you did so much with so little despite your old age, you tirelessly and enthusiastically spread Krishna consciousness, and no matter what difficulties came your way, you remained always fixed in your service to Guru and Gauranga. You are my greatest inspiration and teacher, just by immersing myself in hearing and remembering you, I derive the greatest happiness.

I pray to you to please continue to keep me under the shelter of your lotus feet, where I know I will always be safe.

*With lots of love and gratitude
Your servant and granddaughter,
Radha dasi (GRS)*

Radha Giridhari Dasa
Chatsworth
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet.
All glories to Your Divine Grace on this most auspicious day of your Vyasa-Puja.

*nama om vishnu padaya krsna presthaya bhutale
srimate bhaktivedanta swamin iti namine
namaste sarasvate deve gaura vani praccarine
nirviseśa sunyavadi pascatyā deśa tarine*

YOU HAVE COME TO THIS MATERIAL WORLD to give shelter to all the fallen souls and you have built a house in which the whole world can live. Sometimes I think about what I would have been doing now if you hadn't come to deliver us in these troubled times. Everyone is so engrossed in fulfilling their material desires and still they are in a suffering condition.

I have indeed found a master in you that can make me feel the real bliss in life. If were it not for you I would have been like a stray dog without a master, lost and fighting for pieces of scrap that would have no purpose in life.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada for giving me the opportunity to associate with your wonderful devotee family. This gives me immense strength to try to serve you and your ISKCON Society.

You are so merciful to me by giving me shelter through your disciple, my guru maharaja. I will always remain in your shelter and try to be part of your mission to preach Krishna Consciousness.

*Always endeavouring to be a servant of your servant,
your most unworthy grand disciple,
Radha Giridhari dasa*

Radha Mohan Dasa
& Syama Mohini Devi Dasi
Tongaat, South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupad,
Please accept our most humble obeisance's at the dust of your lotus feet.
All glories unto your divine lotus feet.

*nama om vishnu padaya krsna presthaya bhutale
srimate bhaktivedanta swamin iti namine
namaste sarasvate deve gaura vani praccarine
nirviseśa sunyavadi pascatyā deśa tarine*

OF LATE, I find myself concentrating more on a specific verse from the *Bhagavad-gita* from chapter 8:

*anta-kale ca mam eva
smaran muktva kalevaram*

*yah prayati sa mad-bhavam
yati nasy atra samsayah*

“And whoever, at the end of his life, quits his body remembering me alone at once attains my nature.

Of this there is no doubt.”

Throughout our entire life motivation has been both our friend and enemy. From the day we are born our parents have been motivating us to speak, walk, learn, etc. At school our teachers have motivated us to become good or the best in the studies we are good at. Friends and media have motivated us into working towards goals that would make us wealthy and live wealthy lives, to attract a life partner, work towards having kids, and yet all this does is nothing but motivates us towards goals that we will never take with us at the time of death. All it would ever do is wind us tighter and tighter into this material world.

If it was not for Your Divine Grace’s mercy upon us fallen souls, leaving behind your teachings for all mankind to benefit, we would all be drowning in this toilet bowl of desires, because that’s exactly what this material world is, a toilet bowl of desires for the soul to enjoy, only to realise that the waste product of trying to enjoy those desire is our time and energy. Our time and energy is wasted trying to enjoy the desires of this material world.

How could we ever repay the debt for what you have given us, the goal and desire to go back home, back to the spiritual world, and the perfect motivational tool to accomplish this desire. That is, to chant the holy names of Krishna. The more we chant and become attached to the holy name, the more our desire to leave this forsaken toilet bowl of desires becomes stronger.

Dearest Srila Prabhupad, thank you for teaching us the benefits of bhakti yoga and how to use our desires in the services of Radha & Krishna. Thank you, dearest Srila Prabhupad for giving us the holy name, the holy name once heard from the lotus lips of a dear devotee of Krishna (San-mukharitam bhavadiya-vartam) is the most purifying nectar to the ears of our souls.

Hopefully at the time of death, if we fail to think of Krishna then we pray that Krishna showers his mercy upon us to think of your glorious lotus feet.

*You eternal loving servants of your servants,
Radha Mohan das & Syama Mohini devi dasi*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most humble obeisances at the dust of your divine lotus feet.
All glories to you on your anniversary of your divine appearance within this world.



Radha Radhanath Dasi
Durban
South Africa

“IN THE REVEALED SCRIPTURES it is declared that the spiritual master should be worshipped like the Supreme Personality of Godhead, and this injunction is obeyed by the pure devotees of the Lord. The spiritual master is the most confidential servant of the Lord. Thus let us offer our most respectful obediences unto the lotus feet of our spiritual master.”

Srila Prabhupada, you are the acarya, jagad Guru of the material world. You have nothing to do with the affairs of this mundane world. You have descended here to deliver the fallen, conditioned souls - the souls or entities who have come to the material word with the motive of enjoyment by the

mind and five organs of sense perception. You have appeared before us to reveal the light of the vedas and bestow upon us the blessings so that our life’s journey should be centred towards the Supreme Lord.

*yasya deve para bhaktir
yatha deve tatha gurau
tasyaite kathita hy arthah
prakasante mahatmanah*

“Only unto those great souls who simultaneously have implicit faith in both the lord and the Spiritual

Master are all the imports of Vedic Knowledge automatically revealed” (*Svetasvatara Upaniṣad* 6.23)

Human life is obtained after many many births and though it is temporary, it offers the highest benefits. Thus a sober and intelligent man should immediately try to fulfil his mission and attain the highest profit in life before another death occurs. He should avoid sense gratification, which is available in all circumstances.

Your Krishna consciousness movement has continued to expand. You were the force that started the movement and you are the force that’s giving your disciples and grand disciples courage, strength and enthusiasm to expand your divine movement. Except for Krishna consciousness, there is no hope for suffering humanity. More and more temples, or centres are opening and more and more books are being translated into different languages and are being distributed.

Your first plan was the production of books in different languages. Your sincere disciples and grand disciples have taken this service as their life and soul. Even though challenging, they blissfully perform this service, knowing that you are bestowing your mercy upon them. All glories, all glories to the Founder Acarya.

Your second plan was book distribution. By your mercy Srila Prabhupada with great determination and enthusiasm, the book distributors around the world, continuously endeavour to please you.

The third plan was to produce a transcendental city in Mayapur based around a wonderful temple. Thank you Srila Prabhupada for your blessings. Your prediction of this being the most magnanimous temple will almost be complete within a few years. This is your legacy for generations to come. Your greatest mission is spreading KC. In various ways.

Here in SA, especially the Durban Yatra, book distribution has being very very successful under the supervision of our Temple President. Vibhu Caitanya Prabhu, all due to your spiritual potency.

This verse comes to mind:

*kathañcana smṛte yasmin
duskaram sukaram bhavet
vismṛte viparitam syat
sri-caitanyam namami tam
(Cc., Adi-lila 14.1)*

“Things that are very difficult to do becomes easy to execute if one somehow or other remembers Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu. But if one does not remember Him, even easy things become very difficult. To this Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu, I offer my respectful obeisances.”

By distributing your books we are giving the people your association and an opportunity to appreciate your greatness. There seems to be no limit of books that can be distributed in the world. KC satisfies the heart and soul and wants to make us serve you more and more. Dear Srila Prabhupada please bless the book distributors with your causeless mercy.

You often stated that our love for you will be shown on how we cooperate together to push on this Krishna consciousness movement.

Your example of perfection and pure devotion is something that we will appreciate forever...spiritual relationships are eternal. Faith comes by association with devotees.

The more we associate the more faith and determination we gain.

I just hope that in some lifetime I become useful to your mission to save conditioned souls. Your unlimited mercy manifests itself in many countless ways.

Please bestow your mercy upon me.

*Hoping to always remain in your ISKCON,
The servant of your servants,
Radha Radhanath Dasi*





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

PEOPLE TALK ABOUT SUPER HEROES but Srila Prabhupada you my super hero, you came to save the world and you have given us the greatest gift which is the Holy name.

I know I can never appreciate what you have done for me but I just want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for sending me such amazing devotees, which are helping me grow spiritually. I

am very grateful to you.

Thank you again for allowing me to be a part of your movement and I pray for your blessings that somehow I can try to assist you in sharing this amazing gift with everyone.

*Your servant,
Radha Ramana Dasa*



Radha Ramana Dasa
Durban
South Africa



Our beloved Srila Prabhupada
Please accept our humble obeisances.
All glories to Your Divine Grace.

*trinad api sunicena
taror api sahishnuna
amanina manadena
kirtaniyah sada harih*

ONE SHOULD CHANT THE HOLY NAME OF THE LORD in a humble state of mind, thinking oneself lower than the straw in the street; one should be more tolerant than a tree, devoid of all sense of false prestige, and should be ready to offer all respect to others. In such a state of mind one can chant the holy name of the Lord constantly.

Dear Srila Prabhupada, the way you lived your life, the way you handled obstacles in your service, the way you presented the teachings of Lord Caitanya, everything about you embraced this verse.

You described the meaning of humility as:

“Humility means that you are convinced beyond any doubt that there is nothing in this world, absolutely nothing in this world, not your money, not

your family, not your fame, not your gun, not your education, nothing that will save you except the mercy of Krishna. When you are convinced like this, then you are humble“ - words of Prabhupada as recalled by Harivilas das.

Srila Prabhupada, you are the very epitome of humility.

On this most glorious occasion we beg that you may bestow your blessings upon us, so that we can imbibe just a little of your mood of uninterrupted service to Krishna and his devotees.

*Your servants,
Radha Sharana das, Radharani devi dasi,
Mohini Murti and Shravan*



Radha Sharana Dasa
Radharani Devi Dasi, Mohini Murti
and Shravan
Cape Town, South Africa



Radha Vallabha Dasa
and Guna Manjari Devi Dasi
Durban, KZN, South Africa



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

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

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

I HAVE BEEN EXPERIENCING GREAT DIFFICULTY in finding words, that can aptly describe your greatness in this material world.

Your contribution to the welfare of humanity at large is yet immeasurable.

The establishment of this unique ISKCON Movement bears testimony thereto. A movement that brings together fallen souls dressed in different garbs, mistakenly identifying themselves with the countries they live in, thinking themselves the proprietors of everything in their possession - all their lives, ultimately realising their original identity, as spirit souls and eternal servants of the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Krishna.

Even though, we did not have the privilege of

meeting you in person, dear Srila Prabhupada, just by merely hearing about you, we felt indebted to you. You have miraculously saved us from drowning deeper into the ocean of nescience.

We pray that you continuously guide us in our Krishna consciousness and that we remain your loyal servants.

We also pray that you may help, those that have deviated, return to this ISKCON movement - forgiving them for their mistakes.

We feel very sad for them, Srila Prabhupada for the opportunity they miss in this human form of life.

*Always your servants,
Radha Vallabha das and Guna Manjari d.d.*



Radha Vallabhi Dasi
Centurion
South Africa



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

I AM ETERNALLY GRATEFUL to you Srila Prabhupada for impacting my life through chanting and reading your books. I am living my life being more and more feeling attachment and love for Lord Krishna. Krishna consciousness made me love my life.

Radha Vallabhi Dasi





My dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most sincere obeisances
and gratitude at your glorious lotus feet.

 Radhadyuti Dasi (PSDG)
Durban
South Africa

ON THE 21ST OF OCTOBER 2017, by the mercy of my Guru Maharaja HH Partha Sarathi Das Goswami, I was given harinam initiation. It was both amazing and incredibly humbling at the same time. Feeling most unqualified, I sat at the sobering ceremony and marvelled at how merciful my Guru Maharaja is, undoubtedly acquiring this intrinsic quality from your divine self.

It was by this mercy that I was able to travel to America and walk through the streets that you did, marvelling at your ISKCON centres and beholding the magnificence that is you.

I penned this little poem in honour of my time there.

“On the Jaladuta you sailed so intrepid and bold,
enduring much hardship O’ magnanimous soul, I
wish I were there to serve your goal, undoubtedly
the greatest story ever told.

When you arrived in Boston I wish I were there,
to sing your glories and tell the world you are here!

When you stayed at the Bowery, I wish I were there, to revel with the hippies and the bhoga to prepare.

Under that tree in Tompkins Square Park where you performed the sacred chant, I wish I were there to sing from the heart and watch the divinity begin to sprout.

My dearest Srila Prabhupada, who can ever equal your compassion. You had once written that, “The ecstasy of separation from the Spiritual Master is even greater ecstasy than meeting with him.” (Letter to Yadurani Jan 13, 1968). I pray to you every day that I may eventually develop taste for the holy name and through this awakening I may gradually experience that longing from separation.

*Aspiring to be a worthy grand disciple,
Radhadyuti dasi (PSDG)*



Our most beloved Srila Prabhupada, please accept our most humble obeisances!
All glories to you, our dearest spiritual master!
Please accept all our love on this auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja!

 Radhagopinath Dasa
and Radhaprema Devi Dasi
Durban, South Africa

SRILA PRABHUPADA, this dedication is inspired by the book written by Lokanath Swami: Bombay is my Office: Memorable days with Srila Prabhupada in Bombay, which was aptly launched in January 2018, during the celebration of the 40th Anniversary of ISKCON Juhu, Bombay. Through its several chapters, this book gives us deep insights into you as an exceptional leader, Srila Prabhupada. The book begins with the question of why did Srila Prabhupada select Bombay?

We learn from the first chapter that strategically, it was in Bombay that you arranged to go to

New York to start the Hare Krishna Movement. You booked your passage there.

Further, Srila Prabhupada, you were heard to say, “What Bombay does, the rest of India follows.” When struggling to obtain land in Bombay, in 1972, you said, “My Guru Maharaja ordered me to preach Krishna consciousness in the West, and I have done that. Now I want to preach in India.”

On December 22, 1971, you wrote to more of your American disciples and informed them about prospects to purchase a very large land in Juhu. Srila Prabhupada, as a prolific leader, you had this

vision to construct a temple immediately, and later develop a large hotel and a school. Your disciples described you as a visionary leader and a perfectionist and topmost administrator. The western disciples who were there to assist you Srila Prabhupada described that “politeness, humility, tolerance, and determination were Srila Prabhupada’s leadership trademarks. He was a perfect gentleman, a true friend, and everyone’s well-wisher.”


The western disciples would see you as a saint on the platform, but they believe that you were much more than that Srila Prabhupada. You were their chief negotiator, and you showed them how to deal with business matters and practical things. Besides negotiating, your disciples believed that you managed people with care, resolved disputes

and relieved feelings of disappointment. Just going through the first chapter, we get insights about your characteristics Srila Prabhupada, your unwavering dependence on Krishna, your courage in spite of the odds, your humility and compassion, and your enduring love for your disciples.

Srila Prabhupada, Lokanath Swami reflects that you would often say that we are trapped souls in a state of forgetfulness of Krishna. We desperately need your mercy to always remember Krishna. Please bless us to get out of this entrapment – we can only do this through your benevolence alone!

*Your struggling servants,
Radhagopinath das and Radhaprema devi dasi*



Radhakanta Dasa 
disciple of your disciple
HH Bhakti Vikasa Svami
Blantyre, Malawi



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Srila prabhupada, my most humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet.
All glories unto you. All glories unto your mission, your disciples and your followers.

*nama om vishnu padaya krsna presthaya bhutale
srimate bhaktivedanta swamin iti namine
namaste sarasvate deve gaura vani praccarine
nirviseśa sunyavadi pascatyā desa tarine*

PRABHUPADA, you have constructed such a great home where the whole world can live. How fortunate I am that I got in touch with your books and your followers and in the end got a room in your home. I think millions of times how genius you were. You have presented such complex philosophy of Sri-mad Bhagavatam, extra ordinary devotional principles and devotional sentiments in Sri Caitanya Caritamrita in most simplified form, even a dumb headed person like me can read and assimilate the essence.

The result of your efforts and endeavours are felt and understood by our generations more than the previous ones. Today we can see so many young, talented boys dedicating to your movement and

preaching tirelessly all over the world. How it is possible to have such dedicated devotees in this current age without your missionary activities and books that you left for us. In the current time, being in association with ISKCON has become a respectable gesture in society. The society responds so much positively for any of the ISKCON’s initiatives and supports whole heartedly. Srila Prabhupada, this all due to your preaching work.

Which ever city we go, we see some devotee asking us for honouring prasada at their home. Every place, we see someone carrying their bead bags and chanting Hare Krishna maha-mantra. 52 years have passed after you have founded this International Society, all the while the society grew bigger and

increased number of devotees all around the world.

Looking at all these things, I always admire you for putting a strong foundation and at the same time giving guidelines to take forward the movement for next 10,000 years.

Your simple motto was: Purity is the force, books are our basis and utility is the principle. As long as we adhere to these principles you will protect us and take us to kingdom of God.

On this occasion, I sincerely pray at your lotus feet that, I adhere to the principles ordained by you throughout my life and become a small instrument in serving your mission. That's the perfection of my life.

Your most humble servant

Radhakanta dasa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,

On this most auspicious occasion of your Vyasa puja, please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Sri Sri Nitai Gaura Hari. All glories to you dear Srila Prabhupada.



Radhakund Devi Dasi

ISKCON Midrand

South Africa

ON 28TH SEPT 1977, Sri Nathji received a call from Giriraj Maharaj, requesting him to bring his big Dodge car to drive Srila Prabhupada to the train station. Srila Prabhupada wanted to leave his body in Vrindavan and so the devotees had to take Prabhupada to the station.

Srila Prabhupada was lying on the back seat and Upendra, his servant, was sitting on the floor of the car next to Prabhupada. Tamal Krishna Goswami, who was sitting in the front of the car, told Sri Nathji to drive slowly so that Prabhupada would not feel discomfort due the many potholes on the roads. But as soon as Sri Nathji started driving slowly, Upendra told him that Prabhupada wanted him to drive faster. And so, Sri Nathji started driving faster. But as soon as Sri Nathji started driving faster, Tamal Krishna Goswami Maharaj became angry, and instructed Sri Nathji to drive slowly. So again, Sri Nathji started driving slowly. Within a minute, Upendra again said, "Prabhupada says to go faster. Why aren't you going faster?" Sri Nathji thought, "The person I have to serve is Prabhupada, so I will drive faster." He said to Tamal Krishna Maharaj, "You sort this out with Upendra and allow me to drive."

When they reached the station, Sri Nathji established from the stationmaster that the train was

rescheduled to leave in 5 minutes, which was 30 minutes earlier than previously scheduled. The devotees ran and got a wheelchair for Prabhupada and took him into his cabin. Sri Nathji was very thirsty since he hadn't eaten or drunk anything since the morning, and so he went to buy a soda. Just then Upendra told him that Prabhupada wanted to see him. Sri Nathji left the soda and went to the cabin. Prabhupada said, "Come closer." Sri Nathji went very close to Prabhupada, and he said, "Thank you for driving me."

Sri Nathji was very touched that even though Prabhupada was just about to give up his body, he personally wanted to thank him for his service of driving. Sri Nathji paid obeisances and caught Prabhupada's lotus feet. Sri Nathji said, "Prabhupada, I surrender to you. You are my spiritual master." Prabhupada put his hand in Sri Nathji's hair and blessed him. When Sri Nathji got back to his car, he saw Prabhupada's garland on the steering wheel! Sri Nathji thought, "He'd (Prabhupada) not forgotten me."

Srila Prabhupada, a devotee sent this message to me recently, when I was not feeling well. Sometimes when distributing your books in the cold weather, it was affecting my chronic lung condition. I would feel such pain because the cold had affected my body. I used to reflect, "Why am I doing this?"

Prabhupada, I realised that I was doing this for you, and that I wanted to make you happy. On this particular day, when I was experiencing intense pain, I was wondering whether you had forgotten me. However, when I read the above story of Sri Nathji, I realised that you do not forget, Srila Prabhupada! As Sri Nathji had pointed out in the story above, even though Prabhupada was in such a weak and fragile position, he had not forgotten the service that Sri Nathji had performed in driving him. Prabhupada even in your weakened state, you still thanked Sri Nathji personally and even left a garland for him on the steering wheel. How amazing and merciful you are, dear Prabhupada!

In the 'Memories' DVD series, there's a common

thread where many of your sons and daughters, spoke about how appreciative you were of any service done for you. I feel comforted by this fact that you will never forget a service done for your mission.

On this auspicious day of your Vyasa puja, I humbly beg you to please bestow your mercy and blessings upon me. Please always keep me at the shelter of your lotus feet.

Thank you dear Prabhupada for yet another pastime to remind me of your magnanimous causeless mercy!

*Your indebted grand-daughter,
Radhakund devi dasi*



Radhanama Devi Dasi
Midrand
South Africa



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

MY DEAR SRILA PRABHUPADA I am most fallen and unworthy to glorify Your Divine Grace. Please forgive my shortcomings for being unable to glorify you adequately.

Your Divine Grace is always so kind and compassionate to all the fallen conditioned souls. Thank you Srila Prabhupada for ISKCON. Your Divine Grace

has truly built a spiritual house in which the whole world can reside in. We are eternally indebted unto you for everything you have so expertly done for us.

*Your most unworthy and fallen servant
Radhanama devi dasi*



Radhanath Dasa
Table View, Cape Town
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

THANK YOU for all that you have done for us. If it was not for you then I would not have a part of the Iskcon family. I will try my best to distribute your books

and preach to people. Hare Krishna.

Radhanath das





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



Radhanath Dasi
Midrand
South Africa

AS I REFLECT on my spiritual journey I am enveloped by a special sense of gratitude. I humbly express my gratitude to you for all your eternally mercies. I am imbued with gratitude, as I ponder on all the obstacles you faced to bring the holy name to every town and village. I express a heartfelt gratitude for your kindness and compassion, to all the conditioned souls through your books, teachings, temples and your unflinching dedication to propagate, the holy names of Krishna. Thank you for your kindness as you keep my family and I under the warm embrace of the holy name. My devout gratitude

for transforming my journey through the perilous material world. Despite all the challenges of the material world, I pray for faith, determination and perseverance to eternally serve your mission. I humbly pray, for forgiveness for offenses as I serve the mission and the devotees. My prayer, Srila Prabhupada, is to eternally receive your loving blessings to serve and to remain under the shelter of your lotus feet.

*Your aspiring servant,
Radhanath Dasi*



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



Radha-rasa-sudha-nidhi Devi Dasi
Gauteng
South Africa

*(yadi) prabhupada na haita tabe ki haita
(e) jivana bahita kise?
nitai-gaurera apara karuna
ke dita sakala dese*

IF SRILA PRABHUPADA HAD NOT COME, what would have happened? How could we have passed our lives?

Who else would have distributed the unlimited mercy of Lord Nityananda and Lord Gauranga all over the world?

(Yadi Prabhupada Na Hoito - Jayapataka Swami)

In this beautiful bhajan, I find myself become emotional as each verse progresses. Just when I think that I know everything that you've done for us, another magnanimous deed comes up. Your glories are truly endless. You gave us the rarest and most priceless gift of Krishna consciousness. Please let me never forget to be grateful to you, dear Prabhupada.

As I study the qualities of a devotee, I see how

you personified each and every one of them. It's awing that one person could have all these qualities, and on top of that, still be able to be practical and relevant for the time. There are so many exemplary Vaisnavas who lived, but you are the modern day Vaisnava from whom we can learn these qualities the easiest. You are the 'acarya', one who teaches by example, therefore paving the way for all of us fallen souls to slowly become true Vaisnavas.

What's even more special is getting to hear about your many wonderful pastimes directly from those who were actually in your physical presence. Sometimes I feel like you are so far away, but by listening and associating with your spiritual children, I am reminded that you were here just a short

while ago. Seeing and reading about their emotions, interactions, and realisations around you is exciting and gripping to behold. They have so much love for you, dear Srila Prabhupada that it astounds me how they literally live for you and your ISKCON. You live through your disciples, and I pray that one day, you will live through us too.

As ISKCON becomes older, so do its stalwarts. And slowly we are having to learn how to take more and more responsibility. It honestly scares me, dear grandfather. How can we do all that they have done, and more? How do we make Krishna Consciousness our everything, but also maintain this necessary parasite that is material life? Will we be able to uphold the integrity of Vaisnavism without watering it down, yet still be practical and up-to-date? In essence, how do we become worthy of ISKCON? How do I become worthy?

My dear Prabhupada, please bestow your causeless and much-needed mercy on all of us. Without it, we would simply wither away in this world of quarrel and hypocrisy. There is so much suffering and hardships that we all go through. It beats us to

a pulp and leaves us for dead. Trying to balance the material and spiritual, the physical and emotional, the public and private parts of our lives, we become despondent and weak. Please let me become intelligent enough to overcome all these obstacles, and just surrender to your instructions properly.

Dearest grandfather, please kindly keep us close to you. How else will we remain sane, and fully equipped to fight in this battle against Maya? This battlefield is ruthless and keeps us in constant turmoil. I know that Krishna is merciful, and Lord Caitanya is more merciful, and that Lord Nityananda is even more merciful. And yet you are the most merciful, having saved all of us Jagai's and Madhai's. I am a bumbling fool. Selfish and lazy. All your devotees are doing great things for Krishna and ISKCON, yet I sit here, fumbling around uselessly. Therefore I beseech you, please let me grab onto your never-ending dhoti that will surely deliver me, and everyone else too.

*Your fallen and ever-grateful granddaughter,
Radha-rasa-sudha-nidhi devi dasi*



Radhastami Dasi
and Krishnastami Das
Durban, South Africa



My dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.
All glories to Sri Sri Radha Radhanath and Lord Caitanya.

WHEN I SIT DOWN TO WRITE your Vyasa puja offering, the only thing that comes to my mind is Gratitude..... Gratitude.....Gratitude.

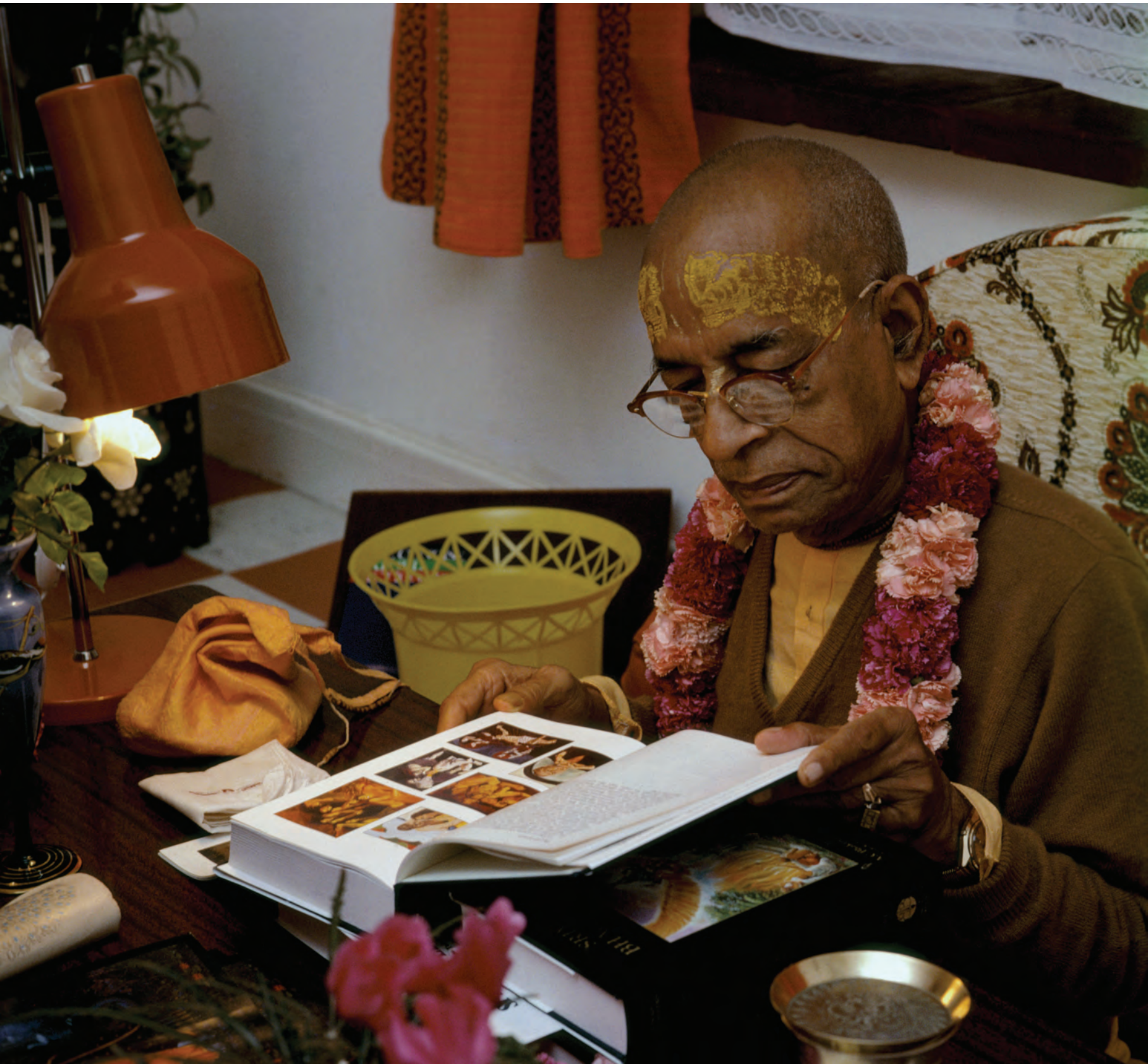
All that I can say is Thank you Srila Prabhupada. I do not have enough words to express my gratitude. I am not sure what our lives would be like if it was not for you. You have given us everything we need to

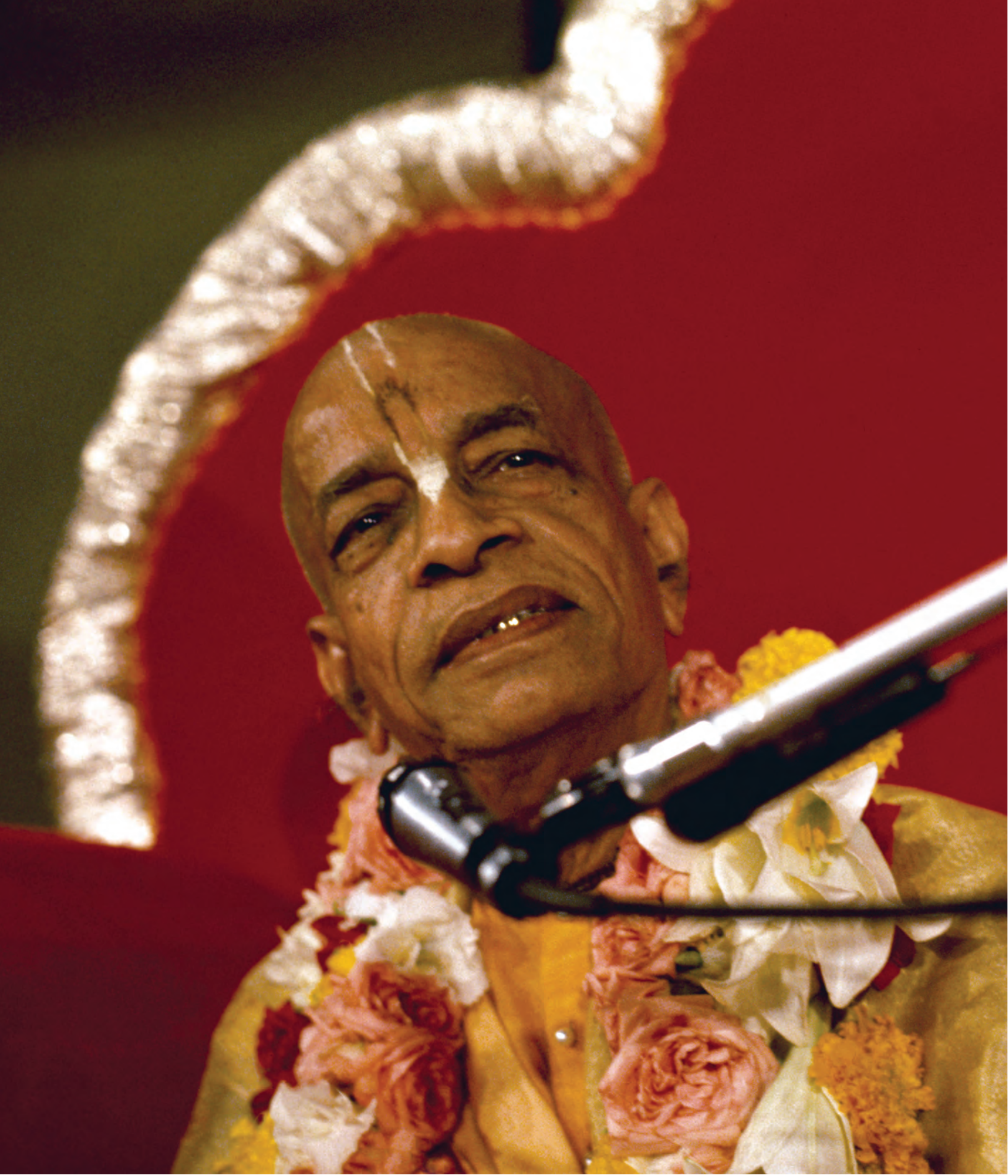
survive in this cruel material world. Maya is always attacking us but to keep our sanity, you have given us your books, the Deities and vaisnava association.

Thank you Srila Prabhupada and please continue to shower us with your causeless mercy.

Radhastami Dasi and Krishnastami Das









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



Radhe Radhe Dasi
Riyadh/Verulam, Durban
South Africa

RECENTLY, I had the opportunity to read one of your disciple's books, which mainly covered the birth of ISKCON in London.

This is such a wonderful summary of events that transpired in that time: all the painstaking service that was done by your pioneer devotees to establish a centre in London and the joy and enthusiasm that they performed their various services with, really is amazing.

You knew how to harness the talent in a person and cultivated their hidden abilities to produce excellent outcomes. Each of your disciples had abilities, which you discovered and allowed them to use to serve Krishna, to the best of their ability.

Musicians, cooks, carpenters, accountants, artists, writers - all could use their knowledge and expertise to serve the Supreme Lord even better.

In an age when technology dominates people's lives, and the mobile phone is man's best friend - the book still wins the prize to capture the imagination of the reader and transport us back in time to the early days of ISKCON.

From the various literary works that you dedicated many years of your life to, you mention how Krishna consciousness is for the intelligent person.

The concept of the Supreme Personality can be easily understood by those in Krishna consciousness, but for those who are preoccupied with mundane material activities, their mindset cannot conceive of a Supreme controller.

Yet, for those in Krishna consciousness, all of this makes complete sense - the fact that nature has unlimited beauty that no scientist can duplicate.

A few days ago, we tried to make paper flowers, and even though we researched this, the product looked artificial and dull.

When Krishna creates, his products are vibrant and beautiful.

Anything that the Supreme designs is abundant with creative energy and has a touch of genius that no man can replicate. We have been introduced to some of the wonders and magic of Krishna from your literature, without which we would still be wandering aimlessly and confused in this material world - inundated with propaganda from the mis-directed media.

Your lifestyle and knowledge which you selflessly shared with the world is an excellent storehouse of information for us to help us lead our lives in a Krishna conscious way.

Thanks to your dedication and commitment in generating this global ISKCON - which is like a huge tree with its many roots, branches, twigs and leaves - we have your example as our inspiration.

On this most auspicious occasion of Your Vyas Puja, I pray that you continue to water your ISKCON tree with showers so that more leaves flourish, flowers bloom and fruits ripen and the tree propels forward in the destined direction - Back To Godhead - which is your fervent desire for all souls - because you always were, are and will remain our Ever Well-wisher.

*Your eternally grateful granddisciple,
Radhe Radhe dasi*



Radhe Shyam Dasa
Midrand
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to you, our greatest ever saviour, Srila Prabhupada.

THIS MEMORABLE DAY of your Vyasa-puja provides me the opportunity to reflect with more intent on your purpose, mission, words, lessons, guidance and life. Through this reflection, standards and guidance are set by you and inevitably reconciliations are performed by myself on whether I am living up to your expectations. I fail miserably. I am sorry Srila Prabhupada but I promise you that I will go on trying to be a worthy grand-disciple of yours. Please don't give up on me even when I don't keep to my word.

You continue to do so much for me that it is impossible to repay you. I am truly ungrateful. Your amazing disciples continue to carry out your mission with their transformation of millions of souls reflecting your empowerment, your blessings, your mercy. And via them more amazing devotees have emerged. I am genuinely fortunate to somehow be

granted their association.

Please bless our endeavours to propagate Krishna Consciousness. You are Sri Krishna's favoured soldier, our senapati showing us the way home. When the path of doing service is sometimes difficult and trying, please guide me Srila Prabhupada so that those souls attracted to you, my eternal brothers and sisters, don't become disappointed with my poor performance that they leave, even for a second, the association of your devotees and your devotees' devotees.

Thank you Srila Prabhupada, for everything. All glories to your amazing disciples, grand- and great-grand disciples.

*Your servant forever
Radhe Shyam das*



Radhe Surujparsad (10)
Roodepoort, Johannesburg
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Happy Vyasa-puja.
All glories to your divine lotus feet.

YOU HAVE BEEN A REAL INSPIRATION TO ME. Thank you for accepting me as your devotee. I love coming to temple and singing kirtan. I pray for your guidance Srila Prabhupada so I can sing beautifully for Sri Sri

Nitai Gaura Hari.

*Your Aspiring servant,
Radhe Surujparsad (10)*



Radhika Nandini
(12 years old)
Durban, South Africa



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

I APPRECIATE YOU FOR TRAVELLING THE WORLD and writing your books to make people devotees of Krishna.

Srila Prabhupada, you mean the world to me, and I thank you from my heart for everything you

have done for me and my family. Thank you for giving us the gift of Krishna consciousness. You will always be special to me because of your compassion and unconditional love.

*All glories to Your Divine Grace!
Your indebted granddaughter,
Radhika Nandini (12 years old)*



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



Radhika Kripa Devi Dasi
Johannesburg, Gauteng
South Africa

WHILE READING, I came across the prayers of King Kulasekhara. The prayers of King Kulasekhara text 33 translation reads as follows: “O Lord Krishna, at this moment let the royal swan of my mind enter the tangled stems of the lotus of your feet. How will it be possible for me to remember You at the time of death when my throat will be choked up with mucus, bile and air?”

This verse is very sobering as it reminds us that life is a journey in preparation for going back to Krishna and that death is not an easy moment. Therefore there is no time more suitable than the present moment for transforming our consciousness and directing it towards Krishna. Srila Prabhupada, you taught us so expertly how to develop and elevate our consciousness through the process of Bhakti Yoga. One of your disciples described how when you were walking past a lake with swans you said that the Srimad Bhagavatam compares the devotees to swans and the literature about Lord Krishna to beautiful clear lakes. Many of your disciples wanted to go on morning walks with you as they felt that they were able to see Krishna through your eyes because everything would in some way or other remind you of Krishna. This is true Krishna consciousness.

While listening to devotees relate their memories of you, I came across a wonderful pastime told by HG Deenabandhu Prabhu. He said that the grandfather is more merciful than the father. He said that there is a wonderful story about how Kartikeya Prabhu made halava made from whole-wheat semolina as opposed to the normal fine grain semolina. He was only meditating on how pleased you would be to have this halava. However when he made it you and offered it to you, you strongly rejected it. Kartikeya Prabhu was so disheartened and dejected that he walked into the temple room and sat by a picture of your Gurudev, Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati Maharaj. He was praying to him saying that he only wanted to please you. Within a few minutes you called Kartikeya Prabhu and asked him to bring the halava and you finished not just the entire bowl of halava, but the entire pot of halava. In this way the grandfather is more merciful than the father.

Srila Prabhupada, as my spiritual grandfather, please bless me so that I may be able to serve you, your instructions and your beloved ISKCON which you worked so selflessly and tirelessly to build.

*Your servant and granddaughter,
Radhika Kripa devi dasi*



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please may Your Divine Grace accept my humble obeisances
in the dust of Your lotus feet on this very auspicious day of your Vyasa puja.



Radhika Prasada Devi Dasi
Johannesburg
South Africa

*nama om vishnu padaya krsna presthaya bhutale
srimate bhaktivedanta swamin iti namine*

*namaste sarasvate deve gaura vani pracarine
nirviseśa sunyavadi pascatyā deśa tarine*

“I OFFER MY RESPECTFUL OBEISANCES unto His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, who is very dear to Lord Kṛṣṇa, having taken shelter at His lotus feet. Our respectful obeisances are unto you, O spiritual master, servant of Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Gosvami. You are kindly preaching the message of Lord Caitanyadeva and delivering the Western countries, which are filled with impersonalism and voidism.”

My Dearest Srila Prabhupada, I feel indebted to Your Divine Grace for many things in my short life of devotional service. Most of all I appreciate devotee association. Srila Prabhupada, you had blessed my life with many treasures in devotional service and it

is on-going. All the mercy and the nectar that I have received, I realized, was by your causeless mercy. I now pray at your lotus feet to please empower this fallen soul to help other conditioned souls to come to your lotus feet. I do not want to be a kṛpana, and harbour this mercy for myself, for this mercy must be given to those who do not know Lord Krishna. Please may I engage fully, with no reservation, in the sankirtana mission of Caitanya Mahāprabhu.

Srila Prabhupada Ki Jai!!

*Your servant of the servant,
Radhika Prasada devi dasi*

Radhika Rathiram Pather
Johannesburg
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
All glories to Sri Sri Radha Radhanatha. All glories to Sri Sri Gaura Nitai.
All glories to your divine Grace AC Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada.



VYASA-PUJA IS A DAY TO HONOUR A SPIRITUAL TEACHER, who represents Krishna Himself as well as Krishna's incarnation, Vyasadeva, the editor of the Vedas. Krishna recommends everyone seeking God to first seek out God's representative and respectfully accept his guidance.

In Bhagavad-gita As It Is, 18.75, purport: “Actually there is no difference between hearing directly from Krishna and hearing directly from Krishna via a bona fide spiritual master like Vyasa. The spiritual master is the representative of Vyasadeva also. Therefore, according to the Vedic system, on the birthday of the spiritual master the disciples conduct the ceremony called Vyasa-puja.”

This purport stood out to me, this year I had embarked on a challenge to complete reading Sri-mad Bhavagatam in year, thanks Nrsimhananda Prabhu. I started by reading sanskrit verses but then I realized that I am not sanskrit scholar, then I read your translation in English and it meant nothing

with your purport. Srila Prabhupada, you have sacrificed so much, so I can have the opportunity to read your instruction and have the mercy of Bhavagatam.

Recently I heard your wife sold the Bhavagatam for tea, it made me so angry, but then I realized that everything happens according to Krishna mercy, if it had not been that moment, I probably with have not had this opportunity to read, hear of discuss Bhavagatam....

ISKCON is home for the world. Chant and be happy is words never to be forgotten. No matter where you are, no matter obstacle you face chanting always brings happiness.

I will never know that without you. Srila Prabhupada thank you for everything. I hope to always remain in your shelter.

Thank you for your causeless mercy and unlimited grace and your compassionate love

I too wish to serve you with purity, love and devotion.

You are the jagad-guru the universal spiritual master and we bow down before you, again and again in thanks in gratitude in love.

*Your servant great great granddaughter,
Radhika Rathiram Pather*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,



Raghava Pandit Dasa
Durban
South Africa

ENTERING THE HEARTS OF ALL

“And now here is my secret, a very simple secret: It is only with the heart that one can see rightly; what is essential is invisible to the eye.” (Antoine de Saint-Exupéry, *The Little Prince*)

Recently I read a beautiful glorification of Sukadeva Goswami by Suta Goswami—it’s actually one of my favourite verses in the Srimad Bhagavatam.

Srila Suta Goswami said: Let me offer my respectful obeisances unto that great sage [Sukadeva Goswami] who can enter the hearts of all. When he went away to take up the renounced order of life [sannyasa], leaving home without undergoing reformation by the sacred thread or the ceremonies observed by the higher castes, his father, Vyasadeva, fearing separation from him, cried out, “O my son!” Indeed, only the trees, which were absorbed in the same feelings of separation, echoed in response to the begrieved father. SB 1.2.2

The words “...who can enter the hearts of all” caught my attention and I began to meditate on what a powerful personality he was to be endowed with that potency. I also thought of the deep feeling of separation that Vyasadeva felt when Sukadeva left home. The words “only the trees, which were absorbed in the same feelings of separation, echoed in response to the begrieved father” although poetic, conveys his deep sadness.

I then began to meditate on Your Divine Grace in relation to Sukadeva Goswami and how you are endowed with the same potency to “enter the hearts

of all” and the pangs of separation you made devotees feel when you left this world - and still do. Our only solace is that by serving you in separation, our love for you will grow, and we will meet again.

“Separation is the most intense experience of love. The greater the devotee is, the greater the feeling of separation because separation is far more intimate. Even in this world we can feel this. When you love someone, and they are next to us, we take them for granted, do we not? We think, ‘Yes, yes, I am very happy. I am thinking of you.’ When that person is away, our hearts are driven to such deep inner meditation on that person that our love can only grow. The great souls, they are praying when will that day be mine, when my false ego, my pride and selfish desires will be dissolved—then and only then will I taste the sweetness of service in separation. This is the prayer of the real great souls or the mature Vaisnavas.” Radhanath Swami

What to speak of the great souls — in fact anyone who appreciates you in some way or another will be touched by your grace and their journey back home will have begun. I am reminded of a beautiful encounter I once had on sankirtan. It was a Saturday morning and I decided to go in disguise (wearing civilian clothing and a cap) to a busy shopping mall in Midrand, Johannesburg to distribute books. After some time, I noticed that an African man was observing me. I assumed that he was probably part of the security personnel of the Mall. Thinking that he would confront me in a short while to

question me, I decided to approach the man and barter with him by showing him the books and giving him one in return for him turning a blind eye to my movements.

I will never forget the man's reaction when I handed him the book, "Only He Could Lead Them." His face lit up and with a huge smile he asked, "You know this man? I read his biography. I don't think there are many people who can do what he did." And then he began to talk to me about your glories and how you started a worldwide mission at the age of seventy. He spoke with such enthusiasm and fervour that now, in retrospect, I believe you entered his heart.

And then he asked me, "When is he coming to South Africa, I would like to meet him?" His appreciation and desire to meet you quickly humbled me. On that day Srila Prabhupada, I felt you were teaching me through this man — "If you sincerely please me and take me into your heart, I will never leave." By your mercy a dumb man can recite poetry and a

lame man can cross mountains. May you live forever by your divine instructions and may your sincere follower live with you.

*naisam matis tavad urukramanghrim
sprsaty anarthapagamo yad-arthah
mahiyasam pada-rajo-'bhisekam
niskincananam na vrnita yavat*

Unless they smear upon their bodies the dust of the lotus feet of a Vaisnava completely freed from material contamination, persons very much inclined toward materialistic life cannot be attached to the lotus feet of the Lord, who is glorified for His uncommon activities. Only by becoming Krishna conscious and taking shelter at the lotus feet of the Lord in this way can one be freed from material contamination. SB 7.5.32.

Raghava Pandit das



Raghunath Bhatta Dasa
Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your Lotus Feet.
All Glories to Your Divine Grace.

ONE OF MY FAVOURITE QUOTES of yours is "Our main business is sankirtan and distribution of books." I'd like to share with you, on the occasion your glorious vya-puja some of our humble efforts and experiences doing harinam and book distribution in Durban. These are of very recent.

Virabhadra, Patita Pavana prabhus and I were performing harinam in Unit 6, Chatsworth. We were chanting and dancing and distributing books. People stopped their cars on the road just to buy your books. At times there was a queue waiting to purchase these books. We met a lady whose husband had passed away, with her grand-daughter, and she just spontaneously joined in the dancing. She was

dancing for Krishna and didn't want to stop. There was so much of joy in her face. It was truly amazing and inspiring. It reminded me what you said in Vrindavan 9 November 1972, "That joyful life is eternally possible when we dance with Krishna, not dance alone or dance with anyone else. So unless we get that position, there is no actual happiness."

Another time we were doing harinam in Kharwastan. Before we could reach this home, the lady came running down the driveway to meet us. She was crying just hearing the holy name of Krishna. Later on, her daughter who was in touch with some devotees started to attend our programmes more regularly and attended our japa retreat. Following

your instruction we are going out distributing the holy name of the Lord thereby engaging in the greatest charitable activity.

Some of the devotees and I were distributing prasadam in the Esplanade when I met a beggar who had a copy of the Science of Self Realisation in his hand. It looked like he had read about 30/40 pages of the book. I asked him about it and he said, "I love it. It's powerful". This is the effect that your books are having on the people out there.

Distributing prasadam, especially at the Durban University of Technology recently, has been very exciting. Students, professors and employees of the campus appreciated the prasadam and some of them took your books in English and the local language mainly Zulu. It was good to hear the feedback from students that they are reading in the local languages. It was translated by Akanda Prabhu and we initially printed 40,000. I always wondered whether they will understand because it is difficult to translate these books in the Zulu languages. This reminded me of the verse in Srimad Bhagavatam 1.5.11, "On the other hand, that literature which is full of descriptions of the transcendental glories of the name, fame, forms, pastimes, etc., of the unlimited Supreme Lord is a different creation, full of transcendental words directed toward bringing about a revolution in the impious lives of this world's misdirected civilization. Such transcendental literatures, even though imperfectly composed, are heard, sung and accepted by purified men who are thoroughly honest."

At the campus our stalwart devotee (Luxminath das) who has been distributing prasadam for over 30 years was approached by a gentleman to serve prasadam in the Inanda area. On our way to Inanda I began reflecting how the Africans and Indians lived very peacefully in the 1980's. They all

lived a very simple life-style and had very strong relationships. People mainly engaged in farming. I also thought of how Mohandas Gandhi had settled here in 1904 and established a small village like-settlement on the north western outskirts of Inanda with residences, school, clinic and a printing press. On 17 September 2004 the President A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, visited the Phoenix settlement. There was a large gathering of people of Indian origin, locals as well as political leaders. Coincidentally it was the day you left India to go to America to spread Krishna Consciousness. I was also present and despite the tight security we managed to hand a copy of you Lilamrta to the President. I am not sure whether he read it but at least coming into touch with your activities will certainly help him to accrue pious activities.

On our arrival at Inanda there was a marquee with a small group of people. We started chanting the maha mantra and the crowd grew and grew. We distributed cards to the people with the maha mantra written on it. They began chanting and gradually they were closing their eyes and chanting very deeply from their hearts.

At the Radhanath Temple I am normally requested to perform the arti ceremony to you. While doing the arti I think deeply about how successful you were in spreading the teachings of Lord Caitanya. I also pray that we as your followers become worthy instruments in your society. The more we glorify you, the more Krishna will be pleased. Thus we will come closer to you and Lord Krishna. My thoughts are that we should intelligently organise to glorify you and this will make your ISKCON to continue in the future.

*Your servant,
Raghunath Bhatta das*



Rahul Maharaj & family
Durban
South Africa



Hare Krishna dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our humble obeisances.
All glories to Sri Sri Radha Radhanath and Srman Gauranga.

THANK YOU for this wonderful platform such as ISKCON without which us devotees will have no place to seek shelter.

We are currently reading a rendition by His Holiness Lokanath Swami Maharaj, on Bombay Is My Office. This is a documented book on the events that occurred to the build up to the opening of such a grand palace of Their Lordships Sri Sri Radha Rasbihari.

In there, the descriptions of Srila Prabhupada's character via sublime. It places into perspective what calibre of person Srila Prabhupada is. It had defined the way we ought to understand and approach Srila Prabhupada.

Those documented struggles experienced by

Srila Prabhupada and his great disciples leave lessons for all of ISKCON members to be mindful of in dealing with the spiritual master and Sri Radha Krishna. We consider it a great fortune having received such a literature, placing the position of Srila Prabhupada on such a deserved pedestal.

We as family have not done much to aid you Srila Prabhupada in your quest. Please bless us so that we take seriously to this movement and serve it with all our might and never leaves the shelter of His Divine Grace Srila A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada.

*Your humble and most insignificant servants,
Rahul Maharaj and Family*



Rajan and Rita Jugroop
Durban, KwaZulu Natal
South Africa



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

THANK YOU For this glorious Krishna consciousness movement. We have participated in the book marathon last year at the Sri Sri Radha Radhanatha Temple and had the opportunity of taking your books to the west coast of South Africa, at a place called Strandfontein, where we handed out books and Ekdasi prasadam to some school boys. We also managed to send some books to Antarctica with our son, who works on the SA Agulhas ii.

We enjoy doing the monthly sankirtan at our temple and look forward to it every month.

We try to distribute as many books as possible because we know how important the message you have in your books is to people.

*Your servants
Rajan and Rita Jugroop*



Bhakta Rajesh Rambharren
Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
All glories to your Lotus Feet!

*nama om vishnu padaya krsna presthaya bhutale
srimate bhaktivedanta swamin iti namine*

*namaste sarasvate deve gaura vani praccarine
nirvisesa sunyavadi pascatyā desa tarine*

YOU HAVE SAVED US ALL from the miseries of this material world. You have sacrificed so much for all of the living entities, all in the mood of service towards your Guru Maharaj and Shri Krishna. You have given us a whole new meaning and purpose in life. At your age, leaving your comfort and motherland just to save us all is something no ordinary being would have ever done. You are truly our Jagad Guru. At your age, sacrificing your health and going through so much of pain and misery and never giving up on us to take us back home to Godhead; makes us wonder, what are we doing in these young and lazy bodies that are struggling to even wake up in the mornings where as we should be constantly out there pushing your movement forward. You never gave up on humanity and proved to the world that we are all just servants. Your mood and compassion forever lives on in all the temples and centres around the world.

Hearing your pastimes from your disciples makes me sometimes want to burst out in tears. Watching and hearing your lectures takes me into a spiritual dimension. I always wish I was able to be

in your direct association and take the dust from your lotus feet. You have taught us how to be human, which no one has ever done. Without your presence, this world would have never learned what is true love and how to serve Krishna, the greatest butter thief of all time. We would have never known about Sri Caitanya Mahāprabhu and His pastimes. We are so greatly indebted to you. I have been always searching for the truth and real love, all of this I found at your temples and in your books. We would have never been able to find out about this transcendental truth and getting back to Godhead if you never got on that ship to save all the fallen souls. Your books are the weapons in this age of Kali and your prasadam is the key to all our hearts.

I beg sincerely for your mercy Srila Prabhupada. I cannot succeed and advance without your mercy. You have given us the greatest gift and we will strive to keep it alive and please you.

*Your most unworthy servant
Bhakta Rajesh Rambharren*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

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

ABOUT THIRTEEN YEARS AGO I was seriously ill. I have been to the best medical practitioners in the country but to no avail. I had even tried witch doctors and the like none of my faculties never working to their evil potential. I could not walk properly could not

talk well, could not see clearly and could not even think clearly. I was in constant pain from head to toe. Sleeping well was a luxury.

Then I picked up my chanting beads and began chanting in earnest. I started attending as many



Ralishadra Dasa
Durban
South Africa

ISKCON functions as possible. I started taking part in as many ISKCON activities as possible. Gradually I started recovering and today I am almost 100% fit. I run 5km almost daily.

Srila Prabhupada gave me Krishna, the greatest treasure in the entire creation. It is not possible to

thank him adequately and I would not even attempt it, but deep inside my heart there is a deep sense of gratitude and love for my “Param Guru”.

*Your servant
Ralishadra das*



Ram Ranjan Dasa
Gauteng
South Africa



My dearest Srila Prabhupada
Please accept my most humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet.

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

ON THIS MOST AUSPICIOUS DAY of your Vyasa-puja, I, Ram Ranjan dasa, your rascal grandson without any qualifications at all is trying to write an offering to you on this last day of the offerings submissions.

How can one glorify you, our jagad-guru of the whole world? Thank you jagad-guru Srila Prabhupada for giving us ISKCON. ISKCON has given us so many things that we would never have dreamed of.

First and foremost Lord Krishna.

Nobody in this world loved Lord Krishna like you did. You sat up in the early hours of the mornings translating Srimad Bhagavatam, *Bhagavad-gita* and so many other books for our benefit.

In a recent lecture by one of our present Gurus

I heard how Thakurji, a scholar on Srimad Bhagavatam, from Vrindavan whilst travelling to America and Europe mention that, I quote,

“ thanks to Srila Prabhupada that in these western countries there are Vaisnav’s and Ratha Yatra “

He was glorifying you Srila Prabhupada in his discourses.

Please bless me to co-operate with the Vaisnavas of the different temples in Gauteng in trying to push your ISKCON movement forward.

*Your insignificant grandson,
Ram Ranjan Dasa*



Ramvijay Dasa
Pinetown
South Africa



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

YOUR TRANSPLANTING of this transcendental culture of Krishna consciousness in the western world is indeed a miracle. As we get to hear more from your early followers of their own lives prior to coming

into contact with you, on the state of the world, and in particular their own experiences and journeys in spiritual life, we get more details on the amazing way in which you transformed their lives. It is truly

remarkable how they came into contact with you, started being influenced by you and then totally surrendered unto you, all within a very short space of time.

Apart from just becoming your surrendered followers, we get to see how they executed your mission of creating a world-wide movement for Krishna consciousness, being driven simply by the desire to please you. We cannot conceive of what it must have been like to have such transformations come over them. What experiences they must have had with you, to effect such a drastic change in their lives. Many of them are still carrying on that mission with the same enthusiasm many decades later.

Although I do accept the process of Krishna consciousness, I still have “my life” that I lead that is somehow interspersed with my Krishna conscious practices and activities. So even though I am convinced of the process of Krishna consciousness and do make endeavours to follow the practices of the process, after all these years I haven’t given myself fully to you, like your early followers did.

What am I missing? What is preventing me from making that full transition to completely surrendering myself to you and your mission? I take advantage of many of the tools you have given us to protect us from the influence of the material energy. I take advantage of your society and devotees for inspiration and the opportunity to do some service. I am blessed to have such wonderful senior devotee association who have helped guide and nurture my pursuit of Krishna consciousness. Yet, I feel that I am holding back despite being offered so much mercy, blessings and opportunities, all provided by you. How do I turn that corner and become that type of follower that you can rely on to execute your mission? How do I make that my only goal and desire?

Srila Prabhupada, I pray that on this day of your Sri Vyasa-puja, that you kindly guide me to become one of those stalwart follower of yours, who’s every breath is dedicated to your service and pleasure.

*Your servant,
Ramvijay das*



My dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to your divine self on the occasion of your Vyasa puja.



Ranga Devi Dasi
Durban
South Africa

AS I PUT PEN TO PAPER the following poem ensued:

A trunk filled with mercy
A heart of gold
Your blood filled with compassion
For the fallen condition souls

Your mind saturated with Krishna
Tears streaming down your cheeks
Your body quivering with ecstasy
You set on that dreadful voyage at sea

Come what may
Heart attacks, sea sickness, separation from the land of Vraja with its

Cows, peacocks, temple bells
Is now in a distant place

All you have is guru's mercy and faith in the holy names
How shall they understand this message of Thine
O Krishna if u want
Make me dance
Make me dance O Lord

A foreign land Imbued with counter culture drugs, hippies, prostitutes
There's no turning back
Registering ISKCON with only a few dedicated souls
The rest is history

Srila Prabhupada, may your struggles always be remembered for it fills my heart
with inspiration and hope to be an instrument in your glorious mission.

*Your granddaughter,
Ranga devi dasi*



Rasa Krida Dasi 
Randburg
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances at your divine lotus feet.
All glories to you on this most auspicious day.

THANK YOU for everything you have done. Without your efforts, determination, sacrifices, compassionate nature and devotion to your spiritual master and the Lord, this society would not be present and we would never have received information in such detail about our Lord Krishna, Srimati Radharani, Lord Caitanya or the previous acaryas nor would we know how to perform devotional service or about our eternal relationship with the Lord and His servants. We would not have been given the gift of the Holy Name. You have given us so much and continue to give us so much in the form of mercy and instructions and knowledge in your books.

Your presence is calming, your character is flawless, your example is perfect, your life story is extraordinary and beautiful and your books are a priceless and most treasured gift to this world. The

ISKCON centres that have been established by you and sincere followers have been a source of bliss for anyone no matter where we are, since we have the comfort of knowing that we have a home in the precious association of devotees to grow and learn together so that we are not trapped in the rat race culture and temporary temptations of this world.

I realize the immense power of the books and instructions that you have left behind for us when seeing how it changes and improves the lives of so many people across the world, including me. I pray to personally feel the connection to you when reading these and to also develop a taste and deep sincere desire for reading about the Lord and His devotees, serving and chanting. You said that we can associate with you through your books even though you are no longer physically present on this planet.

These are a saving grace for this world.

I pray that I can in some way always serve you and the Vaisnavas and distribute this message of the sankirtan movement following in the footsteps of your sincere disciples and servants and our spiritual masters when and where I can and at some stage learn how to surrender my heart and life in service. I pray to be grateful and appreciative of everything that you have made available for us to

facilitate our growth and development in trying to build a Krishna conscious life and that I will never take it for granted. I pray to always remain within ISKCON under the shelter of this amazing home you have built for us.

*With love,
Your aspiring servant of servants
Rasa Krida dasi*



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

 Rasabihari Dasa
Durban
South Africa

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

*mukam karoti vachalam
pangum langhayate girim
yat-kripa tam aham vande
shri-gurum dina-taranam*

"I OFFER MY RESPECTFUL OBEISANCES unto my spiritual master, the deliverer of the fallen souls. His mercy turns the dumb into eloquent speakers and enables the lame to cross mountains."

*dhyana moolam guru murti
puja moolam gurur padam,
mantra moolam gurur vakyam,
moksha moolam guru kripa*

The Guru's form is the best to meditate upon; the Guru's feet are the best for Worship; the Guru's word is the mantra; the Guru's grace is the root of liberation.

I constantly look back at my good fortune and the mercy that I received from your ISKCON home. I still cannot believe that a fallen soul like myself can

understand that Krishna is the Supreme Personality of Godhead. Apart from knowing this, having the opportunity to offer some small devotional service to his intimate servants and Sri Sri Radha Radhanath is beyond my comprehension. I think back of the first day the mercy flowed in abundance.

I was very much caught up in my mundane material life when I was given the opportunity to visit the annual Ratha Yatra festival in Durban. I used to always head in the opposite direction when I saw devotees chanting and dancing in the streets thinking that they are fanatical. I decided to visit the festival just to see what makes them so blissful.

The festival was over four days and on the second day it was the appearance day of Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu. The main tent that hosts many thousand guests was filled to capacity. The maha

abhishek was on the main stage. I was literally the last person standing right in the back of the tent. I propped myself on a chair just to witness this Abhishek. The many gurus were performing the Abhishek on the stage and the kirtan was reaching ecstatic heights. My only focus was the beautiful form of the Lord with the kirtan vibrating through every particle in my body. The tent seemed empty with only the Lord and me witnessing this amazing ceremony. I was drawn to his beauty and it seemed as if he was looking straight at me. I felt many emotions that brought tears to my eyes. Fixated to the Lord's beautiful form I felt that time had stood still. That was the day of my surrender. Surrender to you Srila Prabhupada and this amazing society of devotees that you have established.

*prthivite ache yata nagaradi-gram
sarvatra pracara haibe mora nama*

"In every town and village on this earth the glories of My name will be chanted"

This was the prophecy that Mahaprabhu gave five hundred years ago that has been fulfilled by you Srila Prabhupada. Otherwise, no one can do such a wonderful thing. "Kṛṇsa-saki vina nahe tara pravartana, without the assistance of Krishna-sakti no one can do something like this through one's own efforts. Srila Prabhupada you were fully empowered by the Lord to fulfil the desires of Sri-man Mahaprabhu.

"O my lord, great philanthropic souls travel on the earth on behalf of the Supreme Personality of Godhead to show compassion to the fallen souls who are averse to the sense of subordination to the Lord"

Srila Prabhupada, this verse clearly defines your love and compassion for the fallen souls. We have forgotten Krishna because of our past misdeeds, and we have been here in the material world whilst undergoing many births in many different species of life. Those rare personalities, the dear devotees of the Lord, descends here and wander in this material world to shower their mercy on us. They are very merciful. To meet them is very, very auspicious and one should understand when good fortune arises, one may meet such a person. By the mercy of such a devotee one can understand his own true identity, who the Lord is, and how to obtain Him and thus achieve the goal of this rarely achieved human birth.

Thank you Srila Prabhupada for giving us all these wonderful festivals, beautiful temples, devotee association and most of all the sublime process of reviving our love for the Supreme Personality of Godhead, the chanting of the Lord's Holy Names: Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare, Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare.

*Your grand disciple,
Rasabihari das*



Rasada Devi Dasi
ISKCON Sandton, Rivonia
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

'HE OPENED MY DARKENED EYES with the torchlight of knowledge'....

The first business of one who takes human life seriously, is to find out a bona-fide spiritual Master. A person can easily obtain many goals simply

by being devoted to his spiritual Master. Therefore, I simply pray (prayers by Srila Sidhara Swami):

*yada parananda-guru bhavat-pada
padam mano me bhagaval labheta*

*tada nirastakhila-sadhana-sramah
srayeya saukhyam bhavatah krpatah*

‘O transcendently blissful guru, when my mind finally achieves a place at your lotus feet, all the tiresome labor of my spiritual practices will be finished, and by your mercy I will experience the greatest happiness.’

Dearest Gurudeva my only prayers, is that You'd kindly be merciful to me so that I remain at the shelter of your Lotus feet, lifetime after lifetime.

*Your insignificant granddaughter
Rasada devi dasi*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances at the shelter of your lotus feet.
All glories to Your Divine Grace, the founder-acharya of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness.



Rasakeli Sowamber
Durban
South Africa

SRILA PRABHUPADA, in your compilation of the *Bhagavad-gita*, you quoted Lord Krishna as saying, “For him who has conquered the mind, the mind is the best of friends; but for one who failed to do so, his very mind will be the greatest enemy.” This quotation rings true even till today. So many people suffer with intrusive, repetitive thoughts on a daily basis and anxiety disorders as well as chronic stress and this is all brought about by man’s inability to control the mind. In your teachings you taught us that it is purposeless to search for complete fulfilment in this material world.

I am so grateful to you, Srila Prabhupada, for giving us the gift of the holy name. Chanting is central to every devotee’s life and creates the feeling of

happiness. Thank you for investing time and energy to preach to fallen souls. I greatly admire you for following the instructions of your guru, Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakur, to spread the glories of chanting the holy name to every town and village in the world. Despite the fact you had limited resources, you still made the endeavour to travel and preach in as many countries and cities that you could.

I can only hope and pray to develop a taste for the holy names and that they may someday resonate on my tongue with love and devotion.

*Your humble servant,
Rasakeli Sowamber*



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



Rasaleeka Dasi
Durban
South Africa

SRILA PRABHUPADA, all your great achievements speaks for itself. We all know how hard you worked to build this movement. If only we could appreciate your efforts and work towards it.

I bow down to your lotus feet with gratitude for

keeping me in your shelter and allowing me to stay in the house that you built.

*Your most unworthy granddaughter,
Rasaleeka Dasi*



Rasamandala Dasa 
and Rasalila Devi Dasi
Phoenix, Durban, South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our humble obeisances.

ALL GLORIES TO YOU FOREVER, eternally and in particular on this very auspicious day of your Vyasa puja. We pray to Lord Krishna that he takes extra care of you, for you alone have done so much for the spiritual benefit of mankind in general.

Srila Prabhupada, when we were small we had seen you picture in many books and in your Bhagavat-gita As It Is, but as children we had no idea of your greatness or how you'll change our lives in years to come. Later we joined your ISKCON and gradually we realized your importance in our lives. There is not a single day that goes by without you being part of our lives. You gave us KRISHNA, the holy name and so much of spiritual knowledge, spiritual teachers, books etc. you gave us the easy formula to reach the spiritual world. The maha mantra Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare

Hare Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Hare Hare.

The most amazing thing is, within about twelve years you made extra ordinary achievements and took ISKCON to on every continent. You preached and gave the world Krishna's holy name. You became very famous as a great Indian spiritual master in the western world but yet for yourself you always took a humble position, teaching your disciples and followers by example.

We're convinced you're no ordinary person, you were sent by Lord Krishna to help us struggling souls make some spiritual advancement.

We really love you Srila Prabhupada, and wish you a happy Vyasa puja. Please give us your mercy.

*Your grandchildren,
Rasamandala das and Rasalila devi dasi*



Rasamrita 
Pietermaritzburg
South Africa



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

AGAIN AND AGAIN, when engaged in devotional service I have come to realize how much mercy you have created for us to take advantage of. Nothing done in ISKCON is by our own effort. Everything stems from you dearest Srila Prabhupada and the enabling pathway that you have created for us (temples, Namatha's, Parikrams, your initiated sannyasins and most of all the vast heritage of literature written by you).

Many a times, when engaged in cooking the love feast for the Sunday program I witness how nicely the devotees are all working in synergy towards a really sumptuous feast, and I think to myself all this amazing spiritual energy only exists by your mercy.

Pietermaritzburg is home to the exquisite Sri Sri Dayal Nitai Gaura Hari deities and on many festivals which you have envisaged for us, the devotees come together with elaborate decor, beautiful outfits for the deities, colourfully adorned temple rooms, amazing kirtan, over a 108 offerings for the lord and yet again sumptuous feast...as a tribute to your divine mercy Srila Prabhupada.

I dread to think what life would be like without your sacrifices that you have made to give us the back door key to get back to Godhead, that illusory energy of Maya obscures our eyes and we think that what we see all around us is real but the scientific process of bhakti that you simplified for our Kali yuga mentality paves the way to our perfection.

You Srila Prabhupada are part of a line of bona fide spiritual masters that bring the unadulterated process emanating from the Lord's lotus feet.

*evam parampara-praptam
imam rajarsayo viduh
sa kaleneha mahata
yoga nadtah parantapa*

Srila Prabhupada we are proud that you are part of an unbroken disciplic succession that nourishes our conditioned selves.

Rasamrita



Our dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our humble obeisances in the saffron dust of your divine lotus feet.



Rasaraaj Dasa, Atma Priya Dasi
and Mother Candra Gopi Dasi
Durban, South Africa

AS A BABY, you often visited Radha Govinda Mandir to take darshan of Their Lordships and you became attached to them thus you are true devotee.

We therefore offer our respectful obeisances to you hundreds and hundreds of times.

You used to enthusiastically observe your Father Gour Mohan De perform the arati to Radha Govina and you also wanted to do the same. You became attached to Krishna even from a young age. Thus you proved to be a true Vaisnava devotee.

We therefore offer our respectful obeisances to you hundreds and hundreds of times.

Again even from young age you insisted that your father Gour Mohan De build a Rath or chariot to perform Ratha Yatra in your neighbourhood to Honour Lord Jagannath, Baladev and Subhadra.

Thus you proved to be a true Vaisnava devotee.

We therefore offer our respectful obeisances to you hundreds and hundreds of times.

It is amazing that even from childhood/boyhood you were eternally attached to Radha Krishna.

You came blessed with the gift of the goal of Krishna Prema.

Thus you proved to be a true vaisnava devotee.

We therefore offer our respectful obeisances to you hundreds and hundreds of times.

You approached Your Guru Maharaja Srila Bhaktisidanta with such submission and humility being eager to preach.

Thus you proved to be a true Vaisnava devotee.

We therefore offer our respectful obeisances to you hundreds and hundreds of times.

You are full of love and compassion for us fallen souls and tried your best to present the Philosophy of Krishna Consciousness in best possible way for us to understand.

Thus you proved to be a true devotee.

We therefore offer our respectful obeisances to you hundreds and hundreds of times.

You was the first successful personality to take Krishna consciousness to the West and proved to be simply the best.

Thus you proved to be a true Vaisnava devotee.

We therefore offer our respectful obeisances to you hundreds and hundreds of times.

In such a short period of time through your purity and enthusiasm Guaranga Mahaprabhu had blessed you with enthusiastic followers to aid you in your preaching and open hundreds of temples. This was indeed a miracle.

Thus you proved to be a true Vaisnava devotee.

We therefore offer our respectful obeisances to you hundreds and hundreds of times.

By your mercy the holy name of the Hare Krishna maha mantra was spread through every town and village in the world, thus saving millions of fallen souls.

Thus you proved to be a true Vaisnava devotee.

We therefore offer our respectful obeisances to you hundreds and hundreds of times.

Apart from your mature age you sacrificed most of your rest time/life and soul to write volumes of books, just to name a few of *Bhagavad-gita As It Is*, *Srimad Bhagavatam*, *Nectar of Devotion* and *Caitanya Caritamrta*.

Thus you proved to be a true Vaisnava devotee.

We therefore offer our respectful obeisances to you hundreds and hundreds of times.

You are undoubtedly an ambassador of Golo-ka Vrndavan and you came just to deliver our Visas in the form of transcendental knowledge and the holy name and take us back Home, Back to Godhead.

Thus you proved to be a true Vaisnava devotee.

We therefore offer our respectful obeisances to you hundreds and hundreds of times.

We truly appreciate and admire your magnanimity, charismatic and transcendental Leadership of ISKCON.

We are consider ourselves most fortunate to be part of this great Hare Krishna Movement.

Thus you proved to be a true Vaisnava devotee.

We therefore offer our respectful obeisances to you hundreds and hundreds of time.

All glories, all glories, all glories to Your Divine Grace.

Pray that we always remain indebted and surrounded to you eternally.

Your ever-begging servants,

Rasaraj das, Atma Priya dasi and

Mother Candra Gopi dasi



Rasaraj Das



Dear Srila Prabhupada.

All glories to your lotus feet.

All Glories to the sankirtan mission.

THIS YEAR, as I write to you I also note the passing of your son Vrndavan De. The others Payag Raj,

Mathura Mohan.

Three was the number of your sons
Your soul is dear its whereabouts another realm- where
Sulaksmāna and Bhakti-lāla
Two was the number of your daughter
A wife that you expressed dissatisfaction
Had that taken place would ISKCON have ever gained traction
The holy name is the only attraction

Many practicing devotees like to consider their relationship with you as father and or grandfather hoping for liberation or to meet you in another dimension. Something is amiss in my life. Is it my kids, my wife, my family members. South Africa is now a country where intolerance is a vice based on colour of skin. The symptoms of kali yuga is gaining more

favour and it seems as if there is darkness in many people's lives affected by so many social issues. When I check my heart I can honestly say that I too am affected in so many ways. My age, my body, my mind-set and hopelessness. Maybe I am losing touch of the connectivity that ISKCON offers but I am also wary of the institutional rumblings.

My life thus far has been a waste
 Chanting , wanting , old age grunting
 No Ruci, No taste
 Teeth falling , try this and that tooth paste
 Maya has given me front kick , back kick
 This candle has served 49 years
 A burning out wick
 Pain turmoil (VSP) and Engenoil
 Trying struggling and sometimes tears

You have saved me from the darkness, a gloomy abyss and even though my life is principally a mess I hope to be responsible as you were to your wife and children irrespective of their material disposition. Their upkeep is my duty and someday soon I hope to be an instrument for you to use in a better way. And if that fateful day never comes then I will accept my defeat as Sri Krishna is the cause of all causes. I am not this body and the soul never dies. The wise

lament neither for the living not for the dead.

I pray that on this Vyasa Puja day, may your soul re-invigorate the ISKCON which is your body. May it achieve deeper consciousness on the path back to God Head for all its followers and well-wishers.

*Your Struggling lowly servant,
 Rasaraj Das*



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

 **Rasarani Devi Dasi (BCais)**
 Durban
 South Africa

SOMEWHERE BETWEEN CAPE TOWN AND DURBAN and or Johannesburg, South Africa.

When I was a little girl I used to love to play with books. My parents had a copy of Science of Self Realization with your picture on the cover. I remember holding this book and staring at your picture, just thinking “who is this person?” and reading your name over and over again as it seemed so foreign to me. I used to watch the devotees chanting on the street with excitement and wanted to be part of this movement. My parents being traditional Hindus, never allowed it. When I was a teenager a devotee came to our home every week on a Tuesday and brought me books written by you. I must admit I loved reading them, but did not understand much except that Krishna is the Supreme Personality of Godhead. I heard your voice on tapes and was

drawn to the holy name, just wandering who is singing this mantra?

Srila Prabhupada, you showered me with mercy but I was such a fool and I did not take to the process. I guess better late than never, as your continued mercy brought me to the spiritual path of Krishna Consciousness.

Recently I read a book by Shyamasundar Das, Chasing the Rhinos, and it made me feel even more grateful to you. You handled every situation perfectly and understood the heart of all your disciples.

Your character is the personification of perfection. You are Krishna's mercy.


Thank you dear Srila Prabhupada, but thank you the most for guiding me and allowing me to take the shelter under the lotus feet of HH Bhakti Caitanya Swami, my eternal father.

I pray to Sri Sri Radha Radhanath to always remain under your shelter and assist my dear Srila Gurudeva in Your service.

*Your grand daughter,
Rasarani devi dasi (Bcais)*



Rasa-sthali Dasi
Durban
South Africa

 My dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisance.
All glories to Your Divine Grace.

THANK YOU for giving me a place at your lotus feet. Thank you for giving me a place in ISKCON. Whatever ability I have, has been cultivated in my attempt to serve you in your mission. I thank you again, and yet again for keeping me engaged in your service even though it is improperly performed. Thank you for the numerous blessings like the Srimad Bhagavatam class, which helps me to love you more. Thank you for my devotee family and friends who challenge me to become the best version of myself. Thank you for my joyful service, which compels me


to try harder, think smarter, and dare to be bolder - to be your lion! Thank you for your disciples, my diksa- and siksa-gurus, they are your diamond cutters.

Srila Prabhupada, thank you for all your love. We have never seen one another face to face but you have completely changed the course of my life. You have been the light in my darkest hour. Thank you.

*Your forever indebted servant,
Rasa-sthali Dasi*



Rasavati Dasi
Stanger
South Africa

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

THANK YOU very much for the beautiful International Society for Krishna Consciousness that you created for all living entities all over the world. We are so very blessed to have your teachings, as a result of which we are able to relish the transcendental kirtans, prasadam and the glorious *Bhagavad-gita* As


It Is right here on the shores of South Africa.

Please bless me to be able to serve you and your society in whatever capacity I can.

*Your servant,
Rasavati Dasi*



Rashmika
Sandton
South Africa

 Ever dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet.

I AM SO FORTUNATE that I have the opportunity to learn about and read about the wonderful way in which you have brought Krishna consciousness to

the west. I am such a fallen soul and by your mercy I hope to reach Krishna. I pray to always be at the shelter of your lotus feet and most importantly I pray

that as a mother I am always able to teach the glories of Krishna to my children and give them access to your books.

This material world is meant for misery just as a jail is meant for punishment and I pray that I

will always continue to endeavour to be a devotee of Krishna.

*Your most fallen servant,
Rashmika*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
All glories to you all glories to all the acharyas.
All glories to the merciful Vaishnavas.

AS I BECOME MORE AND MORE ABSORBED in your most wonderful ISKCON. It reminds me of how incognisant and fallen I am were it not for your unlimited mercy towards desperate for salvation souls like myself. All of the gurus who I have had the pleasure of experiencing during visits to our temple in Newcastle guarantee me that you will forever live on through their sterling preaching, your treasured literature and the unshakable structures that you have put into place to stand any kind of trials and tribulations.

I am so glad that I have completed The ISKCON

disciple course nearly two years since taking first initiation from His Holiness Partha Sarathi Goswami Maharaja for it enforced in me a sense of belonging, direction and commitment to ISKCON. I will always serve ISKCON to the best of my ability and we as a movement will uphold your position as pre-eminent siksa guru for without you and your mercy, we are a cause lost.

Thank you very much.

*Your most desperately seeking servant,
Rasika Devi Dasi*



Hare Krishna. Dear Srila Prabhupad.
Please accept my humble obeisances,
All glories to you and to those who serve you.

ON THIS HOLY AUSPICIOUS DAY of your Vyasa puja, I would like to appreciate the wonderful way in which you have guided my life to grow me into a servant, a glorious servant of Krishna and his devotees

Thank you for the gift of being able to serve full-time and this mission of distributing Krishna's Holy name to every town and Village. As I sometimes look back on the great challenges that life had thrown at me I also smile at the mysterious way in which Your Blessings always came through, mysterious, not because of your lack of intervention but because of my lack of understanding this relationship. It's

taken me many years and many hard lessons to learn and experience your guiding hand in my life. Many challenges come and go both internal and external and we may be Victorious at some and victims at others but either way the lessons of life is constantly grooming me for a higher destination that you always reminding us of and while we here we want to do something useful for the glorious mission of Krishna for the next 10000 years and be an insignificant part of this glory by offering some time and energy.

In the last 20 years I've seen how vivid the



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ISKCON Newcastle
South Africa



Rathim Krishna Dasa
Midrand
South Africa

impact of kaliyuga has become on the lives of everyone just as described in the 12th canto of the Srimad Bhagavatam.

Srila Prabhupad !! It's really hard sometimes and it's really difficult to execute what you asked us to do, and sometimes it even looks impossible but nevertheless I was strength is in your words and we still keep on going no matter what and leave the result to you and to Krishna.

Please kindly bless us for our humble attempts at trying to please you and serve your glorious mission and please bless those that are assisting us in both guidance and service. Please teach us to always see your instructions with more Clarity and conviction even though at times it may be challenging to do so. Please don't ever forget us for a minute, lost in this material world without no other hope of getting out except holding onto your Lotus feet and praying with a full heart that we can please you with our humble service.

You have been very kind to me to give me Shelter at your Lotus feet in vrindavan for over 12 years

and for one who's been given so much Mercy a lot of responsibility is expected therefore I pray to you that you kindly guide me and use me as an instrument in your mission to serve other devotees and give them a chance to experience your love and your warmth in their lives.

This year 2018 has been very challenging so far but together with these great challenges comes great opportunities to grow and develop services for myself and other devotees please always give us the inspiration to persevere despite the challenges that come our way. Thank you for creating joy in our lives and in the lives of others by your teachings and please open the road ahead so that we can offer back to you what you've given to us.

Just like the great previous teachers have shown, the maze of this material world is impossible to break out of but your guidance and blessings make it hopeful.

*Your insignificant servant,
Rathim Krishna das*



Rathnaleka Gopi Dasi
Sandton
South Africa



Dear Jagathguru Srila Prabhupada,
My humble obeisance unto you.

I AM TRULY AMAZED at your dedication and focus on Krishna. Your writings are profound. I love it that you don't mince your words but say things as they are. I was hooked to Krishna consciousness by your book, Perfect Questions Perfect Answers.

You are alive in your writing and I am eternally grateful for the manner in which the movement runs. Everything is focused on the Supreme Lord

and all ISKCON temples have the same pattern. This enables people to go anywhere round the world and become part and parcel of the program. A humongous thank you to you.

*Your humble servant,
Rathnaleka Gopi Dasi*





Dear Srila Prabhupada,



Ravina Maharaj
Pietermaritzburg
South Africa

THANK YOU for all the enlightenment.

Ravina Maharaj



To my dear beloved Srila Prabhupada.
All glories to you on this auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja.



Ravindra Swarupa
Durban
South Africa

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

I THANK YOU for what you have done for us, you sacrificed your life for us you are our true hero. I went to many temples I never found what I was looking for but when I came to your abode I finally got my answer, you showed us who our real father is. You sacrificed so much for us you lived for us. I thank you for giving me a family of devotees for

that deep down in my heart I am truly grateful. I am grateful you gave me a spiritual master who can give me direction on my path.

*Your servant,
Ravindra Swarupa*



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



Remuna-priya Dasi
Johannesburg
South Africa

WHENEVER I CONJURE UP IMAGES OF YOU in my mind, my heart never fails to swell with pride, and a strong wave of emotions take over.

Every day when I take my bead bag to chant, my mind crosses to you doing Japa and I try to muster the same strength of conviction that you have, the same yearning to serve Lord Krishna and Srimati Radharani and the pure love that you exhibit. I always fail but I carry on trying.

Srila Prabhupada, we owe you so much in terms

of what you have given us and even all our efforts in this this lifetime will not be sufficient to repay you. Because of you, we know Lord Caitanya; because of you, we know and love Mayapur and Vrindavan so much and because of you, we have the Holy Name.

Thank you dearest Srila Prabhupada for giving us the best give ever: Krishna Consciousness.

*I shall always remain your servant,
Remuna-priya dasi*

Reshika Ramdhani 🌸
Gauteng
South Africa



Hare Krishna!

THANK YOU for translating the scriptures from Sanskrit to English and for making spiritual knowledge accessible to all.

Thank you for leading by example. Thank you for being merciful to all your students. Thank you

for every sacrifice that you made for the benefit of all in Kali Yuga.

Reshika Ramdhani



Revati Devi Dasi 🌸
Durban
South Africa



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

ALTHOUGH I NEVER SAW YOU IN PERSON I am thankful to feel your presence, feel your love and feel your guiding hand through a connection made possible by your own creation, a creation of loving disciples that you personally nurtured, trained and empowered in such a short space of time to connect us grand disciples to that priceless flow of mercy. Indeed, I feel so fortunate and protected in the loving shelter of your ISKCON movement.

I look back at my life as far as I can remember, the ups and downs, the pleasures and pains, the ultimate hopelessness and I appreciate the turning point, all by your grace, Srila Prabhupada.

Your instructions were all so clear to follow. You asked that I give this one life or what was left of it to KRSNA. I trusted your words and I experienced the relief and the change for which I am so indebted to you. You picked this poor soul from the depths of despair and like a true saviour showed me the way home. I know I can never repay you for your unlimited kindness. Thank you, dear Srila Prabhupada.

You singlehandedly initiated the groundwork for the birth of ISKCON. The trials and tribulations and the struggles you have been through are no secret and it pains me to reflect on them. Your unparalleled achievements during difficult times

are truly the work of a genius and you have practically demonstrated to us the power behind full faith in the instructions of Guru and Krishna. Your perfect example has made you a recipient of the unconditional mercy of the full disciplic succession in executing the order of your Guru. I can only pray that someday you will bless me with a fraction of that mercy so that I too will be able to develop unshakeable faith as I continue on my journey along this most sublime spiritual path that you have paved for us.

You also graced so many disciples and grand disciples to take your mission forward. I have no doubt that it will surely come to be recognised as the saving grace for many generations to come in this ever intensifying heat of Kali yuga. What unimaginable, divine vision you had to organise such a wonderful program to relieve the world of all anxiety by gradual advancement in Krishna Consciousness, the main priority in our lives.

Your divine qualities endeared you to so many during your manifest pastimes and will continue to impact on others by your well documented life in the form of lectures, tours, celebrations and books. Your translations and purports in all your works are filled with so many lucid, instructive analogies,

examples and realisations, packaged with such amazing simplicity for people of all levels. This reflects the pain and sacrifice that many of your disciples describe about your herculean efforts to save us from the darkest destinations that we were heading for. Undoubtedly, you were the chosen one to fulfil the Lord's prediction about the appearance of his Senapati Bhakta who would carry the chanting of His holy names to every town and village all

over the world.

You are the true saviour of the world, Srila Prabhupada.

Your mercy is indeed causeless as I can see no reason to deserve it. Thank you, dear Srila Prabhupada.

Revati Devi Dasi



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

THANK YOU for introducing me to Krishna Consciousness and providing guidance, teachings and knowledge that I lacked so much in my life. ISKCON has changed my life and allowed me to understand my purpose in life. I thank you for everything and

please guide me daily and take me towards the lotus feet of the Lord. I love you with all my heart.

*Your aspiring servant,
Rickardo Singh*



Rickardo Singh
Johannesburg
South Africa



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

THANK YOU Srila Prabhupada for always guiding me, growing me and keeping me in the holy association of devotees and also this Krishna conscious home every step of the way. You give me so much. Thank

you. I pray I grow and serve you tirelessly more and more daily.

*Your servant,
Rikshana Singh*



Rikshana Singh
Durban
South Africa



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

OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS, Srila Prabhupada, I have been pursuing my dream career as a secondary school educator - tasked with a major responsibility

of moulding young individuals into becoming successful adults.

So many of them are misguided, bewildered



Rishi Kumar Das
Pietermaritzburg
South Africa

and lost - questioning their environment, their upbringing, their habits and also themselves.

But, they are innocent. They are at a volatile age, completely unaware of reality and need to be guided in some way or the other. They have much to offer and I have hope that they will eventually assist in spreading your movement significantly.

Srila Prabhupada, I beg for your blessings to help these children. I hope to use my occupation as an educator to transform their thinking, their

lifestyle and their practices to become more and more God conscious. Thank you Srila Prabhupada, for providing us with access to the ultimate reality, knowledge of the Absolute Truth and the solution to all of our problems.

This is my offering to you, Srila Prabhupada.
Hare Krishna.

*Your lowly servant,
Rishi Kumar Das*



Rishikesh Ramjith
Cape Town
South Africa



All glories to Srila Prabhupada!
My dearest Srila Prabhupada, please accept my humble obeisance's.
All glories to you on this most auspicious Vyasa-puja.

AN AIRING OF THE HARE KRISHNA DOCUMENTARY, by your wonderful disciples, was done last year (2017) at a cinema in Cape Town. The entire congregation in Cape Town, and more, came to view the documentary. And everyone was mind boggled at what you had achieved.

Starting out practically homeless, being “a stranger in a strange land”, to building an international society dedicated to the teaching and preaching of Lord Chaitanya Mahaprabhu's message, and all was done on pure faith in Lord Krishna.

The documentary was done in such a fashion that it was as though you were narrating your pastimes. It felt as though I was getting direct and personal association with you. I felt that was very special and will always treasure that.

I knew I had to watch that documentary again at some point in my life, perhaps a DVD would come

out. By some chance, the documentary aired during all four days of the Durban Festival of Chariots 2018. Again, I experienced that same feeling from watching the documentary again. I had watched it twice at the festival.

From the movie, I always tried to put myself in your shoes and see how I would do things. And everything I would always end up never even leaving for the U.S. in the first place. I have so many inhibitions that would stop me then, and still stop me now.

Oh, my dear Srila Prabhupada, please guide me through this life. You are a beacon of hope and I am drowning in a black sea of ignorance. I only wish to serve you with every fraction of my potential.

*Your most fallen great grandson,
Rishikesh Ramjith*





Dear Srila Prabhupada,

BLESSINGS UNTO YOU that I have come to know who God is. Sorry that Krishna had to send you. He loves you that's why but most unhappy that you had to experience material misery whilst preaching about

Krishna. But Krishna is Lord the beginning and end. My heartfelt wishes to you. Hare Krishna.

Ritesh

 Ritesh
Sandton
South Africa



My dearest Srila Prabhupada,

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

"I OFFER MY RESPECTFUL OBEISANCES unto His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, who is very dear to Lord Kṛṣṇa, having taken shelter at His lotus feet. Our respectful obeisances are unto you, O spiritual master, servant of Sarasvati Gosvami. You are kindly preaching the message of Lord Caitanyadeva and delivering the Western countries, which are filled with impersonalism and voidism."

In a quickly changing world you have taught us not only how to live but also how to preserve this ancient culture – the way to Krishna.

Abiding by and following your instructions is the perfection of religion and your ISKCON, Srila Prabhupada is most definitely the perfection of all religions.

Dear Srila Prabhupada you have taught us how to love and how to see the good and positive side of people be they devotees or not, so that our inner most selves will be filled with light and love and that we should share this wherever we go.

When this happens, they will notice that we are different from others and that we are servants of the Lord.

My dear Srila Prabhupada on this day of your appearance, my prayer is that I can one day receive an eternal position at the dust of your lotus feet.

Your servant,
Rocana Das

 Rocana Das
Ladysmith
South Africa



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

WE ARE SO GRATEFUL that you came to the west and saved us.

I am an aspiring devotee because of your mercy, we are so scared to even think about what would

 Rohini Kumar Das &
Radha Kishori Devi Dasi
Durban, South Africa

have happened to us if we didn't come in to contact with one of your devotees, this is only by your mercy that me and my family have taken to the process of Krishna consciousness.

Our heartfelt gratitude goes out to you Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krishna.

*Your loving grand disciples,
Rohini Kumar Das and Radha Kishori DD*



Rukma Das 🙏
ISKCON Nairobi



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

LET ME BOW DOWN at your lotus feet hundreds of times on this special day of Vyasa-puja. I often think what this world would be without personality like you who came to give real love and mercy to everyone. You are like the sun whose light purifies wherever it falls. Your grace has been sent by Lord Krishna to pick fallen souls like myself who were drowning in this ocean of nescience. You have thrown the rope out of causeless mercy to lift souls like us. You have given us so much that even many lifetimes would be insufficient to repay your grace.

I recall many, many years ago when I came across your book and how it has changed my life forever - it brought a revolution for a better change in my life. I had become faithless and agnostic to God in every way. I simply can't believe what I am today

and what I was before. I am a happier person, full of vigour and confidence due to your mercy.

Today when I open any book, by your grace be it small or big, I see your mercy flowing. Each purport, each sentence, each word means a lot to me.

There are thousands out there who need your mercy. I pray that each house in this world receive your message - 'chant Hare Krishna and be Happy'. You have become my real father and I know that simply by being obedient to you I will always be happy.

May Sri Sri Radha Bankebihari keep your grace at their lotus feet.

*Yours humbly,
Rukma Das*



Rukmini Devi Dasi 🙏
Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

*om ajnana timirandasya
jnananjana salakaya
caksur unmelitam yena
tasmai sri guruve namah*

I CONTEMPLATE on the comprehensive gift of Bhakti that you have given us: I've heard it described how

the process of hatha yoga links one's body to the Supreme. The process of dhyana yoga links one's

mind. Jnana yoga links one's intelligence and karma yoga engages one's activities. The beauty of the process of Bhakti Yoga is that it holistically engages all the above elements; engaging the body in practical devotional service, the mind in japa, intelligence in studying the scripture and all our activities as an offering to Krishna. Bhakti however, has one exclusive feature, it engages the heart.

This description of bhakti touched me. It's clear why bhakti is the most comprehensive process and yet so accessible. All the above processes have stringent qualifications for even the very beginner let alone the perfect practitioner. Yet all the colourful kinds of devotees we find in this movement (myself included) are able to find some means to connect to Bhakti. Regardless of wherever they start they can progress and find belonging. This is what you have given us, Srila Prabhupada. It is perfect and complete and satisfies the heart. It truly is a process the whole world can adopt.

And you give us this perfect process built within every day. Every day I have the opportunity to chant Krishna's names with a concentrated mind and heart. With each Bhagavatam class the opportunity is there to hear with my heart and apply with intelligence. At every moment I have the choice to serve with body and heart, making all my actions offerings. And even if my heart is amiss, the process of purification will work. Some of these opportunities I have taken and others I've squandered. Despite my limitations and struggles, it is undeniable that Bhakti is enlivening; awakening the soul. If it can

be so for me it can be so for anybody.

With a sliver of your mercy, I'm trying to find you each day in your purports, in the message of the Bhagavatam. I'm inconsistent but connecting to your words is a divine experience. Please help me live them.

With a sliver of your mercy, we try to connect students to Krishna. Sometimes it looks like step back is needed to take a few steps forward. I'm grateful for this service. Please teach me how to care for them better.

With a sliver of your mercy, you have expanded my world to include the arts and given me and many young devotees the platform to use the stage as an altar. I am so indebted. Dear Prabhupada, let me always find and share Krishna in this pursuit.

All the quality individuals you infuse my life with are an emblem your kindness. Help me value them.

I sit before you now. What can my words convey to your attentive ear? I remember in 'Hare Krishna, the Movie' the opening scenes of your struggle in the American winter and wilderness. Your extreme sacrifices make all my petty complaints and excuses pale and disintegrate to dust.

Dear Prabhupada, please help me embrace surrender with gratitude. Bless me to be your faithful follower. Thank you for your loving patience. Please never let me go.

*A servant of your servants,
Rukmini devi dasi*



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

I HAVE NO QUALIFICATIONS to write this offering but I am humbly falling at your feet to get your mercy and blessings.

This material world that we are living in can become very difficult at times and our spiritual path suffers in the process.



Rupa Cintamani Devi Dasi
Cape Town
South Africa

We have our diksa and siksa gurus to guides help us in our difficulties which helps us tremendously but Srila Prabhupada there is most times that I fall down at your feet and cry for your help begging for your blessings and mercy. We still need your guidance so much. We can still speak to you when we are lost for guidance and your help. Thank you

so much for that because without you Srila Prabhupada and without what you gave us we have nothing. Thank you for always being there.

*Your eternal servant,
Rupa Cintamani DD*



Rupa Goswami Dasa 
Bedfordview
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances at your divine lotus feet.
All glories to you on this auspicious day and always.

I FEEL SO UNQUALIFIED and nervous writing an offering to you for this auspicious day. However, after being prompted by HG Govardhana Prabhu, I plucked up some courage to write what is in my heart to express my priceless gratitude to you.

Twenty years ago, a devotee that worked with me always spoke about the glories of Lord Krishna in the morning before 8:00 am (start of work). Coincidentally, I also happened to go to the Ratha Yatra festival in Durban. The aspect which touched my heart was the Food for Life programme, reaching out to so many underprivileged people. Thereafter, I asked the devotee if we can go to the temple during our lunch break, he agreed but asked if we could go for arati at the temple by 12:30 pm. I followed him into the temple room offering obeisances to you, Your Divine Grace and their Lordship. As the arati progressed, he explained the meaning behind the various steps. I felt a sense of attraction which inspired me to take my family for the 7:00 pm arati on another day. The attraction grew on us whilst I noticed an improvement in our lives simultaneously. I identified that this was definitely a hand of Lord Krishna.

In 2005, we relocated to Johannesburg and by Krishna's arrangement, we met devotees who helped and encouraged us in our spiritual life. One of them that stands out is HG Govardhana Prabhu who took me by the hand, guided me and continues to guide me spiritually. He has also offered me

service in the BBT Africa Team for which I will forever be grateful.

I am and will forever be grateful and indebted to you Srila Prabhupada for bringing Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON) to South Africa

Teaching us Vedic philosophy which is so meaningful; there is a proper explanation and reason for all activities which can be supported by scripture. Coming from a pious Hindu background, most of our prayer was ritualistic and nobody could explain why we did certain things.

Teaching us discipline and maintaining a high standard, which has also helped me in my daily life.

To listen and identify to our consciousness, this keeps me in track with all my activities.

Increasing our knowledge through your invaluable books. These books are also a meaningful gift to my family and friends.

Your various analogies in your books, conversations and lectures for simplified understanding (for a layman like myself).

Some of my family now has accepted Krishna consciousness and have started the process due to your teachings.

A year ago, my mother passed away. Her passing has made me realise the reality of death, that is, at some time in our life we will all reach that point. Some will remain helpless without any knowledge and understanding. However, you are constantly

imparting knowledge and understanding about this reality explained through your books and various classes held in your temples. This knowledge has helped me accept her death easier. But the higher understanding is we must prepare ourselves for that final moment in which we should remember Lord Krishna.

I recently got awarded with harinam Initiation by the mercy of HH Bhakti Charu Swami; for this I

am so grateful and feel extremely blessed to have reached the start of my spiritual journey.

Please, Srila Pradhupada, I beg for your mercy and blessings to help me in my service in the BBT Africa and your direction in any other service.

*Your humble grand servant,
Rupa Goswami das*



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

I WISH YOU ALL THE BEST on this day of Vyasa-puja. Without you coming to the West and preaching Krishna consciousness, I would have been lost in this material world.

You opened my eyes with the torch light of knowledge and showed me a new world. For this I am very grateful to you.

I am indebted to your International Society for Krishna Consciousness.

It is by your mercy that I get to serve my beloved spiritual master at Govardhan Hill. I have also met lots of International devotees that come to visit Guru Maharaja.

*I beg to remain,
Your Eternal Servant,
Rupa Majari Dasi*

 Rupa Majari Dasi
Durban
South Africa



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

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

REFLECTING NOT SO LONG AGO, I recall the feeling of never feeling a sense of belonging, anywhere! I remember going to ISKCON temples not fully understanding why devotees always spoke of you, worshiped and revered you. In ignorance I thought that it was some sort of religious fanaticism. After

watching the Abhay Charan DVD series which stirred my interest to read more about your glories and life, I later began to slowly understand why you are the acarya and Jagat Guru!

Srila Prabhupada, I can now stand here whole-heartedly saying because of you, I have a

 Ruwendren
Durban
South Africa

place where I gladly belong. It is simply amazing how much you have given to us. We all are different in so many ways, yet in your ISKCON we all have a place. A place we can call home and where we are at the liberty to do what we love most, all in the name of the highest purpose – the service of Sri Sri Radha Krishna.

My prayer Srila Prabhupada is that you forever keep me in your ISKCON, forever in the association of the wonderful devotees and a life-time of service for your glory.

*Your ever-indebted servant,
Ruwendren*



Ryan Mark Naidoo
Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

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srimate bhaktivedanta swamin iti namine
namaste sarasvate deve gaura vani pracarine
nirvisesa sunyavadi pascatyā desa tarine*

PRABHUPADA IS MY HERO...my father...my guru...my saviour....it is thanks to Prabhupada that I have access to Krishna if it wasn't for him I would have never made it in life...thanks to all his books...all his devotees...all his teachings...I find the strength to face life and the desire to serve Krishna....

If it wasn't for Prabhupada we would never know how to love Krishna. It is only through his mercy that we may one day go back to Godhead... thanks to Prabhupada I know the real aim of life and the real problems such as birth old age diseases and death...most of the world through modern day schools never learn these lessons and have no choice but to take rebirth....

Prabhupada gave the world knowledge and love of Krishna without which the world would have

been doomed. I pray that Prabhupada continues to guide me to the lotus feet of Krishna and will help me serve him to serve Krishna....I am not an initiated devotee...but I pray through his grace I shall find my guru and find the strength to become a pure devotee.

Hare Krishna Hare Krishna
Krishna Krishna Hare Hare
Hare Rama Hare Rama
Rama Rama Hare Hare

Jay Prabhupada ki Jay!

Ryan Mark Naidoo



Sachi Kumar Dasa
Ermelo
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to you, the great general of Lord Caitanya.

OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS I've made an effort to hear your one of lectures, morning walks or

room conversations daily as part of my cultivation in Krishna consciousness. This practice has

revolutionised and enriched my spiritual development immensely.

By associating with you through sound vibration I've become increasingly grateful of your contributions for us fallen souls and have become more and more dependent on you for shelter. You are the most important person in my life.

Lord Caitanya has empowered you to perfectly present His message for our deliverance. Your presentations are clear, straightforward and accessible to any devotee. My heart is full of unwanted desires and contaminations and through hearing you I understand what remedies to apply upon myself to cure the disease of material existence.

I want to thank you for so vividly illuminating the illusions of this material world and making it clear beyond any doubt that one cannot be happy through material sense gratification no matter what method one may try. Happiness does not exist on the material platform but only in service to the

Supreme Lord and His devotees.

Since last year I've been blessed to be based at your Mayapur Candrodaya Mandir when not traveling with my Guru Maharaja. My heart was captured by Sridham Mayapur since my first visit there and gradually over time a strong desire grew within me to one day be able to live there and daily be able drink the nectar of Lord Caitanya's beautiful form. I cannot thank you enough for revealing Sridham Mayapur to the world and for creating a place there where we can all live and serve Lord Caitanya together.

I humbly beg your blessings that I develop into a devotee who can assist your sincere followers in preserving and developing your movement further.

I look forward to another year of service to you.

Your servant,
Sachi Kumar dasa



Dearest and Respected Father, Master and Guru Srila Prabhupada,

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srimate bhaktivedanta swamin iti namine
namaste sarasvate deve gaura vani pracarine
nirvisesa sunyavadi pascatya desa tarine*

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

*titiksavah karunikah
suhrdah sarva-dehinam
ajata-satravah santah
sadhavah sadhu-bhusanah*

THE SYMPTOMS OF A SADHU are that he is tolerant, merciful and friendly to all living entities. He has no

enemies. He is peaceful, he abides by the scriptures, and all his characteristics are sublime.

 Sachi Prema Devi Dasi
Kuala Lumpur
Malaysia

*dhyana moolam guru murti,
puja moolam gurur padam,
mantra moolam guru valyam,
moksha moolam guru kripa*

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

Please accept my most humble obeisances and respects at your lotus feet. All glories to Srila Prabhupada the greatest champion and servant of Lord Krishna showing all living entities by example how to be a humble servant of Lord Krishna. By your immense mercy, compassion, determination, great faith in your spiritual master's instructions you generously exposed the whole earth to Lord Krishna. You were determined to take everyone back to Godhead. In spite of our innumerable and repeated sins you still never gave up on us dear Father.

What did we ever do to deserve you, our spiritual master and Lord Krishna? We are indebted to you forever. Even though materially you are not with us your instructions via your esteemed books is our

saviour. Srila Prabhupada I'm an unworthy unfit to write this homage to you but please accept it by your never ending compassion. We are really unfortunate not to have met you personally. Our Guru Maharaja Bhakti Caitanya Swami your worthy and esteemed disciple is so merciful and compassionate guiding us fallen souls back to Krishna. We are so fortunate to have Gurudeva as our spiritual master. We are all doing our respected sadhana and devotional services to the best of our ability with the constant disciplined guidance of our spiritual master.

Please continue to bless and guide us all on our journey back to Godhead. On this auspicious occasion of your Vyasa-puja we offer millions of pranas and dandavats at your lotus feet and beg for forgiveness for our innumerable apparadhas thank you for blessing us with our dear spiritual master and hope you are proud of us. Please continue to use us all in spreading Krishna consciousness far and wide.

*Your eternal unworthy servant
Sachi Prema devi dasi*



Saci Devi Dasi (RSA- HHBCais) 
Johannesburg
South Africa



My dearest Srila Prabhupada, Please accept my humble obeisances onto your divine lotus feet.
All glories to Their Lordships Jagannath, Baladev and Subhadra Maharani.
All glories to you on this most auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja,

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Sarasvati Goswami. You are kindly preaching the message of Lord Caitanya and delivering the Western countries, which are filled with impersonalism and voidism."

Srila Prabhupada I have been putting of

writing this offering to you for many days now thinking what can I possibly say? I am unsatisfactory in quoting scripture so what can I possibly have to offer to you. I then realised whilst in the association of devotees performing some menial service that every single aspect of my life I have only you to thank. Before joining your most welcoming home of ISKCON, I was just going through the motions of life with little to no attention as to who, why and what. Who am I? Why am I actually here? and what will be my position when I die?

You have thought me how to identify myself and the person next to me - I am the spirit soul. You thought me that this life is for realising that my mind, body and soul comes from Krishna. You thought me how to genuinely love Krishna and this was by your actions in how you served Krishna, in

how you spread Krishna Consciousness in every town and village. You have given me, a useless soul a purpose, a need, a want and all of those revolves around Krishna and Your ISKCON movement.

Thank you my Srila Prabhupada, thank you for my Guru Maharaja His Holiness Bhakti Caitanya Swami. Thank you for the golden association of your wonderful devotees. Thank you for allowing me in the house that you built which the whole world can live in.

I humbly beg of you to allow this foolish soul a chance to grab a hold of your dhoti lifetime after lifetime.

*Trying to be Your servant,
Saci devi dasi*



Jaya Om Visnu-pada Paramahansa Parivrajakacarya Astottara-sata Sri Srimad A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Maharaja Prabhupada.

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to your lotus feet again and again.



Sacidulal Dasa

Free State, Bloemfontein

South Africa

I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY SINCERE GRATITUDE to you for opening my darkened eyes and filling my heart with transcendental knowledge. The Right of Admission into Krishna consciousness is constituted and awarded by Krishna through distributing His mercy to His devotees, then devotees also freely and equally distribute the mercy received. The mercy then further manifests itself in one's heart as lobha or transcendental greed for krsna. Oh Srila Prabhupada, as the disperser of this mercy, you freely install the transcendental sound vibration of Krishna's flute in people's hearts through your books. You further teach us that while acting out of transcendental greed for Krishna or Bhakti, there'll be eruptions of misgivings and discrepancies, but you affirmatively guarantee us that there is no diminution. Your compassion is a noble virtue that exterminates our endless mental analysis on whether or not one is eligible to surrender to The Supreme Personality of Godhead.

Campaigning and propagating your message in Bloemfontein- South Africa is adversarial at this point but I perpetually remind myself that your magnanimity rests in your instructions. Even though sometimes it's unbearable, the tribulations strengthen my character and remind me of my eternal constitution. The Holy Name and Your books are priceless, precious gifts of eternal life. Indeed, you are the living embodiment of the truth, pulling the out the fallen from the muddles of this world and breaking the shackles of false conceptions about God. Thank you for teaching me about my true identity, my constitutional purpose and the final destination.

Please make me a tool in the global shift towards a Krishna conscious earth.

*Your fallen doubtful servant
Sacidulal das*

Sadhu Seva Dasa 
and Radhadyuti Devi Dasi
Durban, South Africa



Hare Krishna,
Please accept our humble obeisances.
All glories unto you, our dearmost Srila Prabhupada.

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namaste sarasvate deve gaura vani pracarine
nirvisesa sunyavadi pascatyā desa tarine*

WE CAN NEVER PROPERLY GLORIFY YOU. We are inept and continually fail. But you are so kind, you accept whatever little service we may offer.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for giving us the shelter of the holy name.

We will endeavor, by your mercy, to continue being foot soldiers in your sankirtana army.

Please bless us to forever be engaged in

harinama sankirtana. In that way we may always be connected to you.

All glories to you, Srila Prabhupada. May your glories be spread throughout the three worlds.

Your servants,

Sadhu seva dasa and Radhadyuti devi dasi



Sakshi Gopala Dasa 
and Dina Tarine Devi Dasi
Midrand, South Africa



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PLEASE FORGIVE US for the countless offenses we have committed at the dust of your lotus feet. Thank you for showering the world with the holy name and the nectar contained within the volumes of transcendental literature.

By the mercy and guidance of HH Bhakti Caitanya Swami we are steadily trying our best to serve your mission. On this auspicious day of your Vysasa-puja, please bless us that we may continue

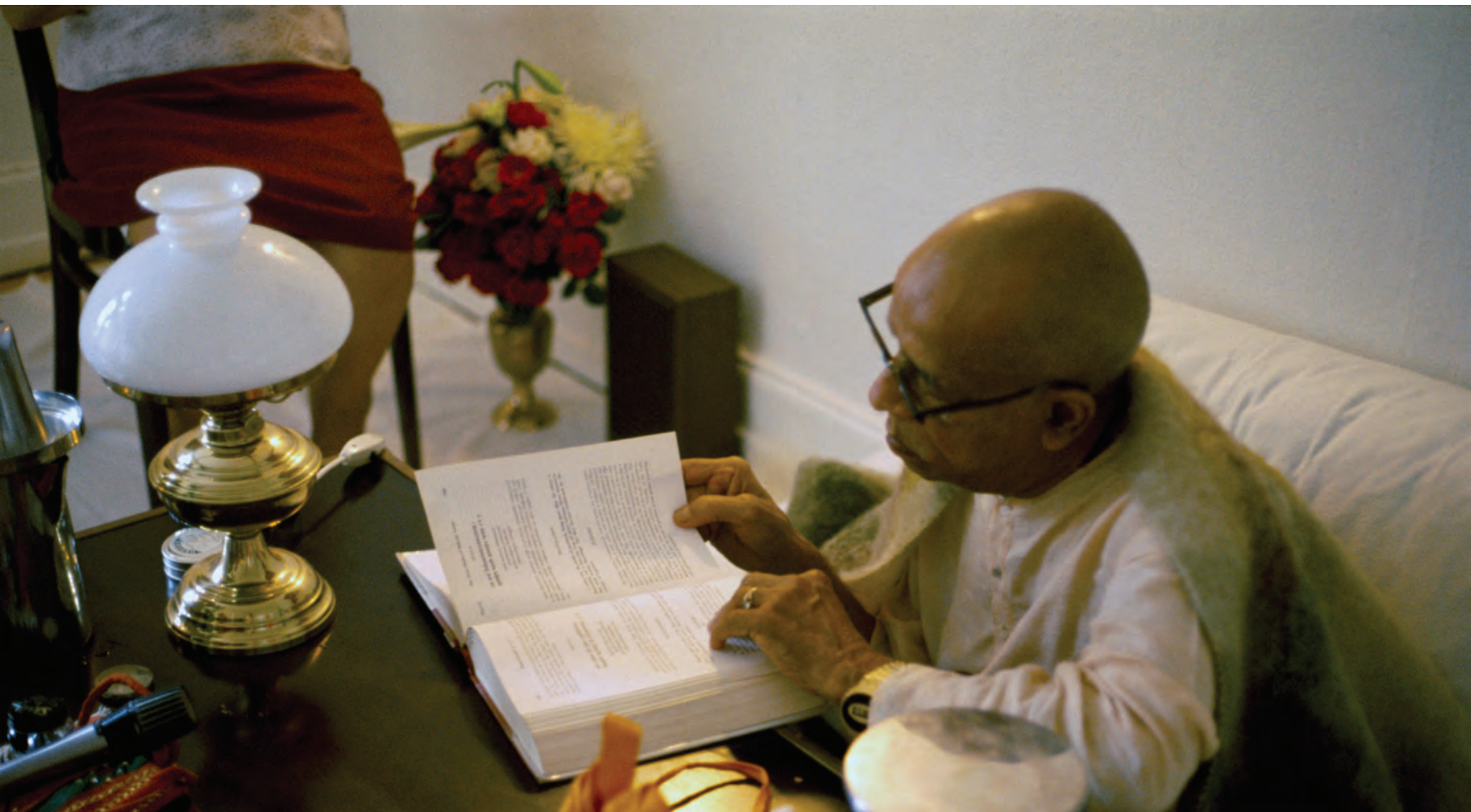
to serve with love, enthusiasm and to always be respectful to all Vaishnava's. Our kids are growing up fast, please bless them, so that when they grow up they will sincerely take up this mission of distributing your books, assist in your mission and to serve the devotees.

Your aspiring servants,

Sakshi Gopala das and Dina Tarine dd









Dear Srila Prabhupada,

THANK YOU for enhancing my spirituality and for helping me on my journey to Krishna consciousness. You have provided me with the Krishna Balarama Youth Group and my association with pure devotees keeps my soul alive and hungry to reach Krishna. Your disciplines and rules guides my journey to Krishna, without which I would be lost.

Srila Prabhupad, without the society you founded and the guidance and translated literature, I would not have found Krishna during my demigod worship. I am so grateful to you for founding ISKCON. Your translations of literature, and most

importantly the Bhagavad Gita and all kirtan and songs, which is so melodious is what I needed. Your humble and simple advices helps me in my worship of Krishna. You awakened my desire to be Krishna conscious. Your down to earth, humble attitude and the mercies you have shown to all devotees who seek you leaves me in awe. Krishna so loved me to give me a guru who is so pure, loving and merciful as you. Thank you Srila Prabhupad.

*Salomy Perumal
Gauteng, South Africa*

 **Salomy Perumal**
Gauteng
South Africa



My dearest Prabhupada,

I AM HOMELESS, I feel it, I know it, this is not my home. I am lost on a vast, dark ocean, cold...and alone.

The material energy calls to me like so many evil sirens of old, tempting me, luring me. I know that is I follow the call, I will be smashed and torn upon the rocks of false promise.

In the darkness there is always the sweet, kind sound of your voice, offering hope in the desolation...

There is always the image of your kind and gentle smile which is the only lighthouse in a dark universe...

Your disciples and devotees our only saviours, setting out on a violent, lashing sea...searching mercifully in the darkness, searching out lost souls like mine.

They are light up the world, first a few twinkling lanterns...and then more and still more...soon they will light up the entire world!

I promise to try harder, to climb aboard their boats, to honour you by becoming one tiny spec of light so that I may, maybe lead someone out of the darkness, so that they may find their way.

Thank you. It's not really possible for anyone as insignificant as I to thank Yyou enough...still I must thank you Srila Prabhupada...thank you soon much!

Saniel Naidoo

 **Saniel Naidoo**
Johannesburg
South Africa



Sanjana Hurdeyal 🍷
(11 years old)
Durban



My dearest Prabhupada,
Please accept my obeisances.

THANK YOU for building so many temples and going around the making people Krishna consciousness.

I have heard lots of stories about you from the time I was a child. I heard the how when you went to America by ship and suffered 3 heart attacks and you survived. Krishna protected you so much.

My favourite pastime is the story of Nrshingadev when Nrshingadev put Hiranyakasipur on his lap and tore him apart. The reason I like that

story is cos I love wrestling. I want to be a wrestler when I grow up.

A while ago, I was acting in a drama called Lord Nrshingadev and I was playing the part of little Prahalad.

Thank you Prabhupada

*Your great grand daughter,
Sanjana Hurdeyal (11 yrs old)*



Sanjeev Barath 🍷
Crystal Park
South Africa



Hare Krishna Srila Prabhupada,

MY NAME IS SANJEEV BARATH. I want to thank you for being such a wonderful guru to me and every devotee. I feel as if I have walked with you beside me. Just a week ago I had a beautiful dream about you. I really believe that you are guiding every day. I could

thank you but I realize that everyone in the world is saying thank to you but I rather say that I LOVE YOU GURUJI. HARE KRSNA.

Sanjeev Barath



Sanjeev Partab Singh 🍷
La Mercy
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

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I am not an initiated devotee but I am fortunate

to have the association of such devotees, and I daily receive the words and teachings of your Divine Grace. That enriches my life every morning and is the perfect start to my day. Such teachings or quotes from your Divine Grace is sent to me by the humble servant, Syamananda Das, who has been my friend for 24 years.

My wife and I have a baby on the way and we cannot wait to surround our child with transcendental sound vibrations of the Hare Krishna maha mantra and the teachings as propagated by your Divine Grace. Whilst we still have a long way to go

on our path back to Godhead and our Krishna Consciousness, we are hopeful that our young one will grow up to follow the path and teachings by your Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, whose words, lectures and books bring us comfort and deliverance from the material platform we find ourselves in.

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

*Sincerely and humbly,
Sanjeev Partab Singh*



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



Saridiya rasa Dasi
Sandton
South Africa

IN THE PARADOX of this disruptive digital age,
The mercy of Purosottam keeps us engaged
A space of spiritual meridian negligence,
Sweet Harinama-sankirtan harnesses collective intelligence
A generation perpetuating blood shed driven by the seven sins,
Alchemies of loves upheld by ISKCONS seven purposes and visions
Lifetimes of self-imposed auric blocks and false familiarity,
Orthodox Vedic Samhitas rescue our spiritual identity
An era where masterminds violently refuse to align,
Mystical portals gifting us Lord Krishna's pastimes
Upon the hour, Maya plays her concluding chimes,
Srila Prabhupada returns to save us time after time

*Your servant and granddaughter,
Saridiya rasa dasi*



My dearest Srila Prabhupada,
All glories to Your Divine Grace.
Kindly accept my most humble obeisance.



Sarvanga Sundri Devi Dasi
Durban
South Africa

YOUR MERCY KNOWS NO BOUNDS. About ten years ago you saved me from the clutches of Maya through

your transcendental book and you continue to save so many souls through your books.

Srila Prabhupada, you are Krishna's dear great soldier, shooting at Maya with bullets of the great Hare Krishna maha-mantra. Hence so many lost souls have taken new birth into your ISKCON. Thank you for giving us new lives.

In your Bhagavad-gita As It Is, chapter 18.68, the Lord says, "ya idam paramam guhyam, mad-bhaktesv abhidhasyati, bhaktim mayi param kṛtvā, mam evaiśyaty aśam Sayah"

"For one who explains this supreme secret to the devotees, pure devotional service is guaranteed, and at the end he will come back to Me."

And further in 18.69 The Lord says, "na ca tasmaṁ manuṣyeṣu, kaścin me priya-kṛttamah, bhavita na ca me tasmad, anyah priya-taro bhuvi."

"There is no servant in this world more dear to Me than he, nor will there ever be one more dear."

Srila Prabhupada, you are that very dear servant of Krishna whom I had the great fortune of coming into contact with.

You tirelessly preached Lord Caitanya's message all over the world and built a house for the whole world.

I am eternally grateful to you Srila Prabhupada and pray that you kindly bless me to remain at your lotus feet for eternity.

*Your lowly grand disciple
Sarvanga Sundri Devi dasi*



Satyanani Dasi
Johannesburg
South Africa



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

WHAT WAS THERE IN THIS WORLD THAT HAD VALUE?

It wasn't until I started studying that I began to see a small fraction of what you gave to the world and appreciate some parts of your character.

How hard it was to write for grades, all those things which weren't true. At a phase in my life where so called knowledge centred around ungrounded conceptions of; "man created God to comfort his existence", "life was an evolution born out of chemicals", sacredness and its associated activities was relative, where the purpose and attainment of the ultimate function was- simply to reproduce.

What a dull world.

What cheating there was in the world, to learn of the agony and strife of a suffering society, bound in a pitiless network of no escape. But who could even tell the degree of truth in such presentations? What else was hidden away by the skill of deception? Where would I find an honest person who's word

was a reflection of his character? So, called solution makers of the future.... what would we give the world? But it was all grey, symptomatic solutions....

But you Srila Prabhupada, you were there, although I had your books I never saw you as that person who gave this dull world - colour. It was only after I had really thought about life and what the point of it really was.

You boldly presented the truth and what I appreciate is that it is not relative nor is it dependent on our conceptions. You presented the absolute truth. You effortlessly stood against the so called "modern" tide. You protect us from ourselves, from our own degrading desires by your instructions. You were that honest person who's pristine and noble character, inspired people to act on a higher level in contrast to the crude encouragements of a degrading society. How I found it so difficult, to be able to respect teachers who lacked morality and agitated

the minds of young people to act on baser instinct.

But then I saw you - as an Acarya and as Bhaktivedanta. You were luminous against the backdrop of my disappointment. I'm grateful for all my disappointments otherwise I'd not have seen a fraction of you.

You taught us how- the goal of life is please the Supreme Person, you taught us how we are not this body, you taught us how to find ourselves, you gave us higher aspirations other than to squander time on futile solutions, - you gave the world colour. You gave the peace formula. You gave the actual solution to the problem and not the symptoms. But I never saw that when I was studying and I so struggled with so many things. But you filled thousands of hearts with real knowledge, knowledge which they now distribute.... You gave real music to the world! You gave prasada. You gave an immense wealth of literature to ease the heart. I wish that I could realize all of these things.

How is it that whatever question I may have when reading your books, you answer in the next few sentences? How is that your words can still feel heavy, when I know I am wrong? How is it that your lectures give me encouragement? How is it that when it feels too difficult because of my own impurity, I can still try?

Because you have not left us.

You are with us always, but I'm so neglectful that I don't always see you. I'm so weak hearted. It is true you do live in your books and also in the hearts of the devotees who have dedicated their lives to you, in service to Krishna.

Whenever, due to my own impurity I am doubtful, I think of what you gave, of yourself to the world and then I realize, you never cheated us, it's just we don't have the purity to yet see. You really are that selfless person, you had nothing to gain because you had everything, you had Krishna. Your sincere motivation was the welfare of society. Where else would one find such a person? Having nothing to gain from this world you gave and gave and patiently waited. Like a father you gave your heart along with

its contents - Krishna. You were dedicated to your spiritual master and never stop trying even whilst in India, before arriving in America, your determination was unshaken.

I'm only aspiring to become a devotee and I am so shallow I lack the depth to fully appreciate your qualities. But even despite that- your character of sacrifice and urgency to deliver a message, just conquers the heart. Whatever doubt there may be in my heart is diminished when I try to realize what you have given. Even if I cannot understand so many things at the present moment, but how could I doubt you? A person of such magnitude.

You gave me my spiritual master, you gave me a life. You gave me a reason to try. To try to aspire to something higher than I thought I could be. You gave me shelter and the extension of that, is the shelter my spiritual master has given to me. Without him how would I even be able to see any part of you? Someone who is completely dedicated to you in service to his spiritual master and ultimately to you. You gave me an honest person, in a world full of falsities. Thank you, Srila Prabhupada for giving me a genuine worship able spiritual master.

What was there in this world that had value? In this dark age? Perhaps rather, I lacked the special eye to see that it is the Mercy age of Lord Caitanya, manifested in your good character. What had the world to offer? You gave so much, Srila Prabhupada, to the world, but of everything you gave the world, I feel that the greatest gift was-yourself.

All that you gave was surcharged because of — you.

All that you gave was infused with the potency of your purity and sincere prayer to Krishna. How else could everything have worked? By your generosity of heart and prayers you've given the world something significant. So yes, a dull world with no absolute truth had nothing to offer, but Prabhupada you descended and you gave value to what would otherwise be valueless. You gave us value and taught us how to reignite value in everyone else and everything around us.

You taught us everything, you taught us about Krishna.

Everything of value that I have is because of you. Every opportunity I have in service, the temples, the books, the classes, the namahattas, the preachers and the preaching, the prasada, the music, the festivals, the deities, the senior devotees...everything is because of you. We all have each other because of you. Where would we be without you? Simply passing days in meaningless moments waiting to die. But even so, I'm not yet surrendered. But still whether we are surrendered or not you never left us on our own.

Who is really with us, everlastingly? Who is there; when we are jubilant or when we are struggling, who is there beyond an email or a phone call, who is there when we are weak.... Who is always there to turn to at every single moment? Who will never fail us as their own nature is unfaltering? Who is there when we can feel an emptiness in our hearts, when we realize the mistake we made? Thank you Srila Prabhupada, for giving us your instructions,

Srimad Bhagavatam and for the pure devotees that you constantly make that give us shelter. Thank you for the prayer you gave that accompanied the holy name when you gave it to all of us. The holy name is that everlasting gift you gave. It is like some special magic that keeps us together. I'm so blind that I wish that I could see that you gave us something which we are searching for...that everlasting relationship, that never fails.

You've given me so much. In front of you I'm nothing more than a speck of dust, but you've done so much for me, but what can I offer to you, in gratitude? I'm so dull I don't even have any love, but at least for the rest of this life I will dedicate myself, in whatever small way I can, in trying to serve those who are your servants.

All glories unto you Srila Prabhupada. I offer you my repeated obeisances. Hopefully no matter how minute it may be, you will be pleased.

*Aspiring to be the servant of your servants,
Satyarani Dasi*



Selvan Maduray 🙏
Isipingo
Orient Park



Hare Krishna, I offer my deepest, appreciation to Srila Prabhupada.

Thank you for your inspiration, devotional knowledge, commitment, sacrifice, determination and divine vision that you have imparted to us. Thank you for the spiritual journey of my soul to Godhead.

*Eternally your servant,
Haribol, Jai Sri Krishna,
Selvan Maduray*



Seva Kunja Das 🙏
Durban
South Africa



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

ALL GLORIES TO YOU, all glories to your Divine appearance day. All glories to your pure devotion. All

glories to your dedicated service to the preaching mission of your Guru Maharaj. All glories to your

tireless work to enlighten the conditioned souls and spread the fame of Lord Caitanya. All glories to your amazing books which are like touchstones that turn ordinary people into devotees of Krishna. All glories to your ISKCON organization which continues to expand, opening more and more temples and reaching more people through book distribution, street chanting and other outreach programmes. All glories to your disciples and grand-disciples who are engaged seriously in your service and are carrying out your orders to make not only themselves perfect but to also help others take up this process of devotional service. All glories to your ambitious vision that this Krishna consciousness movement will someday become the dominant cultural mode throughout the entire world, uniting people of all nationalities and races, uniting science, religion, politics, art, philosophy and music in the service of Sri Sri Radha-Krishna. Srila Prabhupada, by your personal example you taught us Vedic knowledge and instructed ISKCON to teach the message of Krishna consciousness all over the world to help people realize that we are not this body but eternal servants of Krishna. Srila Prabhupada, fully empowered with the grace of Guru and Krishna, you have

showered the nectar of divine love all over the planet over a short period of only twelve years. You criss-crossed the globe magnanimously giving the message of Lord Caitanya to one and all. How amazing it is that along with your arduous and extensive traveling, you were simultaneously working on translating your transcendental books, establishing temples and farms and personally counselling and encouraging your newly formed army of disciples and followers. Your examples stand forever as a shining beacon to both the current and future generations of devotees of what it means to be a fully sold out soul to the mission of Lord Caitanya.

Thank you Srila Prabhupada for giving me your loving glance and allowing me entrance into the life of Divine service. To me, it is most surprising that although I have no good credit or qualities, you have been so merciful to me. I pray today that I may become a loyal and useful servant so that you will be proud to have me as a disciple. You are our master, guide and ever well-wisher. All glories to you my Dear Srila Prabhupada.

*Your humble servant,
Seva Kunja Das*



To my dear great grandfather, Srila Prabhupada.
Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

I AM REALLY GRATEFUL and lucky to be part of my big ISKCON family. This was only possible by the mercy of Krishna, yourself and all the Gurus.

I cannot thank you enough for everything you have done for me.

*Your humble granddaughter and servant,
Shaitala Mistry
13 Years old*



 **Shaitala Mistry (13)**
Midrand
South Africa

Shamilla Latchman
Ladysmith



All glories to our beloved spiritual master, His divine grace, A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada.

I STILL REMEMBER this incident as though it happened yesterday. It was a Thursday evening, 15th June 2017, when my Mum's soul left her body. It hit us with a shock and we were grieve stricken. The next day was her funeral and it's normally customary for the son to perform the funeral rites, but my brother could not be contacted or traced. We didn't know which way to turn. At last, my cousin brother performed the funeral rites.

Through the 10 and 13 days, I was pining for my brother. 40 days later, tragedy struck again. On the 24th of July, my Mums twin's soul left her body. Now I was completely devastated. Everything was hitting us at once. During her mourning period, I was trying to locate my brother but to no avail.

During the Gita week, I was given the opportunity to perform arati for Srila Prabhupada. I cried

my heart out relating the incidents to Srila Prabhupada and asked him for his guidance and his mercy. The next day, I received a call from a friend telling me that they have seen my brother and will send me photos of him. I was excited and hoping he was okay. They sent me the picture, I was overjoyed and completely emotional. I went to our dear Srila Prabhupada and thanked him a million times for giving me and my family closure. My love and gratitude for our beloved spiritual master Srila Prabhupada has increased tremendously.

I hope my story can encourage other devotees to seek the shelter of our beloved spiritual master completely.

Shamilla Latchman



Shamine, Bharat
Tharisha Karshan
Johannesburg, South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

THANK YOU, Srila Prabhupada for the wonderful movement you have given us and for bringing us closer to the lotus feet of Lord Krishna. May we continue to be inspired by your divine dedication, heartfelt warmth and wisdom, simplicity and

generosity, to lovingly serve our spiritual masters and one and all.

Your loving servants,

Shamine, Bharat & Tharisha Karshan



Shanan Ramlall
Sandton
South Africa



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

I AM SO FORTUNATE to have managed to learn about Krishna from your movement. Had I not been in contact with you through your books, I would have

been wasting my life in trying to find temporary happiness in this material world. I am not the perfect devotee, but strive every day to become a better

devotee to you, the ISKCON movement and for Krishna ultimately.

Thank you for all the Vedic knowledge you have given us and for helping us all to become liberated, with higher thinking. I wish to continue serving you

and our lordships and with your help achieve the ultimate goal of Goloka Vrindavana Dham.

*Your servant,
Shanan Ramlall*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Dandavat pranams.

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

ACTUALLY, IF I THINK ABOUT MY QUALIFICATIONS, I have no good qualifications. I am insignificant and have no education, but by your mercy, I have some good qualities.

If you did not appear in this world Srila Prabhupada, what would have happened? How would we have known about Radha and Krishna. By Your mercy I know who is Krishna and what is bhakti.

You are maha vadanyaya Srila Prabhupada, because you are most generous in giving Krishna prema to everyone.

Thank you for giving me the association of devotees in your International Society for Krishna Consciousness. Please bless me that I may always remain in the shelter of your ISKCON and under your lotus feet.

*Your insignificant servant
Shankarananda das (BCS)*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
All glories to you for giving us Krishna Consciousness.

PREVIOUSLY WE DID NOT KNOW that Krishna is the Supreme Personality of Godhead. Now through your mercy we can have the knowledge of Krishna as well as understand Lord Krishna. Thank you for directing us to the lotus feet of Krishna.

*Your humble servant,
Sharetha Parsad*



Shankarananda Dasa (BCS)
Lenasia
South Africa



Sharetha Parsad
Durban
Phoenix

Shatrughan Das 🌸
and Archita Devi Dasi
Durban, South Africa



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

ON THIS MOST AUSPICIOUS DAY of your Sri Vyasa-vuja, please allow us to express our heartfelt gratitude.

Srila Prabhupada, it's now that we have realised the worth of what Your Divine Grace has left us, ie your extensive commentaries, articles, verses, uncompromising lectures, literature, and most of all, Your Divine Grace's letters to your disciples and followers which are enriched with essential teachings and instructions.

O Srila Prabhupada, Your Divine Grace is an ocean of mercy, please let there be an awakening of your mercy which easily drives away all kinds of

material lamentation by making everything pure and blissful. Your mercy pours forth transcendental mellows and this causes the heart to jubilate. Srila Prabhupada your mercy which is full of joy and always stimulates devotional service and glorifies conjugal love of God. Indeed Srila Prabhupada, your mercy awakens transcendental bliss. We beg thee to awaken this transcendental bliss within our hearts by your causeless mercy.

*Your eternally grateful grandchildren,
Shatrughan Das and Archita Devi Dasi*



Sheila Sukdeo and children 🌸
Tongaat
South Africa



Hare Krishna to my dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your divine merciful lotus feet.

ON THIS DAY OF YOUR VYASA-PUJA, I humbly thank you for allowing me to be a part of your family.

Thank you for allowing me to have a chance to chant hare Krishna and read Srimad Bhagavadgita and offer ghee lamps and hear your lovely kirtans and watch all the lovely dvds of Sri Vrindavana dham. I always wish I was an insect in Sri Vrindavana because right now I cannot go there but I think of Sri Vrindavana dham every day when we watch the DVDs and listen to kirtan.

Srila Prabhupada, when I came to NJP temple last year, I touched your hand and I felt your hand so soft and I have faith that you are there in your Deity form. I always think of you when I am sick and then I chant.

Thank you for allowing me to bring my three

little children to the first Ratha Yatra in Tongaat. It was the most difficult time in my life when I newly became a single parent then, but you mercifully showed us the way. Thank you Srila Prabhupada.

Now, when I also need you a lot, please do not ever leave me Srila Prabhupada. I humbly beg you to always stay with me and help me to always chant. Then I will pass life's final exam with your causeless mercy.

Thank you for everything Srila Prabhupada. Happy vyasa puja. We love you.

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

*Your grateful servants,
Sheila Sukdeo and children*





To my dearest Srila Prabhupada,

 Shikaara Singh
Johannesburg
South Africa

I HAVE NO WORDS to show my gratitude to you. Thank you for saving me from the adversities of this material world. I am truly unworthy of such mercy. I pray that I can follow your instructions perfectly to spread the holy name and to become closer to

Krishna's lotus feet. All glories unto you, my eternal saviour.

Shikaara Singh



Our Dearest Prabupada.



 Shireen Hanirudh
Phoenix, Durban
South Africa

THANK YOU now and always for saving me. I cannot imagine my life without you. I would have been a totally lost ignorant soul. You have saved mine and millions of lives. You are truly a great Mahan. May

Lord Krishna bless and take care of you millions and millions of time.

Shireen Hanirudh



Dear Prabhupada,



 Shoubhit Pillai
Johannesburg
South Africa

YOU ARE THE JAGAT GURU. You gave this world Krishna consciousness. I'm very thankful to be a part of your family. Thank you for giving me ISKCON. I love you, Srila Prabhupad, my great great grandfather.

My dandavat pranam unto your lotus feet.

Shoubhit Pillai
Johannesburg, South Africa



Dear Prabhupada,



 Shrien Maharaj
Elarduspark
South Africa

I WOULD SAY MY BIGGEST SPIRITUAL CHALLENGE is trying to understand my purpose in life. What am I here for? What is the meaning of life? To a certain extent, Shrila Prabhupada, has (through the spread of the word of Shri Krishna) opened my eyes to some of the answers. Life is complicated and difficult and

the path is long. My ultimate goal is Nirvana and I am thankful for Shrila Prabhupada's teachings that I am on that path.

Shrien Maharaj



Shukadev Dasa
Tongaat
South Africa



My Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most Humble obeisances at the dust of your divine lotus feet.
All glories to you on this most auspicious and revered day of your appearance.

*nama om vishnu padaya krsna presthaya bhutale
srimate bhaktivedanta swamin iti namine
namaste sarasvate deve gaura vani praccarine
nirviseśa sunyavadi pascatyā deśa tarine*

IN ALL THREE WORLDS the can never actually be enough of gratitude shown or experienced for what transformation, You have effected on this planet, leave alone the enormous revolution of change that's transcended individually on all lives you Have touched. Many, including myself, have had such positive transformations, over and above educating ourselves via an abundance of bonafide literature you have blessed us with. Each bit you have carefully chosen to lead us into knowledge and light, away from ignorance.

Over the years thus far, I've been noticing from childhood, things are rapidly changing - and definitely not for the better....well at least from a material perspective. In your letters and purports to the great spiritual texts, you have kindly warned us of these material so called attractions and pangs. You asked us not to become too attached to these material offerings which bear a temporary and illusory result and keeps us bound to the cycle of birth and death, but to surrender to the holy name of Krishna: Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare.

After passing these many years on this planet, I'm in deep deep appreciation for having stumbled upon your books, meeting devotees of ISKCON and

having found my guru - a blessed son of your own teachings. What a great loss to me it would turn out to be if I was not as fortunate to find you...what a catastrophic domino of results, I cannot imagine.

This value system of Bhakti Yoga that you very graciously gave to us all, is the deliverance of every soul that's fortunate to include it into their individual lives. There is no other way, no other way, no other way.

Today I want to, from the very depth of my heart, Srila Prabhupada, say Thank YOU....Thank you for everything you have done and continue to do selflessly, just for our saving. There will not be a single person that would not improve his current state of life after reading just a book of yours....This is the power you have to have brought about a life-changing phenomenon on this planet.

I pray to always have your guidance and blessings that I may always swim in devotional service in whichever means you may see me fit enough to serve in. May I chant Hare Krishna till my last breath and seek to that day every way to improve my level of service to you and Lord Caitanya.

*Your ever-loving grandson,
Shukadev das*

Shyam Mohan Dasa
Johannesburg
South Africa



My dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to you on this most auspicious occasion of your appearance day.
All glories to your wonderful ISKCON.

MY ATTRACTION TOWARDS Gaura Nitai and Radha Krishna first started with my immense appreciation,

reverence and love for you, my jagat-guru. Learning about you, reading about you, hearing about you and

seeing pictures and videos of you – in my early days of enquiring - convinced me without a shadow of doubt that you are certainly no ordinary person. It was you who reminded me of exactly who I am, who Krishna is, and my purpose in life. It was because of you, after a very short time of the start of my enquiry about life and God, that I accepted Krishna as God. I remember listening to a class and thinking to myself ... why did I not get to know you sooner ... where were you in all of my life ... I was searching for you my entire life! You spoke and wrote with such sureness, insightfulness and knowing - I had never come across anyone or anything like this in my entire life. You answered all questions so very expertly and perfectly, with such wisdom and conviction. You were God sent!

I relished reading your Lilamrta which only solidified my love and appreciation for you. You did so much with so little and in such a short space of time – almost inconceivable. You created this wonderful and glorious ISKCON, so that we will forever have a place to call home, where we can take refuge

and shelter from Maya. I would never have known of Radharani, the Gopies, Lord Nrsingadev, Pancatatva and Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu had it not been for you. I would never have known about Lord Jagannatha, Baladev and Subadra, Govardhana and the holly Dhamas had it not been for you. My life would have been so improvident, empty and meaningless had it not been for you. Because of you I have the shelter of my munificent Srila Gurudev, your son, His Holiness Bhakti Caitanya Swami. Because of you I know exactly who I am, what I am, what's my purpose in life and where I aspire to go to at the end of my material life. Thank you Srila Prabhupada! Thank you for opening my eyes with the torch of knowledge. I offer my prostrated obeisances unto you again and again.

Please bless me and my family Prabhupada, that we forever remain fixed at the shelter of your lotus feet.

*Your eternal servant,
Shyam Mohan das*



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my offering.

I AM GRATEFUL to take darshan of your divine lotus feet. Thank you for bringing Krishna consciousness into my life. Thank you for guiding me for the 10 years of my life.

*Your aspiring servant,
Shyam Surujparsad (10)*



Shyam Surujparsad (10)
Roodepoort, Johannesburg
South Africa



Please accept my humble obeisances dear Srila Prabhupada.

IT IS WITH A HEART FULL OF GRATITUDE that I send to you my thanks. My mundane lifestyle completely

changed after reading “The Science of Self Realisation” that was given to me by my son. The change



Shyama Gopi Dasi
Durban
South Africa

has made be me more spiritual and positive in life. I cannot thank you enough, for having given me the greatest gift that is Krishna consciousness.

*Your humble servant,
Shyama Gopi Dasi*



Shyama Singh 🌸
Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisance's at your lotus feet.
All glories to you on this auspicious occasion of your Vyasa Puja.

THESE WORDS OF MINE may not be as elaborate or anywhere near as qualified as the words of the exalted soul.

If it weren't for you, Srila Prabhupada, no one in, not only the West but all over the World, would be aware of Sri Krishna, Srimati Radharani and Lord Chaitanya Mahaprabhu or any of the arcaryas and all that they present.

We would have no knowledge of devotional service, sankirtan, chanting of the holy names worshipping the Deities or relishing the Lords prasadam.

You are an example to everyone, not only here but in all the worlds.

It is by your grace only, Srila Prabhupada, and,

the grace of your devotee HH Partha Sarathi Das Goswami Maharaj that inspires me and my family to become Krishna Consciousness and gained devotee association in this life.

I pray to you, Srila Prabhupada, to forgive me for any offences in my devotional service and pray to you, to allow me to attempt to worship the dust from your lotus feet life after life.

Srila Prabhupada, I thank you millions of times for giving us this wonderful movement.

*Kindest Regards,
Your aspiring servant,
Shyama Singh*



Siddhanta Dasa 🌸
Bhava-Bhavini Devi Dasi, Advaita
Acarya Dasa and Rasalila
Pretoria, South Africa



Our Dear Spiritual Grand-Father,

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

TODAY ON THIS MOST AUSPICIOUS DAY of your Vyasa-Puja, we would like to express our gratitude for all the troubles you underwent to give us Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu's message.

*Nama-srestham manum api saci-putram atra
svarupam, rupam tasyagrajam uru-purim mathurim*

*gosthavatim / radhe-kundam giri-varam aho radhika-
madhavasam, prapto yasya prathita-krpaya sri
gurum tam nato 'smi. "We bow down to the beautiful lotus feet of our spiritual master, by whose causeless mercy we have obtained the supreme holy name, the divine mantra, the service of the son of*

Saci-Mata, the association of Srila Svarupa Damodar, Rupa Gosvami and his older brother Sanatana Gosvami, the supreme abode of Mathura, the blissful abode of Vrndavan, the divine Radha Kunda and Govardhan Hill and the desire within our heart for the loving service of Sri Radhika and Madhava in Vrndavan.”

My dear Srila Prabhupada, it is by your causeless mercy that today Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu's Sankirtan movement is in every corner of the world.

*krsnera samsara koro chadi anacar
Jive daya, krsna-nam – sarva dharma-sar*

“Giving up all sinful activities, carry on your worldly duties only in relation to Lord Krishna. The showing of compassion to other souls by loudly chanting the holy names of Krishna is the essence of all forms of religion.”

Our dear Srila Prabhupada, it is only because of you we could realise that only the holy names of the Lord can save us in this dark age of Kali. It is only because of you we could develop compassion in our stone like hearts for all the fallen souls in this material world and give them the holy names of the Lord. It is only because of you we could give up our sinful activities and take to the chanting of the holy names of Krishna. It is only because of you that through the holy names you have mercifully given to us we could obtain the service of Sri Sri Gaura-Nitai and Sri Sri Radha and Krishna. And because you have given to us the holy names of the Lord Srila Prabhupada,

you have given to us the direct key to go back home, back to Godhead.

*namnam akari bahudha nija-sarva-saktis
tatrapita niyamitah smaranena kalah
etadrsi tava krpa bhagavan mamapi
durdaivam idrsam ihajani nanuragah*

“O my Lord your holy name only can render all benedictions to living beings, and thus you have hundreds and millions of names such as Krishna and Govinda. In these names You have invested all Your transcendental energies. There are not even hard and fast rules for chanting these names. O my lord out of kindness You enable us to easily approach You by Your holy names but I am so unfortunate that I have no attraction for them.”

Our dear grand-father, on this auspicious day of your Vyasa-Puja, we beg of you, please shower your causeless mercy upon us that may we someday eventually achieve pure attraction to the service of your lotus feet and pure attraction for chanting the holy names of the Lord. Please be kind to us and help us realise that our only shelter in this dark, cruel material world is you, Srila Prabhupada, and the supreme holy names of Krishna. Please allow us to eventually realise that the service to the Spiritual Master and the service to the holy name of Krishna can alone grant us the happiness that everyone is seeking for.

*Your most fallen eternal grand-children,
Siddhanta das, Bhava-Bhavini Devi Dasi,
Advaita Acarya das and Rasalila*



My dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.

THE YEAR 2018, I have strengthened my bond and commitment to you Srila Prabhupada and to ISKCON by officially seeking the shelter of His Holiness

Bhakti Caitanya Swami.

Your mercy contained in your various books and by the preaching of the gurus who had the



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privilege of direct association with you and thus carry your vision unadulterated to save the fallen souls on this plane have stood the test of time and will continue to rescue many many more for generations to come.

I pray to you that I be a fine example of the calibre of Vaishnavas that would make you pleased by my deeds and actions which will enable the growth and stability of ISKCON. Help me to cherish and abide by your standards and vision and that at all costs I will not compromise on this. Help me to accept that whatever situation I may be faced with, pleasant or difficult, I must accept as your mercy undoubtedly.

May I always seek the association of high calibre devotees who will have my best interests at heart in order to push me towards being a fine gentleman and Vaishnava and may I in turn assist those who I am capable of helping to progress on their spiritual path without claiming glory or attachment by rendering such assistance.

Thank you most sincerely my dear Srila Prabhupada for the gigantic person that you are and for your generous servings of mercy.

Love always and forever

Sigamoney Kistnasamy Pillay (Kent)

Simi Sunderpersadh 🙏
Phoenix, Durban
South Africa



Hare Krishna. Dear Srila Prabhupada.
Please accept my humble obeisances unto thee.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

WE THANK YOU for giving us ISKCON. It's the most precious and priceless gift you gave us. May we always remain at your lotus feet engaged in service of your devotees and distribution of your books.

Simi Sunderpersadh

Bhakthin Sita Singh 🙏
Durban
South Africa



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

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

I AM LOOKING INTO EDUCATING CHILDREN through videos. Well, actually through lots of means. I want them to learn as much as they can while they are all young. I understand we don't have a gurukul here in Durban. Yet at the same time I feel it's

very important for your young soldiers to learn as much pastimes, bhajans, kirtans and verses. Just as the Christian and Muslim children go to youth and Madresa after school, similarly our Krishna conscious children need to meet perhaps once a week

in their area. This is apart from Sunday school and Namahata. If the children can be taught verses from a young age, it will stay with them for life. Even if they get side tracked and leave ISKON when they grow up. This knowledge will still be with them, no matter what happens.

It's not only verses that they should learn. They need to be taught Vedic culture. When going to Mandir then take some fruits and some milk or flowers or something for Lord Krishna.

I want for them to fall in love with Vaiṣṇav attire. If these are made available to the parents in terms of price then the children can get more sets of devotional attire.

The children need to learn about Mahabarath. Then they will understand Bhagvatham and Bhagavad Gita better.

I recently saw the children watch a devotional video on the pastimes of Lord Narsinghadhev. The children were so excited.

I remember how I learnt about Lord Varah Dhev from these videos when I was little, and one time a devotee asked a question after the lecture "who knows how Lord Varah Dhev appeared?" and I remember I was so excited because I knew the answer.

I pray that these little soldiers of yours will also get that opportunity to learn.

Actually, this year during Ratha Yathra there was a lot of attention on the children, in the sense that they had lots of devotees come to their tent and tell them pastimes. I am sure they enjoyed that. They also had a little Rath Yathra procession as they have been having for a couple years now. Whenever I see the children and their little procession, I remember how you had Rath Yathra in "your childhood days.

Also, I recently saw a video by His Holiness Sivaram Swami regarding children. He says in the video that although children are only 20 % of our population, they are 100 % of our future.

It is said that it takes a village to bring up a child. I pray that this village of ISKCON will bring lots more activities to the children of South Africa.

Please shower your mercy upon this unworthy granddaughter of yours so she may attempt to train your little soldiers.

Most fallen soul.

Your servant and granddaughter,

Bhakthin Sita Singh



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

SRILA PRABHUPADA, you have made hundreds and thousands of devotees all over the world in this great Krishna conscious movement. I am so fortunate and happy to be a part of this. I am still reading and enjoying your books.

Srila Prabhupada, I beg you to give me your mercy and some knowledge, so I can share this Krishna consciousness with friends and family.

Please forgive me for any offences caused at your lotus feet.

I am your most fallen servant,

Sita Priya devi dasi



Sita Priya Devi Dasi
Newcastle
South Africa

Sitala Devi Dasi 🙏
Johannesburg
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.
All glories to Your Divine Grace! All glories to Sri Sri Nitai Gaura-Hari!

THANK YOU so much for all that you have given us. Mostly I appreciate the knowledge and instructions on how to deal with the ups and downs of this material world. Through Your Divine Grace I have a purpose that is worth having. A sublime goal that is so attractive, alluring and in many ways tangible despite being so far reaching. I know that I don't do all that I should to gain the most out of your causeless mercy. I beg you to please give me the mercy and intelligence to be engaged in as much service as I

possibly can. Service to the Lord and His devotees is most fulfilling and I beg for the precious opportunities to render such service.

Thank you for all the benedictions in my life both materially and spiritually. Thank you for always being there. Your Divine Grace is most kind and compassionate on this very lowly servant.

*Your servant eternally,
Sitala devi dasi*



Sitha Mohanlal 🙏
Queensburgh
South Africa



To our divine Srila Prabhupada,

OUR HEARTFELT GRATITUDE to you, Srila Prabhupada, for all your hard work and dedication with all the sacrifices you have done worldwide to spread the most beautiful knowledge of Krishna consciousness. We so humbly appreciate all of this that we today can enjoy the beautiful teachings you have

instilled in us for the rest of our lives. Please bless us with your loving strength, good health and happiness throughout our lives. We salute you, our guru. Hare Krishna.

Sitha Mohanlal



Sivaram Dasa 🙏
and Shireen Maharaj
Newcastle, South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

THANK YOU very much for making Lord Krishna's mercy available to and my family, through taking away our karma, through the guru disciplic succession and through your books. Thank you for giving us the holy names of God since through the chanting of the holy names we are able to connect to Lord Krishna and seek his protection from maya.

Through your intimate relationship with Lord

Krishna please allows us to always remain within Iskcon and to be Lord Krishna's eternal servant, engaged in devotional service at His lotus feet.

Please assist me in fulfilling your mission, of spreading Krishna Consciousness to all living entities, by being more confident when we go out on sankirtan and book distribution. Give me the words, Srila Prabhupada, to reach the hearts of people.

I beg you Srila Prabhupada to make me more tolerant and more humble so that I am able to cooperate lovingly with devotees and temple authorities.

Please, Srila Prabhupada please teach me the art of always remaining in Krishna Consciousness

so that I may always remember Krishna and never forget Krishna in any situation or circumstance.

Your eternal servant,

Sivaram das and Shireen Maharaj



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

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srimate bhaktivedanta swamin iti namine
namaste sarasvate deve gaura vani pracarine
nirvisesa sunyavadi pascatya desa tarine*

I HAVE BEEN FASCINATED with your life story from my initial encounter with ISKCON. Astounded by the events and achievements in your life, I realized how these were a fulfilment of Sri Krishna's personal plan and intervention.

The amazing anecdotes recorded by your disciples stirred thoughts of what it must have been to be with you, travel with you and serve you. Your purity, intelligence, organizational ability, and depth of your philosophical disseminations with which you established Krishna consciousness is an unparalleled. I delighted at your wit that defeated arguments, and the compassion with which you won hearts. I am eternally grateful for your merciful intervention in my life and the opportunity to rekindle my own Krishna consciousness. All would have been lost otherwise. I am convinced that no one in this world has provided us access to truth and the real practice of religion as you have.

Last year your kind disciple Yadubara prabhu requested help with the South African premiere screening of his docu-drama about your life called "Hare Krishna, the Mantra, the Movement and the Swami who started it All". Seizing the opportunity to serve, I plunged into making arrangements

although I had no experience and least of all spiritual purity with which to execute it. Encouraged by the senior ISKCON leadership in Durban and South Africa, I constituted a team without whose help I would not have been able to do this. In February this year Yadubara Prabhu and his wife Visakha mataji were invited to the premiere tour in South Africa, and as part of that were invited to neighbouring Botswana where 320 people attended over two days.

Three cinemas at a popular cinema venue were sold out for the Durban Premiere. The demand so great that we extended the Premiere to the next evening. A huge banner hung in the movie foyer with your picture and all passers-by could see you. During the publicity event at our temple a few weeks earlier a visitor from a town called Shelley Beach (an hour-and-a-half away) was so inspired that wanted to arrange a screening for his town. Thus on the second night of the Durban premiere the movie simultaneously premiered at Shelley Beach in three cinemas. The following weekend the movie premiered in Johannesburg, again to three full cinemas. A day later the movie premiered in Cape Town over two nights to a full house. The cinemas in Durban, Pietermaritzburg and Johannesburg granted a limited



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Durban
South Africa

release for two weeks thereafter. Audiences, both ISKCON members and the public were fascinated by your journey to USA with such meagre means and yet started a worldwide movement. They reflected on your message. Their hearts melted at your departure, and wept. They praised you Srila Prabhupada, and your devotees. Everyone deeply appreciated the efforts of Yadubara and Visakha prabus in presenting their amazing footage and screenplay of your life to the world, as well as their personal presence in South Africa.

Subsequently the movie was shown to full houses over four days at our Durban Ratha Yatra in April, and then to two full movie theatres in Port Elizabeth. In July the movie was shown twice in East London, another coastal city in South Africa.

Dearest Srila Prabhupada, somehow I received this service even though unqualified. I express my deep gratitude to Yadubara Prabhu and Visakha mataji who gave us your “second coming”, and their kindness and love upon me. I express my indebtedness to the SA team - for your pleasure, please allow me to present the following devotees who made your tour possible: Kumaran prabhu by whose networking in the movie industry got us quick access and started the movie rolling. Humble and kind, he overlooked our inefficiencies.

Durban: Indrajit dasa who gave me courage by his unstinting support; Vibhu Caitanya dasa, for so much inspiration, facility and access; Swarup

Damodara dasa, Sri Hari dasa, Anuradha devi dasi, Sunil Mohan prabhu, Krsangi radhe devi dasi, Rasasthali dasi, Ram vijay dasa, Merumala devi dasi, Tamohar dasa, Rishan, Ramapriya, Sanvir, Nareen, Priya Kisor dasi, and Surabhi Kunje dasi ; Kesavan and family; Rasamrita devi dasi and Nalika, Nevan and Lovelene; Johannesburg: Nandraj dasa, Surekha, Calosha, Larisha and the Krishna Balaram Youth Group; Cape Town: Syamananda Pandit dasa and team; Port Elizabeth: Svetadvipa dasa, Gaurasundar dasa, Vrinda devi dasi, Paramisvara dasa, Nilacala dasa; East London: Vrajabasi dasa and Keshav.

Through the movie we all had a chance to live for 92 minutes with you, be absorbed in your lila, and learn directly from you. Srila Prabhupada, you continue to give your personal darshan to those who watch your movie – people are visibly moved – the virtual reality is transformed into a spiritual reality – it is really you who is preaching to all in the cinema! The more I travel with you on the movie tour, the more I see how people are affected by you, the more my appreciation for you and your disciples increases. I also echo the feelings of many devotees who after being in your presence, stated that we need to re-examine our commitment to you and ISKCON.

I pray that my love for you grows and that I can someday serve you well.

*Your worthless servant,
Smita Krishna das*



Sonali Singh
Johannesburg
South Africa



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

MY DEAR SPIRITUAL MASTER, thank you for saving me from this material world. Thank you for showing me the ultimate truth. Thank you for all the books you spent hours writing. Your books, Srila Prabhupada give me the strength to continue on this path.

My spiritual master, please use me as an

instrument in your most beloved book distribution. Help me to serve you to the best of my ability.

*Your insignificant servant
Sonali Singh*



Dear Srila Prabhupada.
Please accept my humble obeisances.



Sonali
Sandton
South Africa

THANK YOU, Srila Prabhupada for coming into my life and saving me! I am eternally grateful to you Srila Prabhupada. Please help me to serve you to the best of my ability. Please my master, use me as a puppet in your hand.

*Your insignificant servant,
Sonali*



All Glories to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.



Sri Caitanya Dasa,
Caitanya Premi Devi Dasi and
Yamuna Sundari Devi Dasi
Newcastle, South Africa

YOUR KINDNESS IS WITHOUT BOUNDS.

Your mercy knows no limits.
Your knowledge is deeper than the deepest sea.
Your glories extend beyond mundane vision.
Your words of wisdom can end all depressive thoughts.
Your enthusiasm to serve.
Your tolerance is Lord Caitanya's brilliance.
Your guidance is our enthusiastic choice.
Your happiness is Lord Krishna's happiness.
Your books are the basis of Krishna consciousness for all ages.
You are Srimati Radharani's agent, advertising the wonders of bhakti-yoga.
You gave the world Lord Jagannatha, who brought his sister, Subhadra Devi, and Lord Balarama along to bring more festive joy to all.
You gave us temples filled with devotion to Lord Krishna standing next to His love, the transcendently most beautiful Srimati Radharani.
You gave us the association of your devoted followers, who serve you in countless ways and invited us all in as family.
You gave us a structure made of pure love. You saw us at the side of the road, looking for a free ride to happiness only you would bestow.
Your love for your children from around the world simply grows and grows and grows.
We love you more each passing year and hope it somehow shows.

*Your eternal servants,
Sri Caitanya Dasa, Caitanya Premi Devi Dasi and
Yamuna Sundari Devi Dasi*

Sri Hari Dasa
Durban
South Africa



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

I HAVE SO MUCH TO BE GRATEFUL TO YOU FOR. I do not know how one who was influenced by such materialistic principles such as I could have been brought to the devotional service of the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Lord Sri Krishna. So many of my contemporary friends, relatives and colleagues who were so close to me still do not have the slightest inclination to renounce their sinful activities or take to devotional service. How did I change? Was it that moment's association I had with you when you visited Durban? I certainly cannot find any reason to take credit for coming to Krishna consciousness. What else could it have been but your causeless mercy?

You spent practically your whole life preparing, and then towards the "fag-end" of your life carrying out your mission to "re-spiritualise the entire human society". Due to some inconceivable good fortune I somehow became the object of your mercy.

It is by your mercy only that I, a conditioned soul enamoured by the material energy and so going astray, have been brought to receive transcendental knowledge through a bona-fide disciplic succession. With great compassion and love you have given me the knowledge of Bhagavad Gita and Srimad Bhagavatam.

By your mercy I have come to understand that Lord Sri Krishna is the Absolute Truth, the Supreme Personality of Godhead, the cause of all causes. I

am a jiva, a living entity, a minute part and parcel of Krishna with the same qualities of Krishna, but quantitatively minute, whereas Krishna is infinite. Originally, I was a resident of the spiritual world, but have fallen into material nescience because of countless sinful activities and am suffering miserably. Krishna comes once in a day of Brahma to liberate us through devotional service. It behoves us to take shelter of a bona fide spiritual master or else we will remain shelter-less.

Seeing us in the grip of the illusory energy and making our materialistic plans, you preached strongly to penetrate our hard shell of ignorance and awaken us to the truth. We were chasing after a mirage in which to build our dream houses, but you kindly directed us that reality is elsewhere. You inspired us to take up the process of devotion to go back to Godhead where we will eternally reside in our actual home. You taught us to end all futile labour. You saved us from the impersonalism who commit spiritual suicide and paved our way to enter into the eternal pastimes of the Lord.

Dear Srila Prabhupada, how can I repay you for your compassion, your mercy and your kindness? How can I express my gratitude to you? I can only pray to be engaged in your service eternally.

Your servant,
Sri Hari das

Sri Mukunda Das
Durban
South Africa



My dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most humble obeisance's at the dust of your lotus feet
on this most auspicious day of your appearance day.



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

*mukam karoti vacalam
pangum langhayate girim
yat-kripa tam aham vande
sri-gurum dina-taranam*

"BY THE MERCY OF THE GURU, even a dumb man can become the greatest orator and even a lame man can cross mountains. I offer my obeisance's to such a guru, the deliverer of the fallen."

Srila Prabhupada, life after life I cannot thank you for what you have established for us and allowing me to be part of your ISKCON which is the only spiritual platform that can deliver the soul back to Krishna. Thank you for giving us the holy name, the maha mantra which is an eternal gift and the path of devotional service.

Srila Prabhupada, by your mercy I try to engage in some devotional service at the goshala which is

outside Durban. There are hundreds of people visit monthly showing their love and gratitude for the cows and we use this as a base to distribute your books, spread the holy name and serve prasadam.

Srila Prabhupada, you are the foremost siksa-guru for all ISKCON devotees, and your books are the law books for the next ten thousand years and your lotus feet are my only shelter, birth after birth.

*Begging for mercy at your lotus feet.
Your insignificant servant of servants,
Sri Mukunda Das*



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

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

I DO NOT HAVE OPULENCE, high birth (apologies to my parents) or high education. By your kindness, the only wealth I have known for most of my life is service to your servants. I feel this is like a gift you have given me.

The journey has been full of travel, adventure, drama and blissful devotee association. The only words I could add are – "Thank you Srila Prabhupada". Please keep me safe in the shelter of service to your servants.

"The lotus feet of the saintly Vaishnavas are the greatest wealth in this world. O my dear brothers, please listen attentively! One who takes shelter of the Vaishnava and worships Krishna; Krishna never forsakes him. Others die without reason." (Narottama Dasa Thakur, Vaisnava Mahima, Prathana).

Sridama das

 Sridama Dasa
Durban
South Africa



Tara, Harini, Jayalalita and Sri-Govinda
Florida, South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

IN LINE WITH YOUR REQUEST, we have been trying to increase book distribution. Due to our shortcoming, we have not increased book distribution to a desirable level. Harini and Tara now insist on coming on book distribution with us, please bless Harini and Tara that they would be more successful than

their parents in book distribution. Srila Prabhupada, please help us take full shelter of your books.

Your Servants,

Tara, Harini, Jayalalita, and Sri-Govinda



Srinivas Acharya Dasa
Gauranga Priya Devi Dasi
Bhakta Kalin and Bhakta Sashin
Phoenix, South Africa



My Dear Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my respectful obeisances.

All glories to Your Divine Grace.

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

AT EVERY STEP OF THE WAY we are faced with challenges which have consequences. All the answers are found in the sastra the perfect guide on how to respond to the innumerable changes in our path.

In the face of unavoidable cries of the world disease and death will consume us in no time. Just see how terrified people are when they lack vision of life's inevitable challenges and how to respond to them.

We need knowledge not only to understand how to react to destiny, but how to see God in this world and beyond this world and ultimately to realize our relationship with Him. All such realizations are dependent on the guidance of sastra.

So, my faith rests in sastra and Guru. I am no scholar, but having firm trust in a source of reference that helps me know the proper utility of the objects and situations that destiny puts in our path and life's ultimate journey.

We may lack understanding its meaning and yes, some of its details will not always fit into our

present frame of mind. But if I am honest and reflect on my life and especially if I compare it to the life of those lacking such guidance, I would immediately understand that I have been blessed with the most profound and practical knowledge. At times I would question myself about my good fortune. It is only through your kind mercy and blessings dear Srila Prabhupada. How will I ever repay you? It may take me many births and the debt will still not be paid in.


I am thus indebted beyond words to you dear Srila Prabhupada and reflect my dependence onto you and your followers. The last few weeks have been an eye opener observing the sufferings going on in the hospitals and in the streets. I am constantly reminded of giving mercy in the form of your books, prasada and the Holy name. The saying goes "give what you have". By your kind mercy dear Srila Prabhupada I am trying to serve in the kind association of many devotees in our Yathra. I cannot express my gratefulness enough in words. Thank you my dear Srila Prabhupada for all the wonderful

facilities, the devotees, the festivals, your books and the wonderful arrangements all synchronized in perfection.

*Your insignificant servant,
Srinivas Acharya das, Gauranga Priya Devi dasi,
Bhakta Kalin and Bhakta Sashin*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my prostrated obeisance at your lotus feet
on this most blessed event, your Vyasa-puja.

 Sripada Das
Durban
South Africa

I CANNOT HELP BUT WONDER what our lives would be had you not appeared in this material world. The very thought frightens my existence and the lives of many.

Your appearance has made such a positive impact in this material world that schools, business organizations and even some government organizations are now adopting your teachings in alleviating some of the crisis faced in these institutions today. They have implemented so many mundane methods and theories in the effort of bringing about increased productivity, high level of emotional intelligence, peace and order in society but none of these really touches on the true essence of the problem. Societies are spending millions to provide solutions to these problems without understanding the root cause of our existence - we are not these bodies but an infinitesimal spark, part and parcel of the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Sri Krishna. You have endured so many difficulties over many years to spread this simple fundamental concept, which is

basis of your ISKCON movement. From this, the treasure house of love of Godhead is revealed which is the very solution to all material problems. Although based on ancient scripture, the way you have presented this sublime process you have made it most relevant in today's times.

We feel enlivened and connected because you have taken the time in teaching us the processing of achieving the greatest goal of life.

On this most blessed event, I would like to thank you dear Srila Prabhupada for being compassionate to us, the fallen conditioned souls by giving us the most important process of connecting to Sri Krishna. My personal endeavour to help you bring more people to your wonderful movement so they too can be saved from the mundane theories of this material world.

*Your servant,
Sripada Das*



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

 Srivas Dasa
Lenasia
South Africa

I WOULD LIKE to take this opportunity to thank you for allowing me to do some service at your Lotus feet. My weekly dressing of your deity at Sri Sri Nitai Gaura Hari Mandir is the highlight of my week.

Thank you for giving me the shelter of my

Guru Maharaja HH Partha Sarathi Das Goswami Maharaja.

*Your appreciative servant,
Srivas das*

Subhaga Das 🌸
Seva Mandala Dasi and Family
Durban, Phoenix
South Africa



My dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet. All glories to Lord Jagannath, Baladeva and Subadhara Maharani.
All glories to Nitai Gaurasundara. All glories to Your Divine Grace.

ON THIS OCCASION of your Vyasa-puja I wish to thank you Srila Prabhupada for rescuing me from this material world.

Since we joined ISKCON, our lives have been enriched tremendously. Thank you for your mercy in allowing us to remain and grow under your and Guru Maharaja's guidance.

You have taught us to love and have compassion for all living entities. Through your dedicated and

esteemed disciple, His Holiness Partha Sarathi Das Goswami Maharaja we have taken initiation and are privileged to serve their Lordships, a dream I always had.

Srila Prabhupada, please keep us close and sheltered under your umbrella of ISKCON.

Your servants,
Subhaga Das, Seva Mandala Dasi and Family



Sudama Dasa, Rasika Dasi 🌸
Radhika and Gopika
Durban, South Africa.



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our most humble obeisances at the dust of your divine lotus feet.
All glories to your Divine Grace. All glories to your International Society for Krishna for Krishna Consciousness!

ON THIS MOST AUSPICIOUS OCCASION of your Vyasa-puja, we are reminded of a verse from the Srimad Bhagavatam, that, amongst others, glorifies the true depth of your compassion and mercy for the fallen conditioned souls on this planet. The verse is from Srimad Bhagavatam, Canto 10, Chapter 02, Text 31:

*svayaṁ samuttirya sudustaraṁ dyuman
bhavarnavaṁ bhīmam adabhra-sauhṛdah
bhavat-padambhoruḥa-ṇavam atra te
nidhaya yataḥ sad-anugraho bhavan*

Translation: "O Lord, who resemble the shining sun, You are always ready to fulfil the desire of Your devotee, and therefore You are known as a desire tree [vañcha-kalpataru]. When acaryas completely take shelter under Your lotus feet in order to cross the fierce ocean of nescience, they leave behind on earth the method by which they cross, and because You are very merciful to Your other devotees, You accept this method to help them."

In part of your purport to this verse you state: "After wandering throughout the universe, a

fortunate person within this material world seeks shelter of such a guru, or acarya, who trains the devotee in the suitable ways to render service according to the circumstances so that the Supreme Personality of Godhead will accept the service. This makes it easier for the candidate to reach the ultimate destination. The acarya's duty, therefore, is to find the means by which devotees may render service according to references from Sastra. Rupa Goswami, for example, in order to help subsequent devotees, published such devotional books as Bhakti-rasamṛta-sindhu. Thus it is the duty of the acarya to publish books that will help future candidates take up the method of service and become eligible to return home, back to Godhead, by the mercy of the Lord. In our Kṛṣṇa consciousness movement, this same path is being prescribed and followed. Thus the devotees have been advised to refrain from four sinful activities — illicit sex, intoxication, meat-eating and gambling — and to chant sixteen rounds a day. These are bona fide instructions. Because in the Western countries constant chanting is not possible, one should not artificially imitate Haridasa Ṭhākura,

but should follow this method. Kṛṣṇa will accept a devotee who strictly follows the regulative principles and the method prescribed in the various books and literatures published by the authorities.”

Srila Prabhupada, by your extreme mercy, you have chalked out the suitable ways by which us wretched conditioned souls of Kali-yuga, can render devotional service, even under the most difficult circumstances. You have made it easier for all of us to practice Kṛṣṇa consciousness and return back home, back to Godhead, in this lifetime. All we have to do is follow the regulative principles, chant a minimum of 16 rounds and engage in pushing forward your ISKCON movement. You perfectly understood how incapable we are and ingeniously created so many suitable ways to engage us in the nine forms of devotional service, with very clear instructions in all the books you have published. And because you are so very dear to Lord Kṛṣṇa and Srimati Radharani, they accept the methods you have prescribed for us.

You therefore, embody the mood and mercy of Srimati Radharani, as stated in your purport to Sri-mad Bahgavatam 2.3.23: “...the mercy of Radharani is available very readily to the sincere devotees, and once She recommends such a devotee to Lord Kṛṣṇa, the Lord at once accepts the devotee’s admittance into His association.”

In the same way that when Srimati Radharani recommends a sincere devotee to Kṛṣṇa, Kṛṣṇa is obliged to accept the devotee, Kṛṣṇa has accepted the easy method of devotional service that you have prescribed for us in line with Sastra. How can one be more merciful and compassionate as you?

We will remain forever indebted to you and hope against hope that we may someday please both you and your sincere followers. All glories to Your Divine Grace. All Glories to Sri Sri Radha Radhanath.

*Your eternal and lowly, servant of your servants,
Sudama das, Rasika dasi, Radhika and Gopika*



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



Sudevi Dasi
Johannesburg
South Africa

I’VE BEEN CONTEMPLATING what to write in my offering to you dear Srila Prabhupada.... Last night I attended a talk by our beloved Gurudeva and I was inspired. He was sharing some pastimes about you, dear Srila Prabhupada. He spoke about the affinity for young boys to be attracted to Superheroes and how young girls are attracted to Barbie dolls. He dovetailed this to our disciplic succession and how we should be attracted to our very own Superheroes in ISKCON – the original inhabitants of Vrndavana, the previous acharyas and to you dear Srila Prabhupada.

To know one is to love one and to love one is to know one – Guru Maharaja spoke about the authenticity and pleasurable reading of your Lilamrta and encouraged us all to please read it. Of recent,

I acquired a digital copy and have wanted to read it earnestly and not sporadically over the years. In addition to our weekly Srila Prabhupada facts, I also have systematically included your Lilamrta in our Krishna Kiddies class’s curriculum on Sundays, so even the kids can be inspired.

It’s hard to describe the potency of pure devotees and how they can inspire you in a moment ... and just like that; I started to read your Lilamrta systematically - because I need to learn to love you more. I think back to a question I read that someone asked you about, ‘how long does it take to become Krishna conscious?’ You replied, ‘in a moment’. The purity of your force and magnanimity of this Krishna conscious movement is truly inconceivable.

Srila Prabhupada, I appreciate you and thank

you for everything that you have done for us and for continuously keeping me and my family inspired in Krishna consciousness. I'm also really looking forward to systematically completing the Lilamrta too – I can't promise, I will be finished by the time I write my next offering, but I'm certainly going to try.

Srila Prabhupada, I pray to you to sincerely allow me to serve the Vaishnavas and remain amongst them eternally.

I remain your servant of your servants.

Sudevi dasi



Devaki Nandini Devi Dasi, 
Sudhir Nimai Das,
Sarika Priya Devi Dasi,
Vrindavani Radhika
Umhlanga, Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our most humble obeisances at your divine lotus feet.
All glories to you and your ISKCON.

YOUR DIVINE GRACE have blessed us with your teachings, that has awakened us to the true purpose of our existence, which is to become pure devotees of our Divine Couple Sri Sri Radha and Krishna. You, Srila Prabhupada, have shown us the way to that ultimate goal of life, which is to simply follow the path of Bhakti, loving devotional service to our Lordships.

Although we are not pure devotees, you have assured us that by practicing devotional service, we will eventually attain Love of Krishna. However, Srila Prabhupada, this ultimate goal will not be possible without your special mercy and the mercy of the devotees.

Srila Prabhupada, our life would have been meaningless, without your divine influence. We wouldn't want to imagine our life without your guidance and your ISKCON. We would have been in total darkness if it were not for your divine teachings and utmost compassion for us fallen souls.

Thank you Srila Prabhupada for saving us from this material world of suffering and for taking us back to our real Home, back to Godhead, Sri Krishna.

*Your aspiring servants,
Devaki Nandini Devi Dasi, Sudhir Nimai Das, Sarika Priya Devi Dasi, Vrindavani Radhika*



Sukh Sagar Das (HHKDS) 
Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to Your Divine Grace on this auspicious occasion of your Vyasa-puja.

THANK YOU for sending me a bona fide guru in the form of His Holiness Krishna Das Swami. Through your causeless mercy you created shelters for the fallen souls by means of temples and namahattas and spreading Krishna consciousness throughout the world. This has assisted me to try and uproot materialism and plant spirituality as I am desperately seeking to fill the void in my heart with some spirituality and avoid the hellish planets by constantly keeping my hand in the bead bag and by

observing the four regulative principles.

My fervent prayer is please grant me a bit of your mercy and some strength to promote your legacy as well as to be a servant of the servant so that I at least have a glimmer of hope to become home-ward bound.

*Your humble aspiring servant,
Sukh Sagar Das (HHKDS)*



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



Sukumari Dasi
Sri Sri Radha Radhanath Temple
Durban, South Africa

I RECENTLY had the good fortune of hearing some of your disciples who are artists speak about how you engaged them in doing art work for your books. These devotees felt that they were not qualified to draw or paint your “Windows to the Spiritual World” but were instruments in your hands. Many of them mentioned how you were so precise in giving details of various forms and features for the drawings and paintings. Your description of pastimes had so much detail. While listening to them I began to think how would anyone know all these details if one was not personally present in those pastimes? Srila Prabhupada, you are not just an exalted personality but one of Radha and Krishna’s personal associates in Sri Vrindavana Dhama. How else will one know such detailed descriptions of the Lord, His associates and pastimes?

Srila Prabhupada, thank you for the sacrifices you made to come to the West to save us. I pray

that one day I will be purified of all material desires and aspirations and become qualified to serve you in Goloka Vrindavana. For now, I pray to continue serving under the guidance of your pure representatives in your ISKCON.

It is stated in the Caitanya Caritamrta (Madhya 22.45):

“By good fortune one becomes eligible to cross the ocean of nescience, and when one’s term of material existence decreases, one may get an opportunity to associate with pure devotees. By such association, one’s attraction to Krishna is awakened”.

My strength comes from the association of your devotees. Please always keep me under their shelter in your ISKCON.

*Your grateful granddaughter,
Sukumari dasi*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,



Sumalini Lalita Devi Dasi
Sridham Mayapur
India

THANK YOU so much for writing your books.

Through these books so many people get benefited...

Firstly, temples can maintain themselves from the sales. Grhasthas can maintain their ashram. Through these books we can make new devotees.

Practicing devotees can maintain their

sadhana nicely by reading. Sankirtan devotees get unlimited blessings by distributing these books.

You have the potency to change the world...
Thank you so much for your matchless gift...

*Your servant,
Sumalini Lalita Devi Dasi*



Sunaina Parbhu
Johannesburg
South Africa



Hare Krishna.
Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.
My dearest Srila Prabhupada.

THANK YOU for giving us ISKCON and spreading the holy name. I am forever indebted to you. As much as I know better about this material world being temporary and the goal to reach the spiritual world.... It is easy to get caught up in the now rather than planning for something magnificent beyond this earthly life.

May I always remember Krishna in everything

I do, by learning from you. May I grow my loving attachment to Krishna, e in my services and chanting diligently...so that I may one day taste even a drop of pure love of God.

Thank you for everything Srila Prabhupada.

*Servant of the servant,
Sunaina Parbhu*



Sundarananda Dasa
Pretoria
South Africa



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

THANK YOU for coming into my life. Before coming into Krishna consciousness my life felt like a series of unfortunate events. Although I knew that there was some Supreme Person controlling everything I had no idea of how to approach Him. I did not even think that there might be authorized processes to approach Him let alone knowing how to practice them.

Thank you for going out of your way to bring this rare and valuable information to us. This year we watched a movie on your struggle to bring this knowledge to the West. What a lonely battle it was and how you almost went back three times. In particular, you showed us how to depend on Krishna when trying to navigate through this material world.

Thank you for giving us your ISKCON as a safe house where we can take shelter from the pangs of this material world, where we can associate with like-minded devotees, and where we can practice our devotional service.

Thank you for the service you have given me. It is often challenging but thanks to the knowledge in your books I know that it my only salvation. By doing any service that is offered to me with love and attention, I not only help others suffering aimlessly in the material realm, but I buy my own ticket back to Godhead.

*Your ever-grateful and eternal servant,
Sundarananda das*



Sunira
Johannesburg
South Africa



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

THANK YOU for the sacrifices you made to deliver the fallen conditioned souls in this material world. I

am totally dependent on your teachings and would be lost without your directions and instructions.

Thank you for simplifying the ancient Vedic knowledge and giving us the brilliant Bhagavad Gita As It Is, Srimad Bhagavatam and so many other transcendental literature.

Please bless me so that I may be useful in some

small way to serve you and this wonderful society you have created.

Your aspiring servant

Sunira



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



Sunitha Haripersad
Pretoria
South Africa

PLEASE ACCEPT THIS LITTLE OFFERING and forgive me
for any offences.

Radha is golden
Krishna is blue
Your Divine Grace is Their loving servant
And I am but a wretched fool
Thank you for the books you left me
With instructions to read
Why am I so lazy?
Or do I not see the need?
Thank you for translating day and night
By dictaphone and hand
Sanskrit is most beautiful
But difficult to understand
Thank you for the Maha Mantra
And the instructions you left to chant
Why is it when I try to do japa
My mind says I can't, I can't!!!
Thank you for the chance to do devotional service
At the Lord's lotus feet
Why do I not have taste for it?
No taste even to hear the devotees preach.
Thank you for kirtan and the Lord's pastimes
To this I will admit
These along with prasadam
With me are a big hit
Thank you for this ISKCON family
You have given me in all the lands
Please bless me to associate and cooperate nicely
Let there be no offences by my mind or tongue or hands

Thank you for this ISKCON boat
Material desires will always be frustrated
I would rather cross this material moat
And at your feet be prostrated
Thank you for your patience and your mercy
If only I could appreciate
Please help me in your service
Please help me on the holy name to meditate
Thank you for empowering the younger generation
Across the many lands
By teaching them to play drums and cymbals
Teaching them to cook offerings and feeding them with your own hands
Thank you for your efforts
To save me from the clutches of Maya
With material desires I am enslaved
'Ha ha prabhu koro doya, deho more pada-chaya'
Thank you for persevering with Lord Caitanya's mission
And that of Nityananda Ram
Giving freely of the marketplace
Of Sri Hari Naam
Please bless me I beseech you
Give me taste to chant the holy names
So that someday I may serve you
And do a little of the same
Why try for liberation
Please give me love of God
Please help me to surrender to you
And the most precious Lord
Please help me get back on track
I am so far away from home
You have given all the answers
Help me find the questions to some.
It is only through your mercy
That devotees I have found
To help me appreciate this human birth
In which I am now bound
Help me follow the steps
Of guru sadhu shastra
Help me to realise
Krishna is my Lord and master

Thank you to all the devotees and well-wishers
Who have shared the drops of nectar
It is through their remembrances
I have come to know you better

*Endeavouring to someday be
The servant of the servant,
Sunitha Haripersad*



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



Surabhi Kuñje Devi Dasi
Durban
South Africa

THIS WEEK I have been fortunate to visit the historic places where your pastimes unfolded in the West – the Boston harbour, where you first arrived, Matchless Gifts, where you first taught this philosophy, and Tompkins Square Park, where you held the first public kirtan. At each of these places I felt very strong vibrations in my heart, because the entire atmosphere has become eternally surcharged with transcendental energy by your pure chanting of Krishna's Holy Names.

“My lord, devotees like your good self are verily holy places personified. Because you carry the Personality of Godhead within your heart, you turn all places into places of pilgrimage.” (*Srimad-Bhagavatam* 1.13.10)

How glorious it is that, by the great sacrifice you made to travel all over the world and spread Krishna consciousness, even the most seemingly sinful places have now become the holy dhama. Every day I see that anyone who comes into contact with you in any way has deep appreciation for the miracles you performed. I probably won't ever understand your love

for Krishna or your love for all of us, the fallen conditioned souls, that you voluntarily accepted great suffering and austerity in the “decorated hell” that is New York City to spread the message of Krishna.

I definitely don't have a drop of love for Krishna yet, but I hold onto the lotus feet of your amazing followers. By their qualities and inspiration, and by the transformation you have created in their hearts, I have faith that this process of Krishna consciousness is perfect. I pray that by taking shelter of your devotees, I can also be transformed and somehow please you. My gratitude for this spiritual revolution you started grows every day, and I wish I could be a small part of it. I'm very fallen and spiritually weak, but I pray that you bless me to distribute those transcendental books you spent every second writing. I pray to be an instrument of mercy and guide others to your lotus feet so they can also relish the beauty of Krishna consciousness and perfect their lives.

*Your eternal servant
Surabhi Kuñje devi dasi*



Surangi Dasi 🙏
Umhlanga
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisance at your lotus feet. All glories to our presiding deities Sri Jaganatha, Baladeva and Subhadra Maharani. All glories to Sri NitaiGaurasundar. All glories to you, Srila Prabhupada!

WHEN THIS MATERIAL LIFE OF MINE (inundated with health issues, work stress and any other excuse my weak mind musters) leaves me lacking the energy or will to do more, I think back on the continuous hardships you endured in your struggle to get Krishna Consciousness accepted in the West. A solitude aged man with little money to spare, in a country where its inhabitants were consumed by some form of maya or other. Your endeavoring determination, resilience, and agility to fulfil your spiritual masters instruction engerised you. Yet through it all, you remained compassionate and tolerant, even for those that left your movement at the time or made transgressions against the four regulated principles.

I selfishly pray for some of that compassion, for your mercy Srila Prabhupada, that I too might endeavor to have an ounce of some your strengths. That my mindset my focus on the positives and not let the negatives of this Kali yuga weigh me down.

That with each day I progressively get better in my Krishna Consciousness. That as a mother, I am able to groom my boys into becoming better devotees. That as a family we keep Krishna in the center of all that we do. That I may spread the holy name to those in need and adequately defend the holy name against those that try to bring it into disrepute. That I may never consciously cause any offence to your devotees. And that I may never leave the lotus feet of my Guru, Your lotus feet, nor the lotus feet of our Lordships.

Please continue to guide me, my family, our Phoenix congregation, and devotees across this material world (all such special souls) – give us your ever-flowing mercy that is limitless.

*A humble servant of Your servant,
Surangi dasi*

Suresh Bisunath 🙏
Durban
South Africa



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



WHENEVER I HEAR YOUR VOICE, I CRY.

Thank you for taking Krishna consciousness to every town and village. I enjoy your lectures and relish every moment thereof. I have heard Lord Krishna and have seen Lord Krishna because I have seen

you. Thank you. I have been chanting since 1978. I have not surrendered as yet. Please help me.

*Your servant,
Suresh Bisunath*

Suresh JamnaDasa Makan 🙏
Pretoria
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,



MY MOST SPECIAL DAY!

His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada, your

appearance day, is the most significant special day of the year, because without you I wouldn't have

learned the Supreme Truth and the all-encompassing knowledge of a genuine and true spiritual master's unconditional love to genuinely set us free from the material cycle of birth, old age, disease and death, from time immemorial, in this one lifetime, such is your love, for us, the lowest, lost souls, who had no idea of the meaning of life, no idea of who we are, nor why we are, nor where we're going, and being human is of no meaning, when one is bereft of proper guidance, care and true love, made so simple and sublime, by His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada, my divine and eternal father, and well-wisher, neigh my eternal grandsire, birth after birth henceforth.

Your eternal love, guidance and self-sacrifice, in midst of dire adversity, from all walks of life, did not deter you, nor compromise your principles for any material glory and opulence.

The thing is, you wanted the best for us, not a dilution nor bargain offset for followers nor fame, wealth and fortune.

You built your ISKCON, one brick of love at a time, one disciple at a time, making it the most

powerful Sri Krishna's God-centred Society on planet earth, neigh the three worlds.

With your boundless compassion, understanding and temperament, you make your ISKCON so nice and attractive for any soul, who wants to understand more than, just their innate animal propensities of just eating, sleeping, mating and defending for all human kind, across the universe.

For the more sincere soul, who takes to chanting the world famous 'Hare Krishna,' chant, who follows, the regulative principles, reads your BBT Books (authorized scripture & guidelines) and takes care of one's mindset, by associating with likeminded sadhus and temple worship, you promise to take them back to Godhead, in this one life time; please your majesty be merciful upon me, for you will not find a more ignorant fool than me, but somehow or other, I have come to you for your shelter and refuge, please accept me first, as I await your reply?

*Your aspiring insignificant servant,
Suresh Jamnadas Mekan*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
All glories to His Divine Grace, AC Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada
I offer my respectful obeisances onto your lotus feet.

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

I KEEP ASKING THE QUESTION of where, what and whom, would I be of have become, if you did not come as our saviour and deliver of this wretched soul. My thank you is not and will never be enough. I now understand the meaning of 'mercy' that which you have shown by example to give us Krishna consciousness.

I surrender at your lotus feet, because in this life you have taught us to make it our last birth and return home.

*Thank you for this mercy.
Your insignificant, unqualified servant
Surya Naryan & family*



 Surya Naryan & family
Durban
South Africa

Suyesha Choubae 🌸
Alberton
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada. Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories unto you Srila Prabhupada.
My Srila Prabhupada. My Grandfather. My Saviour. My Teacher

From the bottom of my heart, I would like to thank you for showing us the way back to Godhead. Thank you for guidance, inspiration and encouragement. The influence of a good teacher can never be eased, you left us with the greatest lesson of all.

“Although we are imperfect, because we are

following the perfect, our proposition is perfect.”
(Morning Walk, December 12, 1973, Los Angeles)

*From your granddaughter,
Suyesha Choubae*



Svasti Dasai 🌸
ISKCON Midrand
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All Glories to the dust at Your Lotus Feet.

I’VE BEEN FEELING A LOT OF GRATITUDE towards you this past year. More so then I generally have.

I’m appreciative of the fortunate circumstances I find myself in

I’ve been feeling so ecstatic, safe and happy being in Krishna Consciousness. Relishing the philosophy, enjoying the association and friendships of the devotees and appreciating the prasadam that we’ve been blessed with.

Srila Prabhupada, even if it’s just this 1 life you have given so much joy to (though its millions that you’ve given relief to)... it is my life and I’m so grateful to live this life with purpose and truth.

I’m at peace currently and have no anxiety. I’m well positioned and I’ve been having more realizations and faith that everything is going to be ok

I’m not anxious of the future and what it holds and how is everything going to play out. I’m just happy being in the now and the present and doing what I can do now.

My children are doing great. They are now assisting us with dressing of their baby Lord Jagernath, Baladev, Subadhra deities. They seem to be enjoying this way of life we presenting to them. It’s

my deep hope, like any other mum’s prayer, that this would be sufficient for them to carry them through this material life and if not, I pray you will have mercy on them and guide them correctly for the mistakes I’ve made.

I wish I could do more. And I will do more. It’s a promise I make to you. However, that being said, it’s a selfish ulterior motive as I’m doing this more for me, myself, i... It’s because I derive most pleasure and satisfaction by doing more, that I wish to forever nourish myself in service. I pray to continually serve and see devotees happy. And I hope by some mercy from them, I will be given Your mercy.

Please guide me throughout my days. Keep me away from Maya and keep me tightly bound by the ropes of devotional service. I pray for strength and energy so I can continually make an impact in ISKCON. I beg for your forgiveness in anything that I have done incorrectly.

I wish to remain, for the rest of this life, in service to your Divine Grace.

*Your fallen servant,
Svasti dasi*





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

 Sveta Manjari Devi Dasi
Cape Town
South Africa

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

THERE ARE MANY DAYS when I fail to recognise your presence in my life. Please forgive me for this tardiness. On the days I do, I cannot properly express what your efforts mean to me. All I find myself saying is thank you over and over again.

Today I hope to express a little more. Your teachings, of which I have managed to understand to some degree and to also practice as best possible, has made a magnificent change to this life on earth. Every experience, every joy, every loss can

be managed only because of your teachings to be Krishna conscious.


I am not only left with your teachings but the nectar of the experiences which come with the understanding the philosophy.

If this is due to your mercy then please do not stop. Hare Krishna.

*All glories to your divine lotus feet.
Sveta Manjari dd*



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

 Svetadvip Dasa
Temple President
ISKCON Port Elizabeth
South Africa

WE, ALL DEVOTEES OF ISKCON are very deeply indebted to you for saving us all and for giving us a new life full of devotion and purity and a very happy life full of enthusiasm.

Tomorrow on the eve of Nirjala Ekadasi I joined our ISKCON Vedic Farm present day Sri Sri Krishna Balarama Temple, 35 years ago. By performing severe austerities under the guidance of your very sincere servants Prabhu Sriniketan Das and Prabhu Arjuna Das and HH Giriraj Swami I slowly started to be accepted to be an insignificant part of your glorious and very great ISKCON. All these three disciples of yours were my saviours especially Sriniketan Prabhu who sacrificed all his material pleasures to help us and be with us in the middle of sugar cane field and train us to be what we are today.

Daily I think and meditate how fortunate I am and very blessed indeed to be still serving selflessly in the association of beautiful devotees. What would have happened to all of us without you Srila Prabhupada.

1. *(yadi) prabhupada na haita tabe ki haita,*
(e) jivana bahita kise?
nitai-gaurera apara karuna,
ke dita sakala dese

If Srila Prabhupada had not come, what would have happened? How could we have passed our lives? Who else would have distributed the unlimited mercy of Lord Nityananda and Lord Gauranga all over the world?

2. *pascatyera yata papi duracari
sunnyavadi mayavadi
tadera uddara karibare mana
hena kon dayanidhi*

Which other compassionate person would have endeavoured to deliver the miscreants , sinful, impersonalistic and voidistic people in the West?

3. *tadera nicate kon jana asi
bilaita harinam,
sabhya jiva rupe gadite tadera
ke haita aguyan*

Who else would have come to distribute Harinama to them? Who else would have come forward to transform them into civilized beings?

4. *dese dese hari-vigraha seva
arati ratri-dine
ratha yatradi mahotsava saba
sikaita kon jane*

Who else would have taught them how to worship the Deity form of Lord Hari day and night with arati-kirtana, and how to conduct the Ratha-yatra and other grand festivals?

5. *gita-bhagavata caitanya carita
premamrta rasasara
kata na sundara sarala kariya
ke bujhaita ara*

Bhagavad-gita, Srimad-Bhagavatam and *Caitanya-caritamrta* contain the essence of the nectarean mellows of love of Godhead. Who else would have explained these scriptures so clearly and beautifully?

6. *kata kasta sahi prita mane rahi
ke va dita harinam
ke dita modera puri vrndavana
mayapura mata dham*

Who else would have tolerated all difficulties, and distributed Harinama with a pleasant heart? Who would have given us the dhamas such as Mayapur, Vrindavan and Jagannatha Puri?

7. *parama mangala sricaitanya maha-
prabhura siksa dhana
acare pracare sada amadere
ke karita niyojana*

The teachings of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu constitute the greatest and most auspicious treasure. Who else would have engaged us in constantly practicing and preaching it?

8. *premakalpataru nitai-gaurera
krpa kana labhibare
niravadhi jaya-pataka hrdaya
tomare sarana kare*

Sri Sri Nitai Gaura are desire trees of love of Godhead. Desiring a drop of Their mercy, Jayapataka's heart incessantly takes shelter of Your Divine grace.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada. Vyasa-puja Maha Mahotsav ki jai!

*Your servant of servants of servants,
Svetadvip das*





Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my respectful obeisances in the dust of your holy lotus feet.
All glories to Your Divine Grace!

 Swarup Damodar Das
Durban
South Africa

IN YOUR PURPORT to *Bhagavad-gita* 13.8-12, you present a thought-provoking definition of humility: “Humility means that one should not be anxious to have the satisfaction of being honoured by others.” This description induced me to admit my frailty in the matter of being humble. I have a weakness with pride and harbour an overwhelming desire for prestige and acclaim amongst others.

You know this already; you know everything about your followers. Some time ago I became convinced that you know me, my heart, my meekly devotion and sincerity, my misgivings, and my shortcomings and challenges. I could not possibly hope to overcome the deep-rooted desire for name and fame without divine intervention — your mercy. I realize that despite knowing how proud and embarrassingly fallen I am, you still arrange opportunities for me to purify my heart from the contaminating desire for acclaim and honour.

You are exceptionally illustrious in every respect. I love hearing about your meritorious personality and achievements. Somehow, by the association of those who have real love for you, I have developed an attraction to hearing about Your Divine Grace — even more than the attraction I have to hear ‘my own glories.’ Being more and more aware of your preeminence helps douse the desire for acclaim in my heart. If humility means not being anxious to have the satisfaction of being honoured by others, I am convinced that humility develops when one cultivates the anxiety to have the satisfaction of hearing about Your Divine Grace, glorifying Your Divine Grace, and sharing the mercy of Your Divine Grace.

It’s really amazing how influential and integral you are in every aspect of the devotional activities of your followers. If we simply focus all our devotional

practices on pleasing you — chanting Krishna’s holy names, honouring prasadam, taking care of devotees, sharing Krishna consciousness according to your vision, etc.— we will gradually overcome all obstacles in our spiritual lives and we will surely reach success. Even I will be able to overcome the seemingly insurmountable challenge of pride and desire for honour amongst others.

Extending from Your Divine Grace are your many extraordinary followers who are sharing your mercy with innovation and constancy. I consider them to be the most important appearance of your grace in my life. By your desire and blessings, they are being honoured and appreciated with tremendous distinction by all sections of society. I am certain that you are satisfied with their successes in sharing your teachings. Somehow, despite my own tendency towards pride and honour, I am also deeply satisfied when I witness the appreciation your sincere followers receive on your behalf. Knowing that it will help me overcome my hankering, you have mercifully placed me in the presence of your dear representatives. How could I possibly harbour the desire for acclaim while in their presence?! It would be a folly on the level of a glow worm competing with the sun! I pray that you may always bless me with their association and opportunities to serve them and that I never to fall prey to the tendency of trying to glow in their presence.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for taking the burden of knowing my heart and despite that knowledge, for blessing me with the various facets of your mercy. To me, that is a clear attestation to your soft-hearted greatness.

Your eternal servant,
Swarup Damodar Das



Syama-behari Dasa 🙏
Durban
South Africa



Dearest saviour of Kali yuga, Srila Prabhupada
Please accept my most humble obeisances.
All glories to you.

ALL THESE YEARS practicing Krishna consciousness, I have done nothing except enjoy the life you gave me.

It's time I start to do something - help preach Krishna consciousness.

I love you Srila Prabhupada.

More and more I realize our good fortune. You're absolutely right: "I've created your good fortune"

I am spending my money & my free time to visit

holy places, like right now in the presence of Yagananda Nrsimha in Ahobilam Dhama and writing this offering to you. So, I have to "pay back" - help preach. When I take shelter of you - it's perfect.

Please bless me Srila Prabhupada.

*Your servant,
Syama-behari dasa*



Syama 🙏
Waterkloof, Pretoria
South Africa



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

THANK YOU for showering me with your unlimited mercy. Please bless me eternally, so that I can serve you, my guru, the devotees and the mission of Sri Krishna Caitanya Mahaprabhu always.

*Your Servant,
Syama*



Syama Kanta Dasi 🙏
Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to your divine grace.

A VERY HAPPY VYASAPUJA TO YOU, Srila Prabhupada. All glories to your sacrifices to fulfil the instruction of your spiritual master. It was by your tireless efforts that all of us now in the Age of Kali can be equipped with the knowledge and association to rekindle and strengthen our forgotten love for God.

Srila Prabhupada, I beg at your lotus feet for


your blessings for the spiritual strength to progress forward in self realization and also to be an instrument of mercy, and thus be pleasing to you and to the Lord.

*Your servant,
Syama Kanta dasi*





My dearest spiritual grandfather, Srila Prabhupada, Hare Krishna. Please accept my most humble obeisances at the dust of your divine lotus feet, again and again. All glories to your divine grace, our dear Founder-Acarya, on this most auspicious occasion of your Sri Vyasa Puja. All glories to your ISKCON. All glories to your Bhaktivedanta Book Trust.

 Syama Kishor Dasa
Johannesburg
South Africa

ON THIS MOST AUSPICIOUS DAY of your Sri Vyasa Puja, your lowly grandson feels very grateful to have the opportunity to attempt to glorify your divine grace.

It is by your mercy that I am eternally connected to your lotus feet via my spiritual master, your dear disciple, HH Bhakti Caitanya Swami. Receiving your most merciful association, via him, has brought overwhelming auspiciousness in my life, for which I am extremely grateful.

Srila Prabhupada, associating with you while reading your books brings so much solace to my heart in any circumstance. Irrespective of whether I am reading very technical philosophical topics or whether I am reading the sweet glorifications of Lord Nityananda in your Caitanya Caritamrta, your books feel like home. Your books give me strength through spiritual wisdom. Your books are purifying. Your books help strengthen my conviction in this amazing spiritual process you have given us. Your books are what will check Kali-Yuga and give us, your beloved followers, the strength and enthusiasm to continue to spread and protect your ISKCON.

Srila Prabhupada, your personal exemplary behaviour is the model and norm for all of us, the members of your glorious ISKCON. You were so exemplary in how you treated everyone with so much compassion and love. You were so exemplary in how you used every second of your life in service to your spiritual master, Sri Sri Nitai Gaura Hari and Sri Sri Radha Govinda. You were so exemplary in your preaching and your presentation of Krishna Consciousness to the world. You were so exemplary in how you started so many ISKCON centres around the world and how you managed them. Srila Prabhupada, you are the exemplary Vaisnava. I pray that I may deeply internalize your mood and incorporate it into my identity. I pray that I may represent you to

the best of my ability.

As the Founder-Acarya of ISKCON, you will always remain present, generation after generation, as the single prominent siksha guru in the life of each and every ISKCON devotee – a perpetual, indwelling, active guiding and directing presence. You are the soul of our ISKCON.

I feel extremely grateful for the priceless gifts that you have given freely and made available to everyone. You are the cause of auspiciousness on this planet. You have given us the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Krishna, the emperor of sweetness. You have given us sadhu sanga and the loving exchanges between devotees, which is an oasis in the desert of material existence. You have given us the Holy Names, our only shelter and the only means for success in developing love for our Lordships. You have given us solid scientific philosophy and wisdom. You have given us kirtan, our home. You have given us sanctified Bhagavat Prasad, which nourishes the soul and the body. You have given us the formula for attaining peace, happiness and true love. Srila Prabhupada, you have given us everything. Without you, life would be extremely useless, dull and dry.

My desire is to represent you and your followers to the best of my ability. My desire is to remain in service to your lotus feet. I vow, over and over again, to remain loyal to you, to your ISKCON and to your dear disciple, HH Bhakti Caitanya Swami. I beg for your mercy. I beg for your prayers and blessings. Please help me serve the Holy Name and the vaisnavas deeper and deeper.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, from the bottom of my heart. Hare Krishna, Srila Prabhupada.

*Your useless grandson,
Syama Kishor das*



Syama Kunda Dasa 🙏
Killarney, Johannesburg
South Africa



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

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

THANK YOU for Your unlimited kindness upon us fallen living entities, without your books we were simply groping in the dark cycle of material existence.

I pray that you bless us so that we may now take up our residence within your books by studying them scrutinizingly and making the teachings you have presented, not just part of our lives, but the very foundation of our existence.

Please also give us the enthusiasm and intelligence to distribute these books to as many people as possible.

Forever grateful. Hare Krishna.

*An insignificant servant of your servants,
Syama Kunda das*



Syama Vallabhi Devi Dasi 🙏
Durban
South Africa



All glories to Srila Prabhupada, I offer my obeisances unto you a multitude of times.
Thank you, Srila Gurudeva, my dear grandfather, who was sent into this world to give such causeless mercy to myself and to so many other hungry souls.

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

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

*vande 'ham sri-guroh sri-yuta-pada-kamalam sri gurun vaisnavams ca
sri-rupam sagrajatam saha-gana-raghunathanvitam tam sa-jivam
sadvaitam savadhutam parijana-sahitam krsna-caitanya-devam
sri-radha-krsna-padan saha-gana-lalita-sri-visakhanvitams ca*

YOU HAVE MADE such a great sacrifice at a tender old age to deliver the message of your very own Guru and to continue the mission of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu. You have selflessly and tirelessly taught love for God in a way that has never been taught before. You have shown us how to regulate ourselves and to become disciplined so that we may become better human beings in order to fulfil our

purpose in life. Most importantly, you have given us the Hare Krishna maha mantra. Thank you Srila Gurudeva.

I chanted and read your books for many years, but finally this year I took that very important first step in Krishna consciousness when my Guru Maharaja (your very own disciple) gave me shelter and initiated me as his disciple. So I am now officially

your grand disciple. I realise that this means I have finally been accepted by yourself. Nothing makes me happier. I want to serve you to the best of my ability. Please bless me so that I may become successful in my endeavours.

Thank you once again Srila Prabhupada – I am eternally indebted to you for saving me from the clutches of Maya and rekindling my love for Sri Krishna.

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

All Glories to Guru and Gauranga. All glories, all glories, all glories.

Hare Krishna.

Your grand disciple and servant,

Syama Vallabhi Devi Dasi



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



Syamananda Dasa
Johannesburg
South Africa

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

" I OFFER my respectful obeisances unto His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, who is very dear to Lord Krishna, having taken shelter at His lotus feet. Our respectful obeisances are unto you, O spiritual master, servant of Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati Goswami. You are kindly preaching the message of Lord Chaitanyadeva and delivering the

Western countries, which are filled with impersonalism and voidism."

Forgive me for this inadequate offering Srila Prabhupada. Only by your grace can we one day become a devotee of the Lord. We humbly ask you to help us to be:

- Surrender and dedicate this life to your mission.
- Realize this gift of Krishna consciousness you have given to us.
- For intelligent in distributing your books and the holy names far and wide.
- Loyal to your teachings and instructions and not add or subtract anything.
- Appreciate everything you have given us and not take them for granted.
- Preach this Krishna conscious to everyone we meet.
- Respect all the living entities and understand that we are all parts and parcels of Krishna.
- Abandon all varieties of religion and surrender to Lord Krishna.
- Bold and fearless when preaching and with the obstacles we encounter on our path.
- Humble and simple and not seek any titles/name/fame.
- Understand what you have given us and what you desire for your mission.
- Please Lord Krishna and the devotees as best we can.
- Assist your dear disciple Nanda Kumar das Adhikari with his service to you.
- Develop some taste for the holy names and love for Krishna and the devotees.
- Associate with you in this life and the next.

If you so desire, please help us in this way, to continue serving your Divine Grace and the devotees. Thank you Srila Prabhupada for coming to rescue us when no one else would come. Hare Krishna.

*Your struggling servant,
Syamananda das*



Syamananda Krishna Dasa
and Premalila Devi Dasi
Cape Town, South Africa



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

WHILE CONSIDERING how to properly enunciate your glories and express our deep gratitude to you, we are reminded of a passage in the Second Chapter of the Antya-lila of Caitanya Caritamṛta. There Srila Krishnadasa Kaviraja Goswami informs us that Lord Krishna, in the form of Sri Caitanya Mahāprabhu, descended to this world to deliver all the living beings in the universe. He further describes that He caused their deliverance in three ways: He delivered the fallen souls in some places by meeting them directly, in other places by empowering a pure devotee, and in still other places by appearing before them Himself. Later in the same chapter Srila Krishnadas Kaviraja Goswami says, “To deliver the people in regions throughout the universe who could not meet Him, Sri Caitanya Mahāprabhu personally entered the bodies of pure devotees.”

Srila Prabhupada, it seems to us that this is your true identity. Lord Caitanya spread the sankirtana movement all over India while He was present, but you have fulfilled His own prediction that His name would be chanted in every town and village all over the world. From this we can understand how dear you must be to Lord Caitanya that He reserved this glory for you.

It is said that the greatness of a person is measured not by their achievements while present in this world, but by their influence after having departed. In this way your true greatness becomes

visible, because even after your departure from this world you continue to influence the souls of this Kali-yuga to take up the process of Krishna consciousness and purify their lives. This you have achieved through the agency of your books which are truly miraculous.

Another understanding of your greatness is your glorious ISKCON society, which provides the environment where sincere souls can come to gain shelter from the blazing fire of this Kali-yuga, to receive the association of devotees and make spiritual progress. ISKCON is your āśrama Srila Prabhupada, which extends all over the world. Therefore, you have been designated jagat-guru, the guru for the whole world.

In the āśrama of the guru, he is naturally the most prominent personality. This is also the proper understanding in ISKCON. Therefore, you insisted on the title of founder-acarya. Not to gain personal prominence, but out of a desire to protect your āśrama after your departure. Also, in the āśrama of the guru everyone naturally has a close relationship with him. Within your ISKCON this is also the case. It is a mistake to think that a close relationship with you is not possible because you are no longer physically present. You are available in many ways. You have yourself said, “If you want to know me read my books.” You are also very much present in your deity form, watching over us like a loving grandfather.

Another wonderful way to have a close relationship with you is through your followers. All our spiritual uncles as well as our own spiritual father bring your presence so close through their own remembrances and realisations of you. They amplify your presence, influence and guidance. They allow us to come close to you in ways that would otherwise not be possible.

We can also understand your designation as jagat-guru as the current acarya who guides the destiny of the community of Vaisnavas in a broad historical sense. An acarya is understood as one who teaches not only by instruction, but by his own personal example. Therefore, the term acarya is used to indicate a bona-fide spiritual master – a learned teacher of the spiritual science. But in the highest sense, the acarya is the soul sent by Lord Krishna Himself to teach the whole world. This is the truest sense of the term as it is applied to you Srila Prabhupada. All those who wish to practice Krishna consciousness in the most perfect way must validate their realisations and conclusions with reference to your teachings.

By careful analysis of your life and teachings one can only come to the conclusion that Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu has personally empowered you to reveal in the clearest way the Lord's desire for this world. Also, that you Srila Prabhupada, embody most perfectly the mission of The Supreme Lord in this world in the current age.

Although these statements represent our broad understanding of your glories in the context of the ISKCON society, we feel the need to express our personal deep sense of gratitude to you for all you have done for us. We want to thank you so much for revealing our own spiritual father. We feel so blessed not only because we have our own glorious spiritual father, but because we have so many spiritual uncles as well. We also feel blessed that you are easily and so personally available in your books, your deity form and through your followers. We are truly blessed to be part of your ISKCON, your asrama and your family.

Just by being a member of your glorious ISKCON family so many blessings are there. However, being an asrama member means that there are responsibilities. It seems to us that the responsibility we have to you, our own spiritual master, our spiritual uncles and the previous acaryas is essentially quite simple. Namely that having realised something of your glories and the incredible mercy that you are offering, we should try to connect others with that mercy; to become your goodwill ambassador. Therefore, we pray that we might be allowed to do something to help you spread this glorious mission.

Your servants,

Syamananda Krishna dasa and Premalila devi dasi



Dearest Srila Prabhupada. Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Your Divine Grace on the most celebrated occasion of the year, the appearance day of our Ever Well-Wisher, Saviour of us all.

IN MY ATTEMPT to express gratitude, I try to remember that the highest appreciation is not merely uttering words, but to actually live by them. I am most grateful to You Srila Prabhupada as You make me extremely happy. You are that charming gardener who makes my soul blossom.

I am ever so grateful to You Srila Prabhupada for giving me Srila Bhakti Caitanya Swami Maharaj. All glories to my most Glorious Spiritual Master, only by whose endless mercy upon this undeserving soul, am I able to remain an instrument in this divine mission. I pray to be able to please Him again somehow.



Syamarani Devi Dasi (HHBCAIS)
& family
New Jagannath Puri Temple
Phoenix, Durban
South Africa

I am extremely grateful to You Srila Prabhupada for bringing us under the shelter of HG Prabhānu Prabhu at New Jagannath Puri Temple, Phoenix due to whose mercy and invaluable guidance we are able to steadily remain in the association of devotees and try to practice Krishna Consciousness in a balanced way.

I am grateful to You Srila Prabhupada for Ashim Krishna das who is a learned devotee and great support, as well as my two beautiful babies Radha Kripa dasi and Vraja Kumar das. They are all perfect in every way and I pray I am able to perform my duty to them that is required of me.

I pray to You Oh Divine Master that I may never spoil what I have now by desiring what I do not have. I pray that I may always remember that what I have now was among those things I only hoped for. Thank You for everything that I have Srila Prabhupada.

I pray to You Srila Prabhupada that I may never ever take my spiritual life for granted and I pray for the ability to steadily progress in stages to become that devotee which You desire us to be. HG Mahatma Prabhu expertly writes: “As devotees we are tempted to get others to think we are more Krishna conscious than we really are. Yes, we may get some false satisfaction when people think we are spiritually advanced. However, the irony is that the need to be seen as advanced is what is preventing us from actually becoming advanced.” Srila Prabhupada, I pray to never ever be tempted in this way. If somehow I do fall victim of this temptation, I beg You to please show me the right path immediately.

HH Bhakti Tirtha Swami Maharaj expertly writes: ‘We should not allow ourselves to be discouraged by the degraded culture that surrounds us. We must recognize that our positive actions add to the collective atmosphere just as the negative actions of others do. Our devotion and intensity go far beyond our immediate environment. The confusion and negativity may surround us, we must do our part to help raise consciousness. Each of us has our own propensities and gifts, our own strengths and weaknesses. We should use our talents in every

way that we can to make a difference in the collective consciousness of the planet.’ I pray to You Srila Prabhupada that I may be able to adopt and imbibe even a minute fraction of this consciousness in my meager attempt to make some contribution to this divine mission.

Dear Srila Prabhupada, please protect me in every way and never let me stray from this spiritual path which can only lead us to success and the ultimate goal of life. Dear Srila Prabhupada being in Your wonderful ISKCON, our happiness knows no bounds. Please always keep my family and I in the shade of Your divine lotus feet and mould me in whichever way You see fit to make me remain in Your ISKCON for the rest of my days or hours or minutes...till the last second. I pray that whatever service we have the good fortune of doing right now, may the same enthusiasm and dedication to serve, remain ever-fresh and ever-increasing even after many years.

I really love You with all my heart Srila Prabhupada and my most important prayer is that You please help me to read Your books and understand what is in it and also to chant properly, steadily and with ever-increasing attachment. This is the real solution for what we call ‘problems’ but I am so fallen that even after repeated mistakes I don’t learn my lessons. The chanting which is actually meant to be the easiest part is in reality the most difficult. I pray to be among those devotees who have realized the value and potency of chanting the Holy Names and reading Your unparalleled literature.

Just as ones father works hard to leave a legacy for their children to carry on in his absence, in the very same way, our Dear Srila Prabhupada has worked tirelessly to leave the entire world with the Supreme Legacy for us to protect ourselves in this most difficult age of Kaliyuga and return back home to Godhead. All we have to do is accept it with firm faith, live within its bounds and fervently practice it. I want to write on and on about your greatness Srila Prabhupada but I am not qualified in the least to write about Your endless glories. I am really

looking forward to relishing the offerings of all Your devotees.

Wishing You were physically present and begging for mercy always...

*Your aspiring servant and grand disciple
Syamarani devi dasi (HHBCAIS) and family*



Dear Sria Prabhupada,



Tamohara Dasa
and Merumala Devi Dasi
Durban, South Africa

ETERNAL SOUL Mortal World

Lost in this creation we have become,
To the strength of maya we succumb,
Misguided, we follow foolishly,
Leaders who are devilishly,

The intelligence is bewildered,
Confused by items which it sensed,
Our nature, lost in the material world,
Like a pendulum, back and forth it is hurled,

Into this darkened conception
Steps out the light of perception,
Sent forth by the Supreme,
To eradicate the extreme,

His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada was born,
Empowered with energy of the Absolute,
He who shines as bright as dawn,
He stands firm, strong and resolute,

To deliver the fallen souls with his tenacity,
Smashing ignorance and resolving maya,
Pure hearted amassed with sincerity,
Delivers living entities as our messiah,

In every town and village, God consciousness does reign,
In all our hearts, throughout humanity,
Bhakti is there for all of us to attain,
Chanting, dancing and feasting, the austerity?

Every spiritual tool at our disposal,
Faith in Guru and Krishna must remain firm,
Going back home, the ultimate proposal,
By serving the Vaisnavas as we continue to learn,

To Him we are grateful as God's message was spread,
Now it's time for us to carry his mission ahead.

— Tamohara das and Merumala devi dasi



Tanumadhya Dasi
Moorreesburg
South Africa



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

I WAS NEVER FORTUNATE to meet you in person, but I am grateful that I got to meet you through your books and videos. And I still get to know you better through books your disciples write about the amazing time they spent with you while you were fulfilling Lord Caitanya's prediction that the Holy Name will spread to each town and village, here in this universe.

The golden tread through all these books is your compassion to help the fallen souls. That is what inspired you to live a lifetime of austerity. We really need to understand this to fully appreciate what you accomplished and left for us to take care of.

I know that the underlying factor to each and every man's spiritual progress is mercy. A person's contact with anything spiritual is by the mercy of a devotee, one's faith that needs to develop depends on mercy, our advancement in spiritual knowledge depends on mercy, each living being, not only man's existence, depends on mercy. But if it was only mercy, why are there so few people taking to Krishna consciousness? By your example, you have shown that it also depends on what one does with that mercy. Mercy is there for all, but what do we do with the mercy? While contemplating austerity and sacrifice, I came to realize just what the world needs to accept the mercy and just where to find it. The world

is lacking wisdom, and it is your wisdom, displayed in your books, that can change the world.

I grew up in an era where children were still taught basic principles that helped them through life. It was not taught explicitly as a specific principle for a specific situation. Rather, children were allowed/had to learn principles through observation. You came to the West at a time when the youth in America and Europe began to revolt against some of the principles that were there, but were being misused. How fortunate the western world was for having someone with pure principles, being willing and able to also teach those principles to others, explicitly and intentionally. I don't think that all the boys and girls of that era knew that the cause of their revolt was against principles being misused. There were many other names given to reasons why they revolted.

What I see today amongst the youth, is a lost generation: Lost to the idea of principles, lost to the idea of following any religious path, lost to the idea of willingly undergoing any sacrifice or austerity for a higher course. I see a growing generation seeking something, giving that something many names. I also see so many so-called professional people offering advice at enormous cost. The prime cause of the malfunction of so many educational systems, all

around the world in whatever field you can think of, started when the basic underlying principle that this world belongs, not to us, but to the divine, and needed to be recognized, was forsaken. It is not only godless people that have mistakenly let go of this principle. I know many serious, sincere religious people that are setting up centres where they conduct so-called professional help, counselling the bewildered youth, hoping to give them skills by which they can manage themselves in this tumultuous world. Their one serious mistake, by trying to be inclusive, is not obeying this principle that everything rests on mercy and that the God who gives mercy must therefore be recognized as such.

Social media, something that even swept through the supposedly more wise generations, is the cause of the belief that it is only what you see on the surface that matters. Mind-catching statuses, intriguing photos and once in a lifetime opportunities are being posted as the natural state of affairs and when difficulty comes, as it will to everyone in this world, they have no one to turn to, fearing the consequence of being detected as a fraud. They lack the insight to see what principles come into play, most of the time not even being aware that there are certain principles that can guide and direct them. And the worst is that we who are supposedly in a position to help, are also compromised, lacking the wisdom we need to give guidance, due to our own ignorance.

Therefore, Srila Prabhupada, in your foresight,

you knew that this was going to be the state of affairs fifty years after you were present in this world. You therefore painstakingly prepared for the times to come, by writing so many books and making book distribution the main feature of your mission. It is only through your books that mankind will be able to act on the mercy that is always available. The world has a diseased consciousness and the healing process of this consciousness, is devotional service. It is when a devotee hands out a book and when that person is willing to suspend his disbelief for a moment that the healing can begin. Faith will grow, knowledge will increase and the wisdom in the books will become the principles mankind is looking for as guiding factor. Your life had been lived to show the principles in action. If we follow your example of acts of devotion our consciousness will also be purified and we too can reach the state everyone is looking for: A state of having a meaningful loving relationship with devotees, our spiritual master, with you and ultimately with Krishna.

Thank you Srila Prabhupada, for your guiding wisdom, for the mercy we constantly receive through you as our spiritual master. May my amazement at this realization of the importance of book distribution and spreading your wisdom by any means compel me to take up this service for the benefit of mankind, just as you did.

*Your servant,
Tanumadhya dasi*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

THANK YOU for giving us Krishna. Thank you for giving us the temple to go to. Thank you for giving us the deities. Thank you for giving us prasadam. Thank you for giving us our friends a Sunday School.

Thank you for giving us all our family at the temple. Thank you for giving us Krishna book. Thank you for giving us Mummy and Daddy.




Tara Krishna Singh
and Harini Radhe Singh
Johannesburg, South Africa

Hare Krishna Hare Krishna
Krishna Krishna Hare Hare
Hare Rama Hare Rama
Rama Rama Hare Hare

Tara Krishna Singh and Harini Radhe Singh



Taralaksi Dasi, 
Vasudeva Pillay and Arjun Jairaj
Phoenix, Durban
South Africa



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

THE MESSAGE OF GODHEAD which you broadcast all over the world are filled with spiritual power, pouring nectar upon the suffering souls in this material world, ultimately destroying the fear of material existence. You are truly most munificent.

You have bestowed upon us all the greatest boon of the goal of life. In order to deliver the poor conditioned souls, you created a spiritual atmosphere, preaching endlessly purifying the living entities.

Knowledge of Krishna is such a great gift that it is impossible to repay the benefactor. I therefore pray to gain the shade of your divine lotus feet so that I may become worthy to enter the marketplace of the holy name. I simply beg for your mercy. I can only pray that therefore “May I always remain in your shelter”.

*Trying to be the servant of your servants,
Taralaksi Dasi, Vasudeva Pillay and Arjun Jairaj*

Bhaktin Tara -Leigh Sassin 
Stellenbosch
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada
Please accept my most humble obeisances.
All glories to you and your sankirtan movement.

THROUGH THE GRACE of your disciples and grand disciples I’ve had the privilege of meeting you through their hearts, writings and example. How fortunate am I for having come into contact with you? You bless me every single day – even on the days I don’t want your blessings or deserve them. You’ve truly become my best friend and eternal father. I am so thankful for you. Not only have you touched and immensely impacted my life, but I see your work in the lives of every devotee I meet. Truly, there is no one like you.

Srila Prabhupada the way you’ve touched my heart is unimaginable. Not only did you touch it,

but you gave me a heart. You taught me how to love. I can’t imagine a day without you. For you truly are my life and soul. What could I do without you, what would I be without you? Please make me your dog and allow me to serve you? This is my only wish. You are so kind and merciful that you accepted this lowly fallen soul, and even though I don’t deserve to be in your movement, you’ve given me a home in which I can live forever. Please empower me to share with others what you have so freely given me.

*Your eternal servant,
Bhaktin Tara -Leigh Sassin*





Dear Srila Prabhupada,

THANK YOU for your life, a life which has been, and remains to be, an example for your followers. Your life has inconceivably changed the consciousness of many. Life is full of kindness, compassion and love. It is difficult to find words that fully express my gratitude to you. I am not because I do not know English very well. They simply do not exist. To pay my debts to you is impossible.

Dear Srila Prabhupada, I ask you, please accept my service to the Spiritual Master as an offering to you. With great respect and humility, burden to you my most humble obeisances.

*Servant Your Servant,
Taravati Laptii*

 **Taravati Laptii**
Johannesburg
South Africa



Hare Krishna,

AS YOUR HUMBLE DEVOTEE, I kneel down to your worship, please accept my family's gratitude, love, devotion and eternal worship for the path of Krishna consciousness. Jai Srila Prabhupada, thank you for ISKCON. — *Teresa Naidoo*

 **Teresa Naidoo**
Chatsworth
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to you, Srila Prabhupada, on your Vyasa-puja. All glories to all your disciples and all glories to ISKCON.

 **Thakurani Devi Dasi**
Newcastle
South Africa

SRILA PRABHUPADA, you have given us the greatest gift – ISKCON. As a Westerner I am ever so grateful to your movement. I would have been in the clutches of maya otherwise. I am indebted to you for all your endeavours and all the sacrifices that you have given to your fallen, lowly servant, Thakurani.

Thank you so much for giving us ISKCON and your disciples. Although you may not be present in your physical body, you remain present spiritually in your books. You have built a spiritual house in which the whole world can live. This is a great gift to humanity. We are indebted to you, Jagad Guru.

I pray that you may give me your mercy so that

I may chant with no offence, and my sadhana may grow from strength to strength.


I also pray with my heart and soul for the good health of all your disciples so that they may carry out their mission in this material world.

Please, Srila Prabhupada, with the assistance of my Gurudeva, kindly help me with my struggling journey back home, back to Godhead.

Once again, thank you for this most wonderful movement, ISKCON.

*Aspiring to become the servant of the servant,
Thakurani devi dasi*

Bhakta Thando 🙏
Rondebosch, Cape Town
South Africa

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

PRABHUPADA, I don't have a beautifully written offering for you. I'm not really a good writer.

I hope you will accept my insignificant offering.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve your wonderful devotees and Krishna in this lifetime.

Thank you for saving me. I don't feel like I deserve the blessings I've received. I wish to continue serving this wonderful movement.

I hope to develop the ability to reveal my

gratitude for you, who have taken the role of a parent, teacher, leader, inspiration and hero in my life.

You have shown by example what it means to serve one another.

Thank you for being a shining light for humanity.

*Your insignificant servant,
Bhakta Thando*



Tharisha Karshan (5years old) 🙏
Johannesburg
South Africa

 Dear Srila Prabhupada,


SRILA PRABHUPADA when are you coming to see me. I would like to meet you, I miss you and love you so much.

Love,

Tharisha Karshan (5years old)



Thulsi Priya Devi Dasi 🙏
Port Shepstone
South Africa

 To my most beloved Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most humble obeisances at the dust of your divine lotus feet.
All glories to my most beloved Srila Prabhupada on this most auspicious day of your divine appearance.

IT IS DIFFICULT for me to start writing an offering as I struggle to find the words to glorify Your Divine Grace.

It is only through your causeless mercy that we fallen souls have been given the opportunity to associate with the most senior devotees and receive this spiritual nectar.

Thank you for my wonderful spiritual master, His Holiness Giriraj Swami Maharaja and my

spiritual family along with all the other Vaishnavas. It is through them and the grace of Lord Krishna that I have the good fortune of obtaining your causeless mercy. I pray on this most auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja for your mercy so that I will be able to continue to serve all these special devotees. I pray for some of your mercy so that I may render some valuable service to this Krishna consciousness movement.

I sincerely wish I could glorify your divine grace in the manner that would be benefitting but unfortunately I am unqualified to do so. Therefore I humbly present this small offering hoping that I am granted a benediction that I may serve in a way

that is most pleasing to you, Guru, and Gauranga.

*Your most fallen granddaughter,
Thulsi Priya Devi Dasi*



 To Prabhupada,

THANK YOU for allowing this fallen, sinful, degrading soul into your movement, thank you for allowing me to perform service for the pleasure of Sri Lord Krishna and Sri mother Srimathi Radhrani.

I know there are days where I don't see the Lord's mercy and I get angry and frustrated, I know there are days I blame Krsan for my short coming. I know I do perform sinful activities and get angry when my mother tells me to keep chanting.

But somehow by your teachings and mercy I feel closer to the Lord. I know my spiritual life is broken at the moment, so please oh Gurudev please guide me too the path back home, please allow me too always perform service to the Lords benefit no

matter where He decides I must be. Please allow me to always see the Lord mercy in everything.

Please oh gurudev please forgive all my short comings and allow me to always be surrendered to the lotus feet of the Lord, even though I do not desire to be blessed to be by his lotus feet.

Please forgive all my ill thoughts and temperamental thoughts, please allow me to perform service for the betterment of your movement and the Lord.

All glories to you gurudev.

*Your disappointment of a devotee,
Bhakta Thushaur Ashwin Naidoo.
Sandton, South Africa*

 Bhakta Thushaur Ashwin Naidoo
Sandton
South Africa



 Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most respectful obeisances at the dust of your most merciful lotus feet.
All glories to your divine grace.

OH SRILA PRABHUPADA, it is the auspicious occasion of your vyasa puja. How will I be able to fully glorify you for your unlimited compassion, love and mercy with my very limited heart which is lacking in realisation and limited in love?

Just by the touch of your lotus feet alone, you have illuminated this shadow covered place. You have the potency to deliver the whole world, but because of your mercy, you have given us the opportunity to serve you as your instruments and

continue your mission. Although we are deficient in qualification, you have kindly allowed us to enter Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu's pastime. All glories to the sankirtan movement!

I bow down to your lotus feet again and again for I am most grateful to have been caught in the shower of your mercy. But alas, I am just a dull fool and my conception of what you have brought with you from the spiritual world is limited by my conditioned mind. I pray that I may serve your instructions fully

 Tirumala Devi Dasi
Fourways
South Africa

so that your shower of mercy may fully wash away the dust covering my heart. Only then, and if you allow me to, I may realise, understand and appreciate the extent and full potency of the gift that you have freely distributed in its entirety. You have certainly given us more than I can comprehend.

You have shown us the path back to Godhead, yet I have little desire to go there. I am your great-grand disciple. By your mercy, I have a guru and param-guru and so many siksas and gurus whose dedication to serving your every instruction is so inspiring that all I really desire is to have the mercy of the Vaisnavas so that I may serve them in their service

to you for the rest of my life and in all my lives. This is all I desire now. My conception of liberation changed when your dedicated servants opened my eyes to the glories of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu and the beauty of His pastime, which we have the fortune to be in right now. What more can I ask for when I have service to your servants, except to pray for the ability to one day serve you fully, through my service to them?

Humbly praying to one day serve you fully.

*Your great-grand disciple,
Tirumala devi dasi*



Toshani Devi Dasi
Cape Town
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,

I WAS LISTENING to a lecture, about gratitude the statement “look for the rainbow in the clouds” stuck with me.

That no matter what trials and tribulations come our way we find the blessings therein.

Every day I pray that I may have the courage to serve you better. Every day I bow down and thank you for everything you have done. Every one of us live in a house that you paid for with sacrifice and built with love. Therefore, it is my duty and everyone who ‘lives’ here to pay it forward - for generations to come and for all those who are not under the loving embrace of self-realisation.

I have faith that you are with me every day that you love me because only one who loves can give Krishna. I feel your love through your mercy and through your books.

Through all the pain I have experienced I am glad you took away my suffering. Knowing that you are my rainbow I was able to bear the clouds. Clouds also remind me of Krishna so that’s also a blessing.

I have had the fortune of having you take me

by the hand and direct me. Now I have to take what you have given me and share it with as many people I can. Through your mercy I have taken shelter of my spiritual master HH Kadamba Kanana Swami and he has given me the name “Toshani”. He says I should live up to my name. Which means to satisfy Guru, especially you, Srila Prabhupada, to satisfy the devotees and to satisfy the world by spreading Krishna.

This is my constant meditation, to awaken my own love. To learn how to reciprocate that love you have for me. When one is in love we have the ability to do crazy things. Yet I have no love, living within my means, being very cautious, scared to be rejected or insulted, doing all the boring things or normal life.

When will this love awaken for you and for Krishna? When will I be able to talk to the masses, and show them love that you have given?

I pray to remember how much you have done for me, I pray to never take your words, your books lightly. To know that even though love sounds so uncomplicated and simple to not disregard it.

To have the courage to wake up with

enthusiasm and to know that I am living in a house made by Srila Prabhupada and share this protection with everyone I encounter.

My resolutions, is to complete the study of Bhagavad Gita Chapter 9, the most confidential Knowledge. To listen to Srimad Bhagavatam more regularly. To listen to more of your classes. To complete Srimad Bhagavatam. To do something that will make my Guru Maharaja satisfied and in turn

please you too. To remember Krishna and never forget him. To chant with more focus. To fast for the satisfaction of Krishna and to control my mind. Finally I pray for the courage to do this with faith and determination.

*Aiming to be useful. Meditating on your lotus feet,
Toshani devi dasi*



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

THIS LETTER TO YOU is in no way enough to thank you but please accept my offering as I owe everything to you.

My grandmother had read some of your books long before I was born and she was convinced that your teachings and instructions are the only way to live one's material life. It took the rest of us some years to understand why she gave up her ritualistic ways for this absolute truth. I am now much older and have the opportunity to further my spiritual growth via your books, recordings and hear your glories through your many loving disciples. I always think of your journey to the West and the numerous hurdles you faced and conquered through your fixed dedication to your spiritual master and serving his mission. In everything that you did, you took such pride and meticulous care in pleasing Lord Krishna. You are the real-life superhero and your achievements are like the never-ending waves in the ocean. Long after 1977, your books are still being published, new temples are being built, millions

are following your teachings and an international award-winning movie is spreading your glories like never before.

A dear mentor advised me in my most challenging situation to surrender at your lotus feet, to make time to talk to you and never stop believing in you. This advice has brought me closer to you and you have never let me down. We are so fortunate to have many opportunities to connect with you, even now with modern technology we can have your presence in our lives wherever we go. You placed so much emphasis on your books and just reading one page is enough to realise their unlimited value. Unlike the mundane biography or novel, your books are a lifelong treasure chest of knowledge and wisdom readily available to everyone.


I pray that the rest of my life may be spent reading your books and in service to your lotus feet.

*Your servant,
Bhakta Trino*



Bhakta Trino
Durban
South Africa

Trivikrama Dasa, 
Vilasa Manjari Devi Dasi,
Prianca and Sohum
Newcastle
South Africa

 Hare Krishna. Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our humble obeisances at your lotus feet.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

WE ARE VERY FORTUNATE to have this opportunity to write to you on this auspicious day of your appearance.

We are also very blessed and fortunate for having you enter our lives and heart.

We are determined to repay your kindness and belief in us. You set out the example of pure devotion to Lord Krishna and we can only try to humbly follow this example.

Thank for your austere and sacrificial life. Thank you also for your dedication to follow your spiritual master's instruction.


This is very important to us as we can only try and persevere to serve our guru.

We try and engage the children of Newcastle in spiritual activities every Friday at our Gurukul classes, we are very blessed to be engaged in this service.

We pray only to serve at your lotus feet, please grant us this benediction that this may be so.

*Your servants,
Trivikrama das, Vilasa Manjari Devi Dasi,
Prianca and Sohum*

Tulasi Devi Dasi 
Johannesburg
South Africa

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

ON THIS MOST AUSPICIOUS DAY of your Sri Vyasa-puja I pray for your causeless mercy that I may one day be able to render some service unto your lotus feet by somehow assisting you in your mission to fulfil the prophecy of spreading the glories of chanting of the holy names of Krishna in every town and village. I pray for your mercy my dear Srila Prabhupada that I may never leave the lotus feet of your ISKCON movement.


You have given us a window to the Spiritual world and I pray that by your mercy I will never fall off this boat of your mercy with you as the captain.

Thank you Srila Prabhupada for your books, for your perfect example, for your teachings and your instructions. Thank you for all of the ISKCON temples, farming communities, cow protection, food for life and countless more. Thank you Srila Prabhupada for everything.

I remain eternally indebted to Your Divine Grace.

*Your insignificant servant of your servant,
Tulasi devi dasi*

Ujjvala Gopi Devi Dasi 
Middleburg
South Africa

 Hare Krishna my dear most Srila Prabhupada.
Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.
All glorifies to you on this auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja.

I TAKE THE PRIVILEGE today to express my sincere gratitude to Your Divine Grace who showed us the path of Krishna consciousness.

I beg you to forgive me for any offences caused at your lotus feet.

— *Your fallen servant, Ujjvala Gopi devi dasi*



Dearest Jagat Guru, Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most sincere and humble obeisances at your divine lotus feet.



Ujjvala Prema Devi Dasi
Midrand
South Africa

MY HEART IS FILLED with an endless amount of gratitude to you, Srila Prabhupada. You have given us this enormous treasure chest of special Bhakti jewels, that even the jewels of Maya seem dull and worthless. Only by your special mercy, you have given us access to this amazing treasure.

So fortunate are we fallen souls to receive your golden books, this golden maha mantra with golden beads and this golden sankirtan movement of Sri

Gauranga that is flowing like waves of molten gold in every town and village.

Eternally indebted to you, I beg to always serve you, Srila Prabhupada, at your divine golden lotus feet, forever.

*Your loving granddaughter and servant of the servant, of the servant, of the servant,
Ujjvala Prema devi dasi*



My Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
All Glories to Your Divine Grace!
All Glories to Their Lordships Sri Sri Radha Radhanath!



Ujjvala Rasa Dasi
Durban
South Africa

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

THANK YOU dear Srila Prabhupada for building ISKCON, a home in which the whole world can live in. Indeed! It is a privilege to be living among the devotees who live and serve in there! They are your disciples, grand-disciples, great-grand-disciples...

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

"I offer my respectful obeisances unto all the Vaisnava devotees of the Lord. They can fulfil the desires of everyone, just like desire trees, and they are full of compassion for the fallen souls."

It is only by the mercy of the Vaisnava devotees that we may attain the mercy of

Sri Sri Radha-Krishna. It is only in the association of such devotees that we may be able to render

some menial service to Their Lordships in Their various & unlimited forms, for Their pleasure and to purify ourselves.

It is only in the association of Sri Krishna's devotees that we may engage in the following, as stated by Srila Rupa Goswami in The Nectar of Instruction (text 4):

*dadati pratigrhnati
guhyam akhyati prcchati
bhunkte bhojayate caiva
sad-vidham priti-laksanam*

"Offering gifts in charity, accepting charitable gifts, revealing one's mind in confidence, inquiring confidentially, accepting prasadam and offering prasadam are the six symptoms of love shared by one devotee and another."

Thank you for Bhagavad Gita As It Is, from

which I took a valuable lesson in text 2.13:

*dehino 'smin yatha dehe
kaumaram yauvanam jara
tatha dehantara-praptir
dhiras tatra na muhyati*

“As the embodied soul continuously passes, in this body, from boyhood to youth to old age, the soul similarly passes into another body at death. A sober person is not bewildered by such a change.”

On 11th April 2018, my father passed away. Having gained knowledge under the tutorage of exemplary devotee teachers made it easier to accept the death of a loved one. The association of various devotees gave me strength while I performed the last rites for my dear father. Indeed! On this very auspicious day, 12th June 2018, during the most auspicious period of Purushottama Maas, my siksha-guru Mother Roshnee has gifted me a Srimad

Bhagavatam set! The Vaisnava devotee is indeed very merciful and I am very grateful.

Thank You Srila Prabhupada for creating my good fortune by allowing me to be associated with all these wonderful souls who are very dear to You and indeed very dear to Srimati Radharani and Sri Krishna! Thank You for the mercy that you bestow upon me, even though I am useless, undeserving and unqualified. I humbly beg you to keep me at the shelter of your lotus feet eternally.

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

*Your humble servant of your servant,
Your grand-daughter,
Ujjvala Rasa dasi*



Upananda Dasa
Midrand
South Africa



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

YOU LEFT INDIA at a very advanced age to distribute the message of Lord Caitanya. You experienced and tolerated many difficulties purely out of your compassion for us, the suffering conditioned living entities. I am very grateful to have come in contact with your ISKCON and thus take advantage of this

priceless gift. I have no way to repay you. Thank you very much.

*Your aspiring servant,
Upananda das*



Urukrama Dasa
and Jalangi Dasi (HHPSDG)
Durban, South Africa



Your Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada.
All Glories to your Lotus Feet.

ON THIS OCCASION of your Vyasa-puja, please accept our heartfelt gratitude. We have shelter in ISKCON due to you. Otherwise what would we do? Thank

you for all the sacrifices you made for us to be able to practice Krishna consciousness, even without real qualification. We are grateful for your books.

They are a source of solace. We can never really pay the debt of gratitude we owe to you. Only in some minor form can we try to devotees if the Lord. Thank you for your many disciples who make up the guru-vrind. We are most fortunate to have their guidance

and association.

*Hoping to please you someday,
Your servants,
Urukrama das and Jalangi dasi (HHPSDG)*



My dear Srila Prabhupada,

I, USHAKUMARI MAKAN, am grateful to His Divine Grace for making my family, Suresh Makan, Rishikumar and Prahlad pull the ropes of mercy of Lord Jagannath at your Rath Yatra festival, to be among so many Brahmans who yearn eternally to serve you.

I am eternally grateful to have the mercy of your humble devotee, His honorary Sri Shymlal guru (our siksa guru) who guided my family for 26 years of my marriage life who step by step taught my family how to love, serve worship and chant lovingly to Sri Krishna, Gauranga and Sri Jagannath, Balabadra and Subadra.

His Divine Grace brought transcendental knowledge from the absolute world to so many souls of different race, color, creed and age to awaken our dormant love for Sri Krishna by practically teaching us how to chant, sing, dance and cook for Lord Sri Krishna, thereby spiritualizing our actions.

Thank you for engaging us with mind, body and soul to serve disciplic succession and Sri Hari.

*From a simple servant,
Usha*



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most respectful obeisances
at the dust of your divine lotus feet.

IN MANY OF YOUR LECTURES you refer to materialist people as cats and dogs, asses and hogs. I regretfully admit that I lived that same life of asses and hogs. I was saved from that life when I came to your ISKCON. I fearfully look back at that life and think what would have happened to us had you not come into this world.

On this most blessed day of your appearance I feel so inadequate to thank you and glorify you. Your activities were beyond this material world. You showed extraordinary compassion towards all living entities. The sacrifices you went through

undoubtedly makes you the most sincere well-wisher of everyone.

Srila Prabhupada the translation of Vedic literature into English is the greatest gift that westerners have ever received. Your purports are unique. The clarity, logic and knowledge of your purports is astounding. Whenever I am down or depressed, I just have to read your books and once again feel revived.

Srila Prabhupada I want to thank you most for giving me the best spiritual master, HH. Lokanath Swami. Taking shelter at the lotus feet of my



Usha
Centurion
South Africa



Vairagya Murthi Das
Durban
South Africa

spiritual master is non-different from taking shelter
at your lotus feet, Srila Prabhupada.

Srila Prabhupada please bless me to be sincere
and faithful in serving you and my spiritual master.

*A deeply fallen soul thanking you,
Vairagya Murthi Das*



Vaisnava Priya Dasi 🌸
Durban
South Africa

A MESSENGER HE SENT

Arriving early one morning in Calcutta
A heart full of compassion, you boarded the Jaladutta
Headed to where materialism had reached its' peak
And change the destiny of those who chose to seek
To save the world from hellish descent
Srila Prabhupada, you are the Messenger He sent...
Armed with power of the Holy Name
Lord Caitanya's Message, you bring to fame
Your soldiers are from all works of life
Frustrated they are with the material plight
Your books to bring about a dynamic change
Kali's plans are sure to disarrange
To save the world from hellish descent
Srila Prabhupada, you are the Messenger He sent...
You worked tirelessly day and night
To make the fallen souls see the light
So dynamic is your preaching
That every town and village it is reaching
To save the world from hellish descent
Srila Prabhupada, you are the Messenger He sent...
I thank you from the bottom of my heart
For all the knowledge, you are able to impart
There is none so compassionate like you,
To make Lord Caitanya's prophecy come true
To save the world from hellish descent
Srila Prabhupada, you are the Messenger He sent...

*Thank you Srila Prabhupada.
Vaisnava Priya dasi*









Our dearest Grandfather, Srila Prabhupada,

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

ON BEHALF OF our family, thank you for giving us shelter in your beautiful ISKCON. Thank you for building a home that the whole world can live in. Thank you for welcoming everyone in your home. Thank you for your compassion, love and understanding. Thank you for your acceptance, and most importantly thank you for not judging anyone. Thank you for educating us about our real purpose in life.

We are so imperfect and so undeserving of your love, yet you still love us so much.

Thank you for sharing your knowledge with the world in the form of your powerful books. Thank you for teaching us on how to love Krishna. Thank you giving us prasada. Thank you for teaching us about the potency of maha prasada. Thank you for the maha mantra. Thank you for showing us how to glorify the Supreme Personality of Godhead. Thank you for giving us kirtan.

Thank you for blessing us with a merciful

guru, who is also your son, Bhakti Caitanya Swami. He reminds us so much of you, as he follows your example and teaches us everything that you have taught him. Please continue to take care of him as he spreads Krishna Consciousness throughout the world. We love him so much, Srila Prabhupada. We have been given this very rare opportunity to be linked to the disciplic succession, and it is all because of you. So thank you, thank you, thank you infinity.

Begging to always remain in the association of Lord Krishna's devotees. Begging to remain at your lotus feet always and forever. We love you, granddad.

*Your servants and granddisciples,
Tosan Krishna Dasa, Radha Bhakti Devi Dasi,
Vaisnavi Carana Devi Dasi, Krishna Caitanya Dasa
and Patita Pavana Nitai Dasa*



Tosan Krishna Dasa,
Radha Bhakti Devi Dasi,
Vaisnavi Carana Devi Dasi,
Krishna Caitanya Dasa
and Patita Pavana Nitai Dasa
Johannesburg, South Africa



To my dear Srila Prabhupada,


I OFFER MY HUMBLE OBEISENCES at your lotus feet. You have made me a devotee of Lord Krishna. Thank You for giving us this wonderful maha mantra. You are the best great granddad anyone could ever have.

*From your humble servant and grandchild, forever,
Vaisnavi Mistry (8 years old)*



Vaisnavi Mistry (8)
Midrand
South Africa



Premanjana, Vamsi Gita, 
Bhaktilata & Vibhavari
Durban, South Africa



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

THE WORD GURU commonly means ‘the Teacher’. But in sanskrit, the word Guru has a deeper significance. It comes from two sankrit roots – ‘Gu’ which means darkness and ‘Ru’ which means light or the remover of darkness. So the word Guru can be roughly translated as the remover of darkness. Guru is the one who takes us from darkness to light and from ignorance to knowledge.

In life we have many teachers. As we grow up, we learn from our mother, our father, friends and our teachers at school....to date You Srila Prabhupada have been the best teacher any student could ask for....

You have thought us how to love unconditionally...love our dear Gurudev, a blessing from you...who lives only to please you by preaching to your word....

You have thought us how to worship...doing daily puja...all the lovely festivals and amazing Ratha Yatras.

You have thought us how to glorify the Lord through amazing kirtans and bhajans...we may not sing like Gandarva’s but you teach us that if we sing from the heart the Lord is pleased.

You have thought us about Lord Krishna’s

amazing pastimes...Krishna book, Srimad Bhagavatam, Caitanya Caritamrita...we would have not known such treasure if you did not so tirelessly translate them for us....

You have thought us that we do not to kill to please our hunger.... a whole new world of vegetarianism with sumptuous prasadam and Food for Life...

You have thought us that we need to perfect this lifetime by remembering Lord Krishna and doing service so we can go back home.... our family is trying to be good students...we are facing test everyday....

Maya is strong but you our dear Guru is stronger....the greatest test will be the day when we reach the spiritual world and you take us by the hand and personally introduce us to Lord Krishna....

Aspiring to meet you...

Aspiring to please you...

Aspiring to preach and make everyone live in this house you built...ISKCON.

*Your aspiring servants,
Premanjana, Vamsi Gita,
Bhaktilata & Vibhavari*



Vanmali Dasa and 
Ananda Chandrika Devi Dasi
Verulam, South Africa



My Dearest Srila Prabhupada.
Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet
on this most blessed event of your divine appearance.

I AM GRATEFUL to you for providing us with the knowledge of Krishna consciousness and for guiding us back to the spiritual world. Thank you for enduring all hardships to help awaken our Krishna consciousness. Thank you for affording us your association through your books which were very dear to you - a form of nourishment for our souls.

Srila Prabhupada on this occasion of your Vyasa Puja, I humbly beg you to allow me to always remain under the shelter of your lotus feet.

Vanmali das and Ananda Chandrika Devi Dasi





Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
All glories to Sri Sri Radha Madhava. All glories to Radha ShyamaSundara. All glories Gauranga!
Please accept our humble obeisances. All glories to you and your divine lotus feet.



Varsha, Damodara Priya,
and Dhanishtha
Johannesburg, South Africa

THANK YOU for the all the sacrifices you have made to give us the opportunity to learn about pure love of Godhead, how to serve and love unconditionally.

We are so fortunate to be in Krishna Consciousness, associate with your wonderful devotees and have the opportunity to serve devotees by your grace.

Please allow us to be your instrument and help us spread Krishna Consciousness, distribute your wonderful books and prasadam.

Without your guidance and teachings, we would be lost in the material way of life and will be serving maya. We beg at your lotus feet to please always help us fight the influences of maya.

Srila Prabhupada, we will always stay indebted to you. We pray that we can somehow make spiritual advancement so that you can be proud of us.

*We will always stay your humble servants,
Varsha, Damodara Priya, and Dhanishtha*



My Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most humble obeisances at the dust of your divine lotus feet.
All Glories to Sri Sri Radhanath! All Glories to you Srila Prabhupada!



Varuni Dasi, Suddha Sattva Dasi
and Sucharya Das
Durban, South Africa

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

ALTHOUGH I WAS SPIRITUALLY INCLINED, never in all my dreams did I think that I would take to such an exalted movement, the very best in fact, ISKCON! It is truly by your grace, Srila Prabhupada, that my family and I have been bestowed this great fortune and unlimited mercy.

After completing the Disciples Course, I sincerely appreciate you even more, as our param-guru. You have an extremely special place in our hearts that no one can replace. I whole-heartedly worship you with utmost devotion. I have reached a stage in my life where nothing else matters more than you, Srila Prabhupada, your illustrious son and Lord Krishna. Please always engage me in devotional service. As it is said that devotional service can in fact be attained

only through the mercy of a pure devotee.

From the beginning of this year, it has been a very painful and trying time for my family and I, as my mum and dad took ill at the same time. Their devotional service in the Deity Department was interrupted due to their severe illness. By your mercy they still take shelter of the holy names at home. Kindly bless them to recover quickly and again become actively engaged in devotional service.

We are eternally grateful to you, dear Srila Prabhupada.

*Your servants of your servant and your grateful
grand-daughter,
Varuni Dasi, Suddha Sattva Dasi and Sucharya Das*



Vasu Ghosh Dasi
Lenasia ISKCON Temple
South Africa



Dear Jagad Guru, Srila Prabhupada,
All glories to you.

I AM VERY GRATEFUL to you for giving us Krishna Consciousness. You have dedicated your life in spreading this most magnanimous philosophy of Krishna consciousness. You have toiled and endeavored so hard with so much obstacles on your path to spread the message of Lord Caitanya.

Please bless and guide me in serving Your ISKCON. Please make me humble so that I may serve all the Vaishnavas.

*Your humble servant,
Vasu Ghosh das*



Vasudev Dasa and Devaki Devi Dasi
Pretoria East
South Africa



Our dearest Srila Prabhupada,

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

THANK YOU for your appearance on this planet. Thank you for the Hare Krishna movement. Thank you for building a home in which the entire world can live in. Thank you for your wonderful disciples and grand disciples. Thank you for the antidote you have prescribed to deal with and survive in this material world. Thank you for allowing us to be a part of your movement. You have saved us in so many ways. A million thank yous to you, Srila Prabhupada. On this auspicious day of your vyasa-puja we are promising you that we will do everything in our capacity to further your movement and also to remain loyal and indebted to you.

*yadyad acarati sresthas
tat tad evataro janah
sa yat pranamam kurute
lokas tad anuvartate*

“Whatever actions are performed by a great man, common men follow in his footsteps. Whatever actions he sets by exemplary acts, the entire world pursues.”

All glories to you, Srila Prabhupada.

*Your most useless grand disciples,
Vasudev das and Devaki devi dasi*





My Dear Gurudev, Please accept my most humble obeisances.
All glories to Their Lordships Lord Jagannath, Lord Baladeva and Lady Subhadra
All glories to Sri Sri Nitai Gaurasundara. All glories to your Divine Grace.


 Vasudha Devi Dasi
Durban
South Africa

WORDS CANNOT DESCRIBE how grateful I am to you for bringing Krishna into my life. I never heard of Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu. After reading your books I came to know that he is Krishna. I am forever indebted to you.

*Your eternal servant,
Vasudha devi dasi*



All Glories to Srila Prabupada.
I offer my humble obeisances unto your lotus feet.
My dear jagat guru.

 Veena Naidoo
Durban
South Africa

I AM SO GRATEFUL that I have come in contact with your books and movement because if it was not for you, where would I and the millions of souls be today? You have kindly built a home in which the entire world can live.

My dear guru, from a young girl I was in contact with your great movement but to my dismay I fell down that path. If there is one thing that I learnt from this experience is that even if you fall down, if one has the taste for the holy name, it may take many, many years but one will come back. Despite many hardships and obstacles, you brought me back to your movement. My dear guru I do not know how to thank you because every single day you pick me up and do not allow me to fall into the trap of maya. I am still a fallen soul and I beg you to make me a devotee. You made it possible for me to come back into your movement but when will I chant purely and love my Lordships unconditionally? You have shown me that even a non-devotee who never uttered the holy name could receive your mercy at the time of death. You saw my tears fall and assured

me that all will be okay. You gave me the strength to fight the battles of this material world. You made me realise that this material world is nothing but just the five elements. Oh, my dear guru, save me, save me, save me. Save me! My heart is yearning and crying for my Lordships. I need your mercy.

Although I have not met you in person, you are living in your books which is a great inspiration. In your books every question one has is answered. You have gone through so many hardships to teach us Krishna consciousness. From a small storefront in America, you now have the whole world following. You converted the hippies to dancing white elephants and your work is so splendid that they are ensuring your wishes and desires are fulfilled.

My Dear Srila Prabupada I pray that ISKCON continues to thrive. Nothing and no one can destroy this movement because it is founded by you who is pure, devoted and meant to save this world.

*Your ever well-wisher,
Veena Naidoo*



Veronica Panday 🌸
Durban
South Africa



Haribol my dear Jagad Guru Srila Prabhupada,

THANK YOU, thank you, from the deepest part of my soul. Life will be a huge misery and pain.

You have made this Age of Kali Yuga, bearable to me and countless other souls. You have given us the Holy Name, you have given us numerous books of yours, which you so patiently, sincerely and lovingly translated.

Whenever, I feel down, I chant the maha mantra, and feel ecstatic again. Life is one huge,

challenge and one huge race, but you my dear Jagad Guru Srila Prabhupada, have made our lives peaceful and sublime

I am eternally grateful to You Srila Prabhupada. Thank you.

*Your most fallen servant,
Veronica Panday*

Vijaya Baladeva Dasa 🌸
and Sita Carana Devi Dasi
Johannesburg, South Africa



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



AT THIS MOST AUSPICIOUS MOMENT when we commemorate your entering into your earthly pastime, we would like to thank you deeply from within our hearts for all the benedictions and gifts you have given to all of us. Generations of devotees have been benefiting from your enormous sacrifice to bring Krishna consciousness outside of Vrindavan and many generations after will be able to take part in the International Society of Krishna Consciousness and learn how to love the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Lord Sri Krishna. Although many times we tend to take things for granted, time and again we are reminded of how difficult it was for you and your first followers to establish this movement and build up such a strong infrastructure. Recently, we've been reading a little bit from the Siksamrita, a compilation of your instructions to various disciples written in your letters to them. It's amazing to see how broad your vision was from the very beginning of the movement. As early as few years after establishing ISKCON, you were already encouraging your students to start a Varnashrama college, to engage in political rallies and present our philosophy as a political campaign, you encouraged every disciple

to study your books and get a Bhaktivedanta degree and start accepting their own disciples. Also we've been listening to some of the memoirs of you in the Following Srila Prabhupada Series, truly moved by the way you dealt with everyone, you could be as soft as butter but also hard as a thunderbolt, but all that just for the sake of spreading Krishna consciousness far and wide. You are the true lover of Sri Sri Radha Krishna.

We thank you again and again and we pray that we can always stay engaged in your service. It is said that on one's birthday, a great personality is more inclined to give benedictions to others. We would therefore humbly request Your Divine Grace to kindly give us this benediction of always staying connected to Your Lotus Feet via the medium of your direct disciples and to always feel grateful for what you have given to us and also feel obliged to try to repay you for all that, by serving your mission to our best abilities and by helping others to get more involved too. Thank you very much for everything

*Your eternal servants,
Vijaya Baladeva das and Sita Carana devi dasi*



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisance.

 Vilo
Umhlanga
South Africa

THANK YOU most sincerely for so compassionately throwing us a lifeline, without which we would not make sense of, or survive, this age of Kali.

You toiled so hard to take something so vast like the Vedic scriptures, and make it simple for us to appreciate and to be able to practice with the

simple and powerful knowledge that love for the Lord and the expression thereof is the greatest clue to unshackling this ever tightening bondage of material existence. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Vilo



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

 Vinutha Pillai
Johannesburg
South Africa

EVER SINCE I came to Krishna consciousness, there has been many reasons to be grateful. I owe all that gratitude to you Srila Prabhupada.

Kindly bless me and my family. I pray to you to always keep us in the association of devotees and to always remain closely associated to Krishna

consciousness and to be in the world you created for us your ISKCON. Thank you Srila Prabhupada for everything that you have done for me and the world.

*Your aspiring servant,
Vinutha Pillai*



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

 Virabhadra Das
Hammarisdale
South Africa

WHO CAN ATTEMPT to describe your mercy and compassion upon the entire world. You have spread the holy names of Lord Krishna all over the world and created the good fortune of the fallen souls in this blazing fire of material existence. Certainly, you have fulfilled the prophecy of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu that Krishna's names will be sung in every town and village.

In the Sri Caitanya Caritamrta (Adi 5.208), Lord Nityananda is described as follows:

"Because He is intoxicated by ecstatic love and is an incarnation of mercy, He does not distinguish between the good and the bad."

Srila Prabhupada, this verse also describes you

as well. Out of your causeless mercy you have given Krishna consciousness to the entire world without discrimination to the good and the bad. By your love and guidance, you transformed your followers into stalwart devotees who are following in your footsteps.

Srila Prabhupada, by your causeless I now have the great fortune of chanting Krishna's names and make my way back Home. Thank you Srila Prabhupada.

*Your great grandson,
Virabhadra Das*

Virachandra Das, 
Keli-Kunja Dasi
and Subhadra
Durban,
South Africa



Our Dearest Srila Prabhupada.
Please accept our humble obeisances.
All glories to Your Divine Grace on this most auspicious day of your vyasa puja.

WITH DEEP APPRECIATION and humbled by your extraordinary example of spiritual quality and authenticity, we cannot find words to express our gratitude for your austere and sacrificial life to save us, such fallen souls who are always struggling in the realm of Maya.

We feel privileged and fortunate to be at the shelter of your lotus feet.

Krishna says in Srimad Bhagavatam (10.80.34)
I, the Soul of all beings, am not as satisfied by

ritual worship, brahminical initiation, penances or self-discipline as I am by faithful service rendered to one's spiritual master. We pray that by your mercy we can find some steadiness in spiritual life and advance in devotional service.

Thank you.

*Your eternal servants,
Virachandra Das, Keli-Kunja Dasi and Subhadra*



Virbadhra Dasa & 
Mani Manjari Devi Dasi
Durban
South Africa



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

WE ARE MOST UNQUALIFIED to glorify you on this most auspicious day. We are unable to repay this debt we have incurred, you have given us and many million souls a second chance. Out of love and compassion you appeared on this planet to stop us from birth and death. We are trying our utmost to maintain our chanting and glorifying our supreme lord. Words cannot describe our gratitude to you for giving us this knowledge. Everything we have is due to your mercy. Please help us to serve your mission with

humility. Help us to regain our original position as eternal servants of our supreme father.

Please give us the intelligence to understand that we do not own anything on this planet and we should stop exploiting this material planet for our sense gratification.

*Your most fallen servants,
Virbadhra das Mani Manjari dd*



Visha Parag 
Ladysmith
South Africa



Hare Krishna my very dear Grandfather
Please accept my humble obeisance.
All glories to you Srila Prabhupada.

YOU ARE A SAVIOUR to so many fallen souls. You have made us realize who our beloved Lord Krishna is.

You have sacrificed your health and went to the west to save so many fallen souls. On a personal

experience, my dear Grandfather, you have helped me in so many ways. You helped me by giving us ISKCON.

By chanting the Lord's name daily, you are

helping me become a humble and tolerant person. I have been chastised by family and friends but my love for the movement is so strong.

We have done the Guru and disciple course by His Grace Swarup Damodar Das earlier this year. I am honoured to be a part of ISKCON. My love and respect has grown more for the movement my dear Grandfather.

I will try and make you proud by becoming a good and sincere devotee of ISKCON.

Thank you. Hare Krishna. My only regret is not meeting you.

*Your servant,
Visha Parag*



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

 Vishaka Devi Dasi
Lenasia
South Africa

I, **VISHAKA DEVI DASI**, age 74, serving at Sri Sri Nitai Gaura Hari Mandir in Lenasia, is completely indebted to you. I was totally lost with the struggles of life. I prayed to God not knowing who He really was and He sent you Srila Prabhupada to save me and my beautiful five children who have also taken your shelter.

Our gurus speak of 1966 to 1977 as being magical years. There are enough DVD's and books to show

us how you made your disciples into such empowered preachers. Now your disciples and grand disciples take your movement to higher and higher levels.

I thank Krishna for my good fortune and thank you Srila Prabhupada for everything. I have full faith that you will always be saving me.

*Your insignificant servant,
Vishaka devi dasi*



My dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.

 Vishek Deeplal
Tongaat, Durban
South Africa

All glories to you for establishing ISKCON throughout the world, the most beautiful movement and our only means of escaping from this material existence. I am most fortunate to be a part of ISKCON and I pray to you for your blessing and permission to receive the mercy of the Supreme Personality of Godhead.

Thank you very much for all you have done for ISKCON and the world in need. All glories to you, dear Srila Prabhupada.

*Your servant,
Vishek Deeplal*





Dearest Srila Prabhupada, please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to Your Divine Grace on this wonderful occasion marking your
voluntary appearance into this mortal world to save us fallen fools.

AMBASSADOR OF THE SPIRITUAL WORLD is how you are sometimes described. I've also used this phrase sometimes without really thinking about it. On this occasion I've tried to think about it a little deeper than just words being uttered without understanding.

When someone is an ambassador from one

- The ambassador brings the culture and knowledge of his country to this foreign land or host country.
- He encourages foreigners to visit, stay or work in his home country.
- He promotes that home country to the best of his ability by encouraging investment into that home country.
- He also represents the interests of the citizens of his home country in that foreign land.
- He often gives up comfort, family and familiar things to represent his home country in that foreign land.

With this thoughtful approach, when one thinks of you as an ambassador of the spiritual world, we can see why one could address you as such:

- You brought with you the culture and knowledge of the spiritual world. You shared all of this through your voluminous books, talks, articles, instructions and most importantly through your perfect example. In this way you are the perfect Acharya and perfectly represent the spiritual world amongst us.
- At every opportunity you got, from the time you were in India before leaving for the West, to the very first time you landed on American

If one has to consider the impact of your ISKCON in this way, it will astound the most skeptical of skeptics. You stabbed maya in the heart, by

country to another, what does that mean? What does he do, and what is the engagement of the ambassador?

The following could be seen as some common aspects of ambassadors of a country operating embassies in a foreign land:

- soil, right up to the last breath you took into your transcendental body, you always encouraged everyone you met to chant the Holy Names, or you spoke about the glories of our Supreme Father and His transcendental world. In this way you always connected everyone you met with the spiritual world.
- You always lived in the spiritual world, even while mixing with ordinary people, doing apparently ordinary things. You never for a moment left the spiritual world.
- Unlike the citizens of the foreign land voluntarily visiting its embassy to take care of travel papers and other necessary duties, the citizens of the spiritual world are so much enjoying their sojourn in this material existence, this foreign land, they do not want to recognize the existence of the spiritual world, what to speak of visiting the embassies representing It here. You did what no one was ever capable of doing before – you started a worldwide spiritual revolution based on the principles – uncompromised principles – of pure love for God. In this way you attract all the living beings back to their real home, back to the spiritual world.

taking her on in the very centre stage of her world, in New York City. You then went about your business of setting up your embassies to start enrolment of

all citizens – throughout the planet – not just people of Indian origin. You travelled to the people, not waiting for them to come to you. You attracted them to the embassies, then maintained them, and continue to maintain them even after your departure from this world.

When I think of you now as an ambassador of the spiritual world, it becomes clear to me that you are indeed the ambassador of the spiritual world, not just another ambassador. There is no one else

who can replace or replicate what you've done for us all.

May you always let me be sheltered in your embassy while I remain on this earthly plane and until I get back to our rightful place, our real home.

All glories to you jagat guru Srila Prabhupada.

*Your aspiring servant,
Visvambhara dasa*



Hare Krishna Srila Prabhupad,
Please accept my humble obeisances
and this small offering.

I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE this opportunity to express my gratitude to you for the massive sacrifices so that I could have an opportunity to save myself from the dangers of material bondage. I need to now take Krishna consciousness much more seriously otherwise it does not befit me of being associated with you and your divinity.

Thank you for so much, I am not the same person verses five years ago due to you and your teachings. Hare Krishna.

Bhakta Vivek Hargovan



Bhakta Vivek Hargovan
Midrand
South Africa



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



Vraja Priya Devi Dasi
and Revati Devi Dasi
Durban, South Africa

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

ON THIS MOST JOYOUS OCCASION of your Vyasa-puja celebration we are privileged to be given the opportunity to express our gratitude to Your Divine Grace, the benefactor of all human society. Although we are unqualified we take this opportunity to declare our indebtedness to Your Divine Grace.

We bow down at your lotus feet for the unalloyed mercy and kindness you have so graciously

bestowed upon us. Please dearest, Srila Prabhupada help us to become more enthusiastic in our effort to serve at the lotus feet of the servant of your servants.

With your guidance, assistance and mercy Srila Prabhupada, we promise to continue serving your mission to the best of our ability.

Thank you for allowing us to be engaged in transcendental service and thank you for bringing


Krishna Consciousness to us and the whole world. We would like to express of indebtedness to you dear Srila Prabhupada for saving us and allowing us to always be able to associate with you.

We are most unqualified to ask for anything

of Your Divine Grace but we pray for your causeless mercy.

*Your insignificant servants begging
for the dust of your lotus feet,
Vraja Priya devi dasi and Revati devi dasi*



Vraja Vilasini Devi Dasi (BCais) 
Cape Town
South Africa



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

*mukam karoti vacalam
panghum langhyate girim
yat krpa tam aham vande
sri guru dina tarinam*

I OFFER MY RESPECTFUL OBEISANCES unto my spiritual master, who turns the dumb into eloquent speakers and enables the lame to cross mountains.

11 years ago you mercifully coming into our lives in your life-size form – your presence is spiritually electrifying. It has been my greatest good fortune to serve you and be involved your Vyasa-puja planning for all these years. Each year, on the morning of your appearance, I thank you for my great fortune that I have in serving you so personally. I have so many shortcomings (as you well know) yet you have mercifully tolerated me – you have also purified me, but with so much love.

Srila Prabhupada, even today, you are transforming me from the position of a fallen rascal to at least the human platform. You are giving all of yourself to handhold me on this journey. Your mercy, love and compassion are unlimited. If only I could just seriously follow your instructions, I would be able to make advancement in leaps and bounds. Instead, I am complacent and careless. So on this day, when your mercy is more freely available, I pray to remain attentive and devoted to you, life after life.

Your dedication, surrender and pure love to

your Guru Maharaja and to Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu constantly inspire me, especially in times of difficulty. You had so many transcendental challenges, yet the few and minor ones I experience seem like my world is ending.

“I am by nature the eternal servant of Krishna, but because of my misfortune I have been inimical toward Him from time immemorial. Therefore, I have identified myself with my body and wandered continuously in the cycle of birth and death in the material world, suffering the burning, threefold miseries. Now as a result of some unimaginable good fortune, my spiritual master’s mercy has enabled me to know that I am Krishna’s eternal servant, an individual spiritual being, completely apart from the gross and subtle body. So by the order of my spiritual master I have obtained the good fortune of serving his lotus feet and, following in his footsteps, the lotus feet of Shri Caitanya Mahaprabhu and Sri Sri Nitai Mayapurcandra.”

Daily we recite this and yet I still do not really understand how absolutely fortunate I am! It is by your mercy alone, that I have this good fortune for which I will remain forever indebted to you.

By your mercy, we are blessed with a sweet Vaisnavi child. Krishangi is now 8 years old and is devoted to you – she has her own tiny murti of you. For the past 3 years, she diligently does Guru puja each morning before going to school. I pray that she remain forever your servant.

Praying to remain always in your service life after life.

Your servant,
Vraja Vilasini devi dasi (BCais)



Dear Srila Prabhupada,



Vrajabasi Dasa
East London
South Africa

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

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

THE WORLD AROUND US is rapidly changing. Some changes are good and some changes are bad. The world has made great scientific and technological advances. People are more connected and information is freely available. Material comforts have improved. Yet with all these advances, people are becoming more unhappy and many are beginning to realize that material freedom and material prosperity do not equal happiness.

And in trying to fill this unhappy void, many intelligent and sometimes unscrupulous people are formulating newer philosophies. All of these philosophies speak in a flowery language. People are being told to give up their cultures because they are a set of self-limiting beliefs. They are told to embrace globalization, which represents unity and oneness – a sort of cultural uniformity. But on closer scrutiny, this globalization philosophy is nothing but a subtle form of material culturalization. People are essentially being told to give up their sense of individuality and personhood. The flowery nature of these philosophies they make them very attractive.

Srila Prabhupada, atheism, voidism and

impersonalism are on the rise. Personhood philosophies are quickly seen as primitive and unsophisticated.

You write in your purport to BG 4.10: “Being embarrassed by so many theories and by contradictions of various types of philosophical speculation, they become disgusted or angry and foolishly conclude that there is no supreme cause and that everything is ultimately void. Such people are in a diseased condition of life.”

We, your loyal followers and members of ISKCON, still have a lot of work to do. The world is crying out for your wisdom, love and leadership Srila Prabhupada, and as your loyal followers and members of ISKCON, we still have a lot of work to do. Your desire was that the Supreme Lord Krishna, service to Krishna and His devotees and the chanting of the Holy Name be preached as the ultimate goal of life. You had made it your mission to confront and dismantle mayavada philosophy with all of its permutations.

Please continue to guide us, your followers, to follow in your footsteps and help fulfill your mission.

Absolute is sentient
Thou hast proved.
Impersonal calamity
Thou hast moved.
This gives us a life
Anew and fresh.
Worship thy feet
Your Divine Grace.
– ACBSP

Your Servant
Vrajabasi Dasa



Vrajaraja Dasa 🌸
Vrajarani Devi Dasi,
Vrajakishore Dasa,
Radhakunda seva Dasi Salome,
Meliss, Nirvana, Prabha
and the Chetty family
Durban, South Africa



All glories to Sri Sri Radha Radhanatha.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.
My love dear Srila Prabhupada.

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

ON THIS AUSPICIOUS DAY of your Vyasa-puja celebration, I offer my dandavat to the dust of your lotus feet. Lord Krishna says that one should approach a bonafide spiritual master for becoming self-realized. It is all because of the unlimited compassion that you had over a fallen conditioned soul like me. I took one step towards you and you took 100 steps towards me and helped me come out of my difficulties. Sometimes I feel, “I don’t deserve this special mercy”. Now that I am trapped by your mercy, I pray at to the dust of your lotus feet, that I become a good instrument in your hands and become a sold out slave of your Divine Grace. Your mercy is most important to me “How can I understand Krishna without your blessings and guidance? You always stress about “Pure Devotional Service” and that sound vibration has imprinted in my heart. It is now my duty to strive for pure devotion and serve you in your mission of spreading the message of Lord Krishna.

My dear Srila Prabhupada...On this most auspicious day of your appearance I wish to express my gratitude to you for saving my life.

My material live was completely changed by you mercy in the form of books, devotee association, temples and the holy dham. I cannot even remember all the mercy you poured into my life. Listening to your lectures every day, I am inspired more and more.

Dear Srila Prabhupada even today I see your mercy spread in my immediate and extended family members by making them all become devotees. Thank you dear Srila Prabhupada for giving me hope, faith and determination to please guru and Krishna.

This Purusorttama maas I did some austerity and every day listened to Bhaki Rasamrita Sindhu, trying to realize the importance of loving Krishna and doing devotional service in that mood following the residence of Vraja.


I know that I am hopeless but I have hope and faith that one day by the grace of Radha, Radhanatha, Nitai Gaurahari, Srila Prabhupada, guru parampara and all the Vaisnava devotees of the Lord that I will have taste for the holy name, form and lila of Radha Madava.

Thank you dear Srila Prabhupada.

*Your most insignificant servant of servants
Vrajaraja das, Vrajarani devi dasi, Vrajakishore das,
Radhakunda seva dasi, Salome, Meliss, Nirvana,
Prabha, and the Chetty family.*



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances to you,
my eternal hero and grandfather.

 Vrajesvari Devi Dasi
Johannesburg
South Africa

GRANDPARENTS HAVE A TENDENCY to keep families together, bound forever by the love that they share for each other but more so by the love they share for their grandparents.

When so many people love the same person, together they can do anything for that person.

In this way Srila Prabhupada you have created and continue to keep this amazing family together as we share our love for you.

I pray that you please continue to shower us all with your causeless mercy more and more so that we may have the strength to accomplish the most amazing things for you and your ISKCON.

I dream of huge amazing temples which become sought out by people in this way attracting them to come so they may be showered by the causeless mercy of the Lord. These temples should be our tribute to you Srila Prabhupada, for everything you have given us. In just 10 years you were able to establish more than 100 temples, so I pray that in this life I am able to assist with even just one.

Please empower our generation to preach and attract more and more people to Krishna consciousness.

I personally pray for your mercy to be able to

distribute your books as much as I can because your books saved me Srila Prabhupada, you saved me...

Through your books which are so expertly written we will be able to convince so many that Krishna consciousness is, in fact the most sublime process to go back home, back to Godhead. Alone we are not able to do this but through your books and the perfect knowledge you have given may be able to.

Thank you for giving me this treasure in life... this treasure you have given called Krishna consciousness will save me from the repeated cycle of birth and death... in this way Srila Prabhupada you have saved my soul. In some cultures when someone saves your life, you become indebted to that person, you owe to them your life, you Srila Prabhupada have saved my soul what to speak of just this life.

So I dedicate this life to you dearest Srila Prabhupada.

In this life I will try my best to share your books with whoever will accept and try my best to help to propagate the chanting of the holy name.

*Your fallen granddaughter,
Vrajesvari devi dasi*



Vrinda Kund Devi Dasi
Pretoria
South Africa



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

I AM ETERNALLY GRATEFUL to you for saving me from this ocean of material existence. Without you, and your limitless compassion, I would have spent millions of lifetimes more, wandering around aimlessly in this horrible world. At least now I have a chance. A chance at freedom.

When I was a little girl, and my parents used to tell me about you, I used to think “How can one man do so much? How can one man have such an effect on the entire world?” Now I know, it’s because you are no ordinary being. You are a very special person, indeed.

With your undying love for every living entity, how can one think any less? It is seen all over the world how you have lifted the veil of illusion and

helped us fallen souls see the truth. The truth that we belong back with Krishna, in His transcendental abode.

So, thank you for all that you have done for us. It is no secret that we are undeserving, but we are grateful nonetheless. Especially me! For I would have been just as lost as the other billion entities out there, still battling through the cycle of repeated birth and death.

Srila Prabhupada, you have saved me.

And for that, you will always reside in my heart.

*Your servant always,
Vrinda Kund devi dasi*



Vrishbanu Das
Ladysmith
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada. I offer my respectful obeisances unto His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, who is very dear to Lord Krishna, having taken shelter at His lotus feet. Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Your Divine Grace on your wonderful Vyasa-puja.

THANK YOU very much Srila Prabhupada for allowing me to chant the Hare Krishna maha mantra and to be part of the Food for Life Family in Ladysmith. I pray that you please grant me the privilege of always continuing in this service.

I would like to express my indebtedness to you dear Srila Prabhupada for saving me and allowing

me to always be able to associate with you. I am most unqualified to ask for anything of Your Divine Grace but I pray for your causeless mercy.

*Your humble servant,
Vrishbanu Das*



Yadav Krishna Mistry
Randburg, Johannesburg
South Africa



All Glories to your Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada. All Glories to Sri Sri Nitai Gaura Hari. All Glories to PanchaTattva. All Glories to Sri Sri Radha Shyamsundar. To my dearest Great Grandfather Srila Prabhupada. I offer my most humble obeisances at your lotus Feet.

NOW I AM THREE YEARS OLD and your humble servant. Thank you for everything you have given me dear Srila Prabhupada. I love taking mercy from

your soft Lotus Feet. This is my only shelter. I also love offering you flower petals during Guru Puja at the temple and also at home all the flowers which I

helped to grow in our garden and pick especially for you. Sometimes I pretend to offer you flowers when I don't have some and Mummy says we can do this because we need to always offer. I still offer obeisances to you Srila Prabhupada as soon as I wake up and take your mercy to start my day.

Mummy keeps teaching me new things and prayers all the time and I enjoy learning them. I have lots of fun dancing with Mummy like a crazy dizzy boy with loud kirtan and also at temple to dance by Sri Sri Nitai Gaura Hari.

I still daily offer all my food and fruits to you Srila Prabhupada and Srimati Radharani and Krishna Bhagavan all by myself and then only do I eat the prasad. Mangal arati is now our weekly Sunday routine and has become my favourite day of the week. I love to see Sri Sri Nitai Gaura Hari in Their night clothes and you Srila Prabhupada so early and Tulsi Puja and Guru Puja is especially my favourite. I also started to attend the Krishna Kids Classes on Sunday and I'm trying to learn more and take part in plays and shows for festivals.

I still love how you sing Jai Radha Madhava and Govinda Jai Jai on my Srila Prabhupada music box but my most favourite is still when you sing Govindam Adi Purusham tam aham bhajami at the end of this prayer. Now I have learnt all the full prayers too. Mummy plays lots of bhajans which you sing and I love how you sing Dear Srila Prabhupada. I love to always listen to how you say Mangala Carana in your lectures too.

Thank you Srila Prabhupada for letting me come to Nitai Gaura Hari's house always and for nice prasadam and Maha fruits and Mangal Sweets. A big Thank you for letting me clean all petals from your vyasasana. Thank you for giving me my wonderful family and Niroo Ma and Moti Mummy who want me to be more Krishna Conscious. Mummy says I'm very naughty and don't listen to her at temple but I'm a boy who likes to trouble her. Whenever she shouts me when I don't listen, she says I will get punished by Lord Krishna and Srila Prabhupada and I end up falling or knocking my hand or head and I know I got punished from Krishna Bhagavan but not from you because you are my favourite best man. I love you Srila Prabhupada.

I learnt so many rhymes and verses from Mummy and I can't wait to sing it for you dear Srila Prabhupada on your Vyasa-puja. Thank you Srila Prabhupada for giving me Krishna Book and all the wonderful prayers and verses and for allowing me to offer lamps and serve the devotees and do cleaning and service and everything nice because of you.

I love you Srila Prabhupada so so much bigger than the sky and all oceans. All glories to you my dear Srila Prabhupada.

*From your great grandson, servant of Lord Krishna
and Srila Prabhupada,
Yadav Krishna Mistry*



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

NO MATTER WHERE I SEARCH for happiness, nothing will satisfy the heart besides what you have given us....the simplest, yet the highest pleasure in life- devotional service! You made something that takes lifetimes to achieve so accessible and can capture any heart. Whatever we have is only by your

causeless mercy and you are the definition of that causeless mercy- it's not like we had any pious benefits or have done something great but because of your great kindness and mercy, Krishna will be able to glance on us fallen souls and allow us to serve Him.

 Yadurani Devi Dasi
Durban
South Africa

Thank you Srila Prabhupada for giving me the greatest gift of devotional service. Thank you Srila Prabhupada for creating your ISKCON family. Thank you Srila Prabhupada for all the amazing temples around the world; you built a home in which the whole world can live. Thank you Srila Prabhupada for giving us Krishna in the form of His deity and allowing us to worship Him. Thank you Srila Prabhupada for being so accessible in your merciful purports and I pray to always take shelter of them. Thank you Srila Prabhupada for giving us the holy name, the only sound vibration that can transform hearts. Thank you Srila Prabhupada for giving us

prasadam, making it so easy to reach out to people. Thank you Srila Prabhupada for giving us a structured routine in our lives and making it possible that Krishna is the centre of everything so that we don't forget Him. Thank you Srila Prabhupada for giving us the real meaning and purpose of life!

I pray that you always keep me sheltered close to your dedicated servants so I may learn from them how to please you and to show you real appreciation. Hare Krishna.

*Your great-granddaughter,
Yadurani dd*



Yamikani Mkhori
Blantyre
Malawi



All Glories to His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, Srila Prabhupada

IT IS EXTREMELY DIFFICULT to describe Srila Prabhupada in a few words because he is such an exalted, great personality and mostly a pure devotee of Krishna.

From the time he come into this world up the time he left this world, his every step, actions and deeds are uncommon. A successful life with a great purpose.

He is a great teacher (acharya), great leader, incomparable philosopher & perfect disciple of his Guru. It is not surprising that his movement has spread to all corners of planet earth because he is a genuine and pure devotee of Krishna.

A dedicated hard worker who gave all his life to preach, publish books and distribute Krishna consciousness to the western world and the entire planet earth. He crossed the ocean at 69 years old for almost 35 days moving from his home and he had two heart attacks on the sea just to give the whole world a special, perfect and incomparable gift; Krishna Consciousness. He had no inch of material motive in this great endeavour.

He is the perfect example of a disciple, he

carried out the instruction of his Guru (spiritual master) by putting the knowledge of Vedas and distributing the Vedas to the whole world irrespective of the tough circumstances he faced up to his last breath. Indeed, he carried with him the prediction of Sri Caitanya to spread the holy name to every town and village.

He is a great devotee of Krishna because he only spoke only of Krishna and only acted for Krishna. Such a great personality, who gave clear and simple analogies for easy understanding of fallen souls that we are not these bodies and about the real goal of life.

Indeed, Srila Prabhupada is the greatest well-wisher always to us all fallen living entities.

All devotees including every human being should properly coordinate and unite in the propagation of this great Krishna consciousness which is the saviour of this very misery material existence. This will be a great appreciation to Srila Prabhupada.

Chant: Hare Krishna! Hare Krishna! Krishna Krishna! Hare Hare! Hare Rama! Hare Rama! Rama Rama! Hare Hare! and be happy!

— Yamikani Mkhori



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most humble obeisances.
All glories to Your Divine Grace on this most glorious day of your Vyasa-Puja

 Yamuna Devi Dasi
Durban
South Africa

SACRIFICE

The release of the Hare Krishna movie this year made me reflect on the importance of representing your ISKCON in the appropriate manner. It reminded me deeply of our responsibility to YOU, Srila Prabhupada, and all those that sacrificed their lives to the spreading of this holy names and whom continue to do so. How we act and how we practice became a conscious focal point of the last few months of my life. Just as we protect our own pride and families in this material world, then certainly our protection and sacrifice should be hundreds of times more to your society and it's devotees. Whatever differences or grievances we have should be diminished simply by the constant reminder of your greatest sacrifice to save us all. There is certainly no amount of sacrifice we can perform to pay our debt for your love but if we can continue with our sweat and blood to represent and perfect ourselves then this can be of some worthy contribution to you, Srila Prabhupada.

The last year of all my trials and tribulations

of this material world has imprinted in me a deep realisation of the desire to be at the shelter of your devotees whom have sacrificed everything for this society. We cannot escape this suffering but watching them sacrifice everything for the spreading of this Krishna Consciousness movement has given me further the desire to sacrifice the rest of my life trying to serve these devotees and caring for them with my heart and soul. What could be greater than that? I have no other qualification, Prabhupada, and I'm eagerly trying to do something that will make me worthy of your love and compassion and the love and compassion of your dedicated servants. Please bless me that my desire will be a success if you wish to sanction it and that I remain serving lifetime after lifetime in the association of your wonderful ISKCON family eternally.

*Your fallen yet most grateful granddaughter,
Yamuna devi dasi*



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

 Yasoda mayi Devi Dasi
& Nanda Maharaja Dasa
Pietermaritzburg
South Africa

ONCE AGAIN we are most grateful for having this opportunity to express our appreciation for you although who can really appreciate you enough.

I'm very fortunate in that daily I am blessed by driving past the Pietermaritzburg city hall on my way to work. This is the place you addressed fortunate souls on 12 October 1975. I didn't know you or about your visit that day. But I'm very fortunate that I get to see the tirtha daily. I get further

remembrance of you Srila Prabhupada. I imagine how you alighted from your chauffeur driven vehicle and entered the city hall surrounded by fortunate people. His Grace, the late Lokabandu prabhu captured your entry very aptly. He said you walked boldly, head upright, swiftly like a soldier. He was absolutely right, a soldier, Lord Caitanya's soldier had descended on Pietermaritzburg. The City hall, - no actually the City of Pietermaritzburg has become

a tirtha. And we the citizens have been blessed by you gracing these parts. Thousands of people from all walks of life benefit unknowingly by visiting this tirtha.

Recently our city honoured your countryman Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi's visit to Pietermaritzburg when he was thrown off a train in June 1893. This honouring of Mahatma Gandhi takes place annually in Pietermaritzburg. In a lecture you delivered in London on 7 July 1973 Srila Prabhupada you stated: "the definition of mahatma is given in the *Bhagavad-gita*. The definition of mahatma is there: mahatmanas tu mam partha daivim prakrtim asritah, bhajanty ananya manaso [Bg. 9.13]. This is mahatma. Mahatma means he has taken shelter of Kṛṣṇa cent percent, and his only business is to worship and glorify Kṛṣṇa. That is mahatma. So Gandhi never believed that there was Kṛṣṇa,

but he became mahatma by popular vote. That's all. That kind of mahatma is not accepted by the sastra. Mahatma is, first symptom of mahatma is that he must be a great devotee of Kṛṣṇa. That is mahatma."

If only the residents knew the real mahatma, the saviour of the whole world had been in their midst surely they would have flocked to receive your mercy.

It is our duty to spread your glories to everyone in our city (and country) so that they may honour you Srila Prabhupada, the genuine mahatma.

Srila Prabhupada, you stated the mission of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu is in our hands.

Please bless us to take His mission forward.

*Your granddisciples,
Yasoda mayi dd and Nanda Maharaja das*



Yastiel Parag
Ladysmith
South Africa



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

IT HAS TAKEN ME WAY TOO LONG to be awakened. You have given us so much, I am forever grateful. In a year's time I hope I can say I have read, heard and applied diligently.

Let my actions speak louder than my empty promises. Jaya Srila Prabupada!

*I yearn to be engaged in your loving services,
Yastiel Parag*



Yavat Dasa
Pretoria
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada, Hare Krishna!
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to you on this most auspicious day of your appearance!

I AM SO GRATEFUL for this opportunity to write to you and glorify your wonderful influence in my life.

My life has been through so many changes in the last six months. With every change, came a challenge, and with every challenge, came your empowerment and mercy.

As you mentioned in your translation of Sri

Gurvastakam:

*yasya prasada bhagavat-prasado
yasya prasadan na gatih kuto 'pi
dhyayan stuvamṣ tasya yasas tri-sandhyam
vande guroh sri-caranaravindam*

"By satisfaction of the spiritual master, the Supreme

Personality of Godhead becomes satisfied. And by not satisfying the spiritual master, there is no chance of being promoted to the plane of Kṛṣṇa consciousness. I should, therefore, meditate and pray for his mercy three times a day, and offer my respectful obeisances unto him, my spiritual master.”

What would I do without your mercy, Srila Prabhupada?

I strongly feel that my entire existence, spiritual, emotional, psychological – everything – is sustained exclusively by your mercy.

I receive your mercy in so many ways and forms – but primarily through your empowered representative, my divine spiritual master, His Holiness Partha Sarathi Das Goswami, your transcendental literature, and through the association of your serious followers.

Thank you for making yourself so readily available Srila Prabhupada.

We recently had an evening dedicated to your glorification at the Krishna Balaram Youth Group, here in Johannesburg. I was fortunate to be able to facilitate such an occasion, and we shared a wonderful pastime that took place in Hong Kong. A sincere girl was attending one of your lectures and asked you why the Krishna consciousness movement

hadn't manifest in the Western world for the last 500 years. Your reply, full of love and wit, conquered my heart. The just of your words were, “The Krishna consciousness movement was waiting for your birth and therefore it had not manifest. Now that you have taken birth, it has come.”

The above interaction shows how you always spoke directly from your heart and so lovingly encouraged each and every person who gave some consideration to your Krishna consciousness movement.

With your broad smile, eloquent purports, and the most simple yet graceful movements of your hand, you have stolen my heart. Please keep that heart in your possession and never let it leave the shelter of your warmth and love.

I sincerely beg for your continuous empowerment and mercy so that I can fulfil my promise to you in this life, and be reunited with you once again in the near future.

My dearest Srila Prabhupada, this life belongs to you – please help me to serve you.

*With love,
Your servant,
Yavat das*



Hare Krishna! All glories to your Divine Grace! All glories to you, Srila Prabhupada,
on this most auspicious day of your Sri Vyasa-puja!
My dearest Srila Prabhupada,

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

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

“I OFFER MY RESPECTFUL OBEISANCES unto His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, who

is very dear to Lord Krishna, having taken shelter at His lotus feet. Our respectful obeisances are unto

 Yogendra Dasa
Durban
South Africa

you, O spiritual master, servant of Sarasvati Goswami. you are kindly preaching the message of Lord Caitanyadeva and delivering the Western countries, which are filled with impersonalism and voidism.”

I am not entirely sure of what to say to you on this day of your Sri Vyasa-puja. It scares me to think where I would be if I did not have your presence in my life. You have risked so much to give Krishna consciousness to everyone around the world, at the very end of your life, you travelled to the USA upon the request of your Guru Maharaja and planted the seed of Krishna consciousness in the USA and then too other countries as well. Who can accomplish such a feat but you? You are no ordinary person; you are an empowered devotee of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu and have come to save all of us.

I have no qualification, I am utterly useless. I want to push your movement forward as my Guru-Maharaja and your disciple (HH Bhakti Caitanya Swami) has instructed me, particularly by distributing books. Book distribution is so dear to you and you always encouraged the devotees to go out and you were always extremely pleased to hear the results. I too, one day, hope to get into book


distribution and thereby please you as so many devotees around the world are doing. To do this however, Srila Prabhupada, I am begging you to please give me your blessings and mercy so that I can distribute books effectively.

Srila Prabhupada, there is nothing I would want more than to stay in ISKCON. I promise you that I will never leave ISKCON and I will always stay in its shelter and under your divine protection. What safer place in the material world is there than to be under your protection? Additionally, Srila Prabhupada, you said that our love for you will be shown by how we cooperate with other devotees after you have gone. This can seem difficult at times, however, I will try my utmost best to cooperate with the authorities and abide by whatever it is that they have prescribed. I know this will please you tremendously and pleasing you is the goal of life.

Please allow me to remain in the association of devotees and to chant the holy name.

*Trying to be useful.
Your most wretched servant,
Yogendra Dasa*

Yogesh Bhika
ISKCON Port Elizabeth
South Africa

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

THERE ARE NO WORDS strong enough to describe how your words have touched my life. Without your knowledge I would be drowning in the misery of this material world. Lost without direction and ignorant about the richness of Vedic culture and most importantly giving me access to my sweet Lord Krishna and Caitanya Mahaprabhu. Knowledge that was hidden from me. Now I can stand and confidently reply to people questioning the heritage and rich culture and most importantly who I am and how I am related to the Lord and how to go back home.

But more important than knowledge you have given me the most precious gift of the holy name of

the Lord and chanting 16 rounds of japa is for me the most precious gift.

Hare Krishna Hare Krishna
Krishna Krishna Hare Hare
Hare Rama Hare Rama
Rama Rama Hare Hare

All glories to His Divine Grace AC Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada. Haribol.

Aspiring to become servant of the servant of the servant of the devotees who have dedicated their lives to serving you and your mission.

— Yogesh Bhika



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
All glories unto you.

 Yogesh Gohil
Ahmedabad
India

SINCE MY CHILDHOOD I was thinking that the human form of life certainly is not for only eating, earning, and enjoying. So, I was always looking for direction in life. And I found your *Bhagavad-gita* from my friend Nitinbhai and I started to hear your lecture and reading your *Bhagavad-gita*. As Nitinbhai spoke about your glories, I started to gain faith in you. And

I know that you know my mind Prabhupada. Please bless me by allowing me to associate with devotees of Lord Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu.

Hare Krishna. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

Yogesh Gohil



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

 Yoginee
Johannesburg
South Africa

SRILA PRABHUPADA, recently through your mercy and the mercy of my spiritual master you have entered my home in the form of your deity.

Your presence has had a powerful impact on my life and I have come to believe that with your tight embrace you never give up trying to convince me that I am not in control and that real happiness does not exist in this world. I am so grateful to you for the lessons, I pray that I can always keep them with me.

It is so easy to get caught up in this world, I am in constant pursuit of my own selfish happiness and I am always serving my ego as my first priority.

I look to you and your sons in this world, the perfect examples of true humility, selflessness and focused minds on our only important goal.

Recently I have been doing quite a bit of travelling around the world due to my work, constantly being with materialists can make me feel really uncomfortable but when I find ISKCON centres, devotees and prasadam I always feel instantly protected and everything is okay again. Every centre has the same basic standards and feels like home regardless of the continent or culture. You have created all this. Thank you so much for all those years of travelling and selfless preaching in your old age, generations to come will always be so grateful to you for this. You

have connected the world under one shelter, I pray that we can stay protected under this shelter, that we can serve each other and please you through our loving relationships, for there is no greater way for us to show our gratitude to you.

Srila Prabhupada, please remain the guide of the next generation of ISKCON, please force us onto the right path when we falter. Please empower us, your granddaughters and grandsons as you have empowered your own children. Your mercy is what we depend on and there is no other way to help you in your mission. My prayer to you is to keep me in this service and for me to have stronger relationships with others so that we can serve you as one loving family.

I beg for your mercy so that I can be more dedicated to controlling my mind by attentive chanting, to become more self-realised by reading your books and to increase my humility by serving the Vaishnavas.

Thank you for everything you have done for us Srila Prabhupada. Thank you for giving us true love and thank you for loving us.

*Your granddaughter with love,
Yoginee*

Bhaktin Zara Deva 
(11 years old)



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

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

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

THANK YOU SO MUCH for spreading Krishna Consciousness all over the world. If you didn't do so I would never have been able to be at Sunday school today. I would never have met all these friends, partake in dramas, dances and puppet shows and eat yummy prasadam. My dad would have never met Sveta

Manjari Devi Dasi if you had not spread Krishna Consciousness.

Thank you very much.

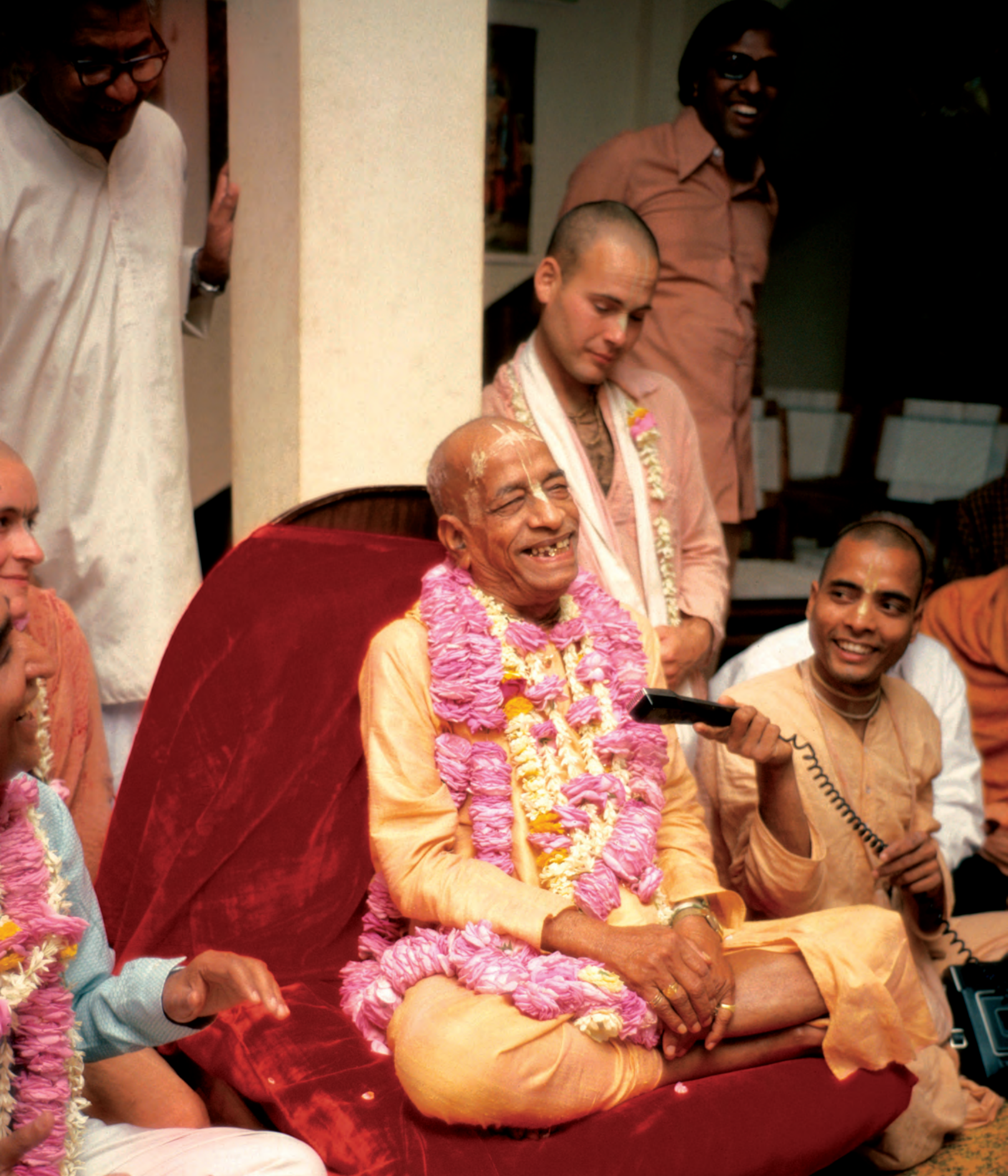
*Your humble servant,
Bhaktin Zara Deva (age 11)*





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Dear Srila Prabhupada.

Please accept our prostrated obeisances.

All glories to the sankirtan movement. All glories to the gardener of the fruits of love of God- Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu.

 ISKCON Durban,
South Africa

OUR DEAR FOUNDER-ACARYA, this year marks the thirty-third anniversary of Sri Sri Radha Radhanath Mandir's opening. Since that outset, we've had a timeline embellished with many success stories along with challenges we have faced in growing as a society. Through it all however, we stand today a movement (or branch of your movement) steady due to your dedicated followers in their attempts to serve your mission.

A grand, flagship temple of South Africa; thousands of initiated devotees; an enormous Ratha Yatra festival celebration; largely attended festival programs, and so much more. Last year alone, ninety two thousand of your books were distributed through the efforts of the temple and congregation members. With all these accomplishments, one may be tempted to conclude that the ISKCON Durban yatra has successfully completed the task you've set out for us. However Srila Prabhupada, with the high standards that you have set for your preaching mission, we understand that in truth all these accomplishments are simply the beginning of what you desire from us as your followers.

"it is the duty of every living being to perform welfare activities for the benefit of others with his life, wealth, energy and words" (*Cc, Adi-lila* 9.42). Dear Srila Prabhupada, this is certainly our duty above all else, however we see that to perform this duty we must remember you and your teachings. Therefore we pray firstly, that you help us to remember you so that all our actions and endeavours may be in-line with what you wish for the propagation of

the sankirtan movement of the Lord. Guide us dear Prabhupada, that we may stay true to your mission and in the service of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu; that we may not compromise the message of this pre-ma-rasa-bhakti-prachar movement and effectively give out highest love of God to all living entities with all our words, acts and lives. Grant us the grace of following in your footsteps that we may be able to innovatively give out these transcendental teachings to the contemporary world, while staying true to the essence of what you have taught us.

Srila Prabhupada, we also pray that may you bless us with increased dependence on you. "Just as the sun's rays in the sky are extended to the mundane vision, so in the same way the wise and learned devotees always see the supreme abode of Lord Vishnu. Because those highly praiseworthy and spiritually awake brahmanas are able to see the spiritual world, they are also able to reveal that supreme abode of Lord Vishnu." (*Rig Veda* 1.22.20). Help us to then see the vision you have for this movement so in our individual and collective endeavours, we may be instruments to distribute the mercy readily given out by the Lord and his dear most associates to others. Just as you exemplify surrender to Sri guru and Gauranga, please guide us to surrender to you, our founder acarya. This will be the foundation of our success.

*Always begging for your mercy,
Your humble servants at ISKCON Durban
(Sri Sri Radha Radhanath Temple)
South Africa*



Dear Srila Prabhupada

ISKCON Lenasia, 
South Africa



Please accept our humble obeisance's. All glories to you.

OUR LORDSHIPS SRI SRI NITAI GAURA HARI have a fascinating history. They have been constantly travelling through South Africa, however they have now had their longest stay in Lenasia over the last 21 years. As a community we feel privileged to have such an opportunity to directly serve Their lotus feet and make Them the centre of all our aspirations.

ISKCON Lenasia has never been a “flashy” temple, rather we have always remained on the platform of consistency. We take heart in the analogy that through consistency, drops of water can break down a rock, similarly, with consistency we can break-down the effects of maya, not only within our vicinity, but for miles and beyond.

Through this consistency we have been able to build a community that is structured and dependable, a high standard of Deity service, deliver good book distribution scores without breaking records, remain one of the top contributors to BTG and worthy to note, instilling a sense of family within our community.

Over the last 5 years however, we have been challenged in so many ways. Perhaps because we are proud of what we have, perhaps it's because we lost our consciousness on the main reason for doing things or perhaps it's just your way of pushing us to become better. Whatever the reason, we are grateful

for the opportunity to be rendering this service that many of us may not be deserving of.

It is an indication of your mercy that we can make such statements and the only way we do it is that our badges of success and failure is entirely dependent on you. If we have success, it's your mercy and if we have failure it's your mercy too. The success is to push the mission forward even if relied upon poor candidate's execution, and failure is to remind and encourage us to strive harder and be more heartfelt because we are simply the instruments of Krishna.

We humbly ask that you please continue to train us through your divine presence so that we may look towards another 20 years of service to Sri Sri Nitai Gaura Hari. We can be back here in 20 years, celebrating more consistency with increased results, while still appreciating that the backbone of our success is the continued mercy you have shown all of us.

We pray that we stay together in your service, building close bonds based on love.

Praying for mercy, we remain your servants,

ISKCON Lenasia

South Africa



ISKCON Mpumalanga, 
South Africa



Our dearest Srila Prabhupada

Please accept our humble obeisances. All glories to Your Divine Grace on this most auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja celebrations. All glories to you, our dearest grandfather.

*nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshtaya bhu-tale
srimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine
namas te saraswate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvishesha-shunyavadi-pashchatya-desha-tarine*

US FALLEN SOULS in this part of the universe, will humbly try to glorify Your Divine Grace on this auspicious day. How could we fallen souls find the perfect words. Even if we had a thousand mouths, still it would not have been sufficient to thank and glorify Your Divine Grace.

Mpumalanga in the local language means “The rising Sun”. In this province where mining dumps and the power station towers spew out pollutants, the sun is covered for most of the days. That pollutant is Maya. But, by the mercy of Your Divine Grace, the holy name and prasadam is being distributed in every town and village in the province, so once again the sun can shine more brilliantly.

A grandfather is more compassionate than the father. There is never a mood of anger nor chastisement. The mood of distributing love is ever prevalent. That is the mood Your Divine Grace always had. How lucky we are. Not only did you distribute love, but the most sublime love - LOVE of Godhead.

We were all struggling, entangled in material existence. Your Divine Grace gave us the greatest gift, the maha-mantra. That process is so sublime

and powerful and can be measured by the impact it is having on all fallen souls.

An acarya leads by example. How superbly and perfect Your Divine Grace laid the foundation. How simple Your Divine Grace made the process. Your Divine Grace is always our inspiration and without your teachings and example we will be lost in this maze of Maya. Your teachings is the perfect mould to shape us into better humans; to be more tolerant and more humble.

On this auspicious day, we humbly beg Your Divine Grace to always be merciful upon us. It is only by that mercy that we will be able to assist Your Divine Grace is spreading the chanting of the maha-mantra to Every Town and Village, assist Your Divine Grace is distributing books and prasadam in Every Town and Village and to take the Ratha Yatra festival to every town and village; throughout Mpumalanga and Mozambique.

Your eternal servants

ISKCON Mpumalanga team

South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our most humble obeisances at your lotus feet.
All glories to you!

TODAY, on your Vyasa-puja day, all we can offer you is our gratitude for going all over the world to bring everyone this wonderful process of bhakti-yoga, centred on the chanting of the holy names of the Lord. Without your mercy and compassion, we wouldn't even know who Krishna is and how to go to Him.

Dear Srila Prabhupada, we here at ISKCON Newcastle are daily striving to practice the science you gave us. We are becoming purified, and we pray that you will keep us under your wing forever so that we will always be engaged in trying to please Radha-Krishna.

O most merciful Vaishnava! Where would we be

without you? If not for you, how could it ever have been possible for us to become free from the hellish life of this material world? Please be merciful to us and give us the shelter of your lotus feet. Without your mercy we are lost and completely unable to obtain the mercy of Krishna.

You once said that it is impossible for a disciple to repay the debt to his spiritual master. We therefore beg at your lotus feet that you will demand from us that we eternally make payments on this unrepayable debt, just as Ananta Sesa is eternally speaking the glories of Sri Krishna without ever being able to finish.

 ISKCON Newcastle,
South Africa

We know that you have given us the best, and that the only flaw is our weakness of heart so please Srila Prabhupada, keep us with you always.

We are striving to extend your mercy to our brothers and sisters in Newcastle. We are trying to construct a temple in Newcastle and with your mercy the endeavour of the devotees will bear fruit and we will continue to preach this wonderful message of eternal life, knowledge, and bliss as long as we live.

May you be strongly present in our hearts and minds so we can penetrate the ignorance of our own hearts and the hearts of others. Thank you so much, Srila Prabhupada, and a most happy Vyasa-puja day to you.

*Your sons and daughters at
ISKCON Newcastle, South Africa*



ISKCON Pietermaritzburg, 
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

*nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshthaya bhu-tale
srimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine
namas te saraswate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvishesha-shunyavadi-pashchatya-desha-tarine*

Srila Prabhupada on this day on behalf of our Yatra allow us to please offer our mind, our body and our souls in Your Service.

Srila Prabhupada in Your arrival lecture Los Angeles, May 18, 1972

Prabhupada: (airport noises) (leads *Premadhvani*; says “Los Angeles bhakta-vrnda ki jaya!”)

So my dear boys and girls, about six years ago I came to your country single-handed, with this pair of cymbals. Now you are so many chanting Hare Krishna. That is my success. It was the prediction of Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu: *prthivite ache yata nagaradi grama / sarvatra pracara hoibe mora nama*.

Lord Caitanya desired that “In all the towns, in as many towns and villages as there are on the surface of the globe, My name will be broadcast.” He is Krishna Himself, *svayam krsna, krsna caitanya-namine*, simply changing His name as Krishna Caitanya. So, His prediction will never go in vain. That’s a fact. So, my plan was that “I shall go to America. America is the leading country of the world. If I can

convince (the) younger generation of America, they will take up.” I am old man. I came here at the age of seventy years; now I am seventy-six. So, my warning is already there. In nineteen hundred and seventy-one, I had a severe heart attack. You know, all. So, the mission of Caitanya Mahaprabhu is now in your hands. You are American boys and girls, very intelligent and graced by Krishna. You are not poverty-stricken. You have enough resources, prestige. Everything materially, you are all well-equipped. If you kindly take this Krishna consciousness movement seriously, your country will be saved, and the whole world will be saved.

Srila Prabhupada in this lecture you allude to many instructions which we sincerely pray we could execute.

1. Your Success Srila Prabhupada... Srila Prabhupada, as a humble offering ISKCON Pietermaritzburg would like to present unto Your Lotus Feet Sri Sri Dayal Nitai Gaura Hari Temple.

2. The mission is in your hands... 2017 saw many developments, last year we had a grand and pompous installation of your Deity. Today it's exactly one year since that auspicious day. We pray that in the execution of our service to you we have not caused any offences.
3. Your country will be saved and then the whole world...

Srila Prabhupa on 1 October 2017, we had an amazing and the auspicious installation of Sri Sri Dayal Nitai Gaura Hari.

Many people attended the four-day festivities. We are indeed appreciative to all our donors and

well wishes who assisted in the project. Please allow me to express my gratitude to the devotee community who drove this entire project. Their selfless service to your lotus feet is evident in this project which we offer unto you.

Srila Prabhupa, for your pleasure we took part in the December book marathon we were placed 6th in the country. Srila Prabhupa please enthruse our devotee community to try and distribute more books.

Srila Prabhupa, we are indeed really grateful to you for giving us Krishna consciousness.

We feel such great gratitude when we think of you Srila Prabhupa.

As we reflect on what we have to be grateful for
 we feel so much
 Yet we offer so little
 We want you to know how much
 we appreciate you
 You are an inspiration
 and a muse to the entire world,
 We hold a special place in our heart just for you Srila Prabhupa
 We've found solace
 We've found hope
 We've found true happiness
 In Your service.
 Time would pass
 Often we forget to pause
 A moment to remind ourselves
 Of our good fortune.
 Srila Prabhupa thank You
 Thank You for giving our lives meaning
 Inspiration to get up early
 While the entire world sleeps
 Joy of serving
 You did tell us that if devotional service is done lovingly
 It will bring immense joy
 Thank You Srila Prabhupa
 Bless us to carry out your instructions
 Srila Prabhupa
 We love you.

*Begging to always remain your most fallen servants,
ISKCON Pietermaritzburg South Africa
Nityananda Pran Das*



ISKCON Zambia



Dearest Srila Prabhupada, Hare Krishna.

Please accept our most humble and prostrated obeisances at the dust of your divine lotus feet on the auspicious occasion of your 122nd Vyasa Puja celebration. All glories to you Param Guru Srila Prabhupada. All glories to Srila Guru Maharaja.

*nama om vishnu-padaya krishna-preshtaya bhu-tale
srimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine
namas te saraswate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvishesha-shunyavadi-pashchatya-desha-tarine*

Srila Prabhupada, you are our savior. You have done us a great favour to save us from falling into miserable complexities of material world. We have been suffering in this material existence from time immemorial and now we have gotten the opportunity to realize the importance of devotional service and spiritual life. ISKCON as an Institution has given us all happiness and pleasure in the devotional service of Lord Krishna. You have shown us the path of religion, following the regulative principles, control of senses, relief from unwanted, demon-like desires (anartha nivrtti). You have driven away our ignorance and darkness of this material world and given us all good fortune. We have become noticeably calm by practicing devotional service. Your books are our basis and it helps spread Krishna conscious activities and affording welfare for all. (Kari par upkar)

With the mercy of Sri Guru and Sri Sri Gaur Hari Dayal Nitai, ISKCON Zambia is now 3 years old. The congregation members here in Lusaka are enthusiastic and engaging in devotional services, serving your mission of spreading Krishna Consciousness in many towns and cities of Zambia.

We are continuing our efforts to perfection in our regular activities of the ISKCON Centre. These

activities include, among others, Annual Ratha Yatra (3rd Ratha Yatra in July 2017), Pada Yatra (2nd in April 2018), monthly Food for Life programs, Book distribution (4th Town of Chingola added), Bhakti Vrksha (48th of 64 lessons completed), participation in Interfaith Program in Zambia, weekly children and Youth program, regular visits by senior devotees, organizing regular Harinaam and many other Krishna conscious activities.

Srila Prabhupada, we wish to fulfil the following important tasks in the times to come to further Krishna Consciousness efforts in Zambia, with your mercy and the mercy of Guru Maharaja and all the Vaishnavas:

1. Opening of Govinda's restaurant; target to open in July 2018.
2. Application submitted to the authorities for a piece of land for ISKCON Zambia.

We beg to remain faithful servants of ISKCON.
All glories to you on your appearance day, Srila Prabhupada.

*Yours insignificant servants,
ISKCON Zambia*



**OFFERINGS BY
BACK TO GODHEAD
AND BBT AFRICA**







Our most beloved Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our humble and respectful obeisances at the dust of your divine lotus feet.
All glories to Your Divine Grace!

 Back to Godhead
Johannesburg, South Africa

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SRILA PRABHUPADA, your Vyasa-puja celebration is an appropriate time for us to focus on those things that are most important to you, and one of them was your Back To Godhead (BTG) Magazine.

Srila Prabhupada, you had first published the Back to Godhead magazine 74 years ago. You wrote the articles, sourced the paper, printed and even distributed the magazine, fully convinced that the content would deliver those from material ignorance to spiritual bliss.

This year marks a significant change in the publishing and production of your BTG. The African Division of BTG has been awarded a license to include African related content on topical issues within 8 pages of the magazine. We will now be editing, publishing and printing the magazine in South Africa.

The BTG Department has been restructured and will be focusing on 3 key result areas for this year namely: Publishing, Customer Service Support and Capital Fund. We are blessed to have the

support and guidance of His Holiness Jayadvaita Swami, His Grace Govardhana Dasa and the BBT Africa team.

One of the strategic objectives is to source experienced writers that will produce topical articles that are representative of the different countries within Africa. Another objective is to appoint members on an Editorial Board that would provide guidance and mentoring to these writers.


Srila Prabhupada, we offer all our efforts at your lotus feet and humbly beg you to shower us with your mercy and blessings, so that we are able to successfully achieve our goals and please you by increasing the distribution of your BTG magazine throughout Africa.

Your humble servants at BTG Africa

(written by Nama-srestha Dasa and Divyangana Devi Dasi, Johannesburg, South Africa)



Dear Srila Prabhupada.

 The Bhaktivedanta Book Trust Africa
Johannesburg, South Africa

WE AT THE BHAKTIVEDANTA BOOK TRUST AFRICA division are privileged that you have afforded us the opportunity to be associated with the production and translations of your books. His Holiness Jayadvaita Swami is a constant inspiration to us and is a window to understanding your desires regarding

book productions. The past year marked a turning point in the history of The Bhaktivedanta Book Trust Africa because:

1. We officially opened our new office at HQ Bedfordview, Johannesburg, South Africa.

2. Printed the *Introduction to Bhagavad-gītā* in Lingala, the national language of the Democratic Republic of Congo.
 3. Printed the *Transcendental Teaching of Prahāda Mahārāja* in Amharic, the official language of Ethiopia.
 4. Facilitated a *Back to Godhead* writers workshop.
 5. Facilitated the 8th Annual BBT Africa Conference in South Africa.
- We pray that you bless us to continue with this important service.
- On behalf of BBT Africa,
Śrī-Govinda dāsa
Bedfordview, Johannesburg, South Africa*






OFFERINGS FROM OTHER SOURCES







Dear Srila Prabhupada,

 Bhakti Lounge Joburg
Johannesburg, South Africa

“THY WORD IS A LAMP unto my feet and a light onto my path” (Psalms 119; 105). This Bible verse though in reference to God, equally describes you oh master. For you are the embodiment of Krishna’s will in this epoch of kali-yuga. The spiritual master is non-different from Krishna and a prayer to Him is a prayer to you, for you are our via-medium to the Lord. Due to your intimate relationship with Krishna you have gifted the entire universe with an opportunity of reawakening our dormant love. Though we understand you not God’s equal, some have attested to you being ‘better than Him’, because out of your love you made the personal sacrifice to descend to the ‘lower strata’ of modern civilization with the sole purpose of disseminating that Love indiscriminately.

That same unconditional love is what you have espoused as the purpose for your Movement, “to bring its members together with each other and nearer to Krishna, the prime entity, thus developing the idea within the members, and humanity at large, that each soul is part and parcel of the quality

of Godhead (Krishna)”. If we as aspiring servants of Krishna and His pure devotees are to realize this goal, then indeed your words are the lamp that will illuminate our path. The words of the spiritual master “open our darkened eyes and fill our hearts with transcendental knowledge”, if we are to ever reawaken our dormant love for Krishna, we must strive to make your words and will our life’s purpose.

It is in this spirit that we offer our humble efforts to you oh master, we surrender our hearts and minds to your will and beg the illuminating bliss of your transcendental words. May you grant us the clarity of mind and peace of heart to understand and implement your desire in this world so we may assist in your eternal loving relationship with Krishna – bringing our fellow lost souls back Home to God’s lotus feet. Hare Krishna

*Yours aspiring servants,
Bhakti Lounge Joburg
Johannesburg, South Africa*



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

 Bhaktivedanta Swami Harinam
Sankirtan Party
Woodview, Phoenix,
South Africa

WE WISH YOU a happy 2018 Vyasa-puja today in Krishna Consciousness. We thank you for giving us the top-most yoga, Krishna Consciousness, because you love Lord Krishna the most.

By your tireless efforts singlehandedly, you blessed the entire planet earth with harinam sankirtan, fully knowing, that Kali-yuga to being an ocean of faults, your divine grace gave this one spiritual activity, simply by chanting the Hare Krishna mahā-mantra, one can become free from material

bondage and be promoted to the transcendental kingdom.

The full credit must go to your divine grace for establishing the BBT, to distribute spiritual books of knowledge, ISKCON an educational centre to teach and learn the science of Krishna Consciousness and Food For Life programme to nourish the conditioned souls of Kali Yuga. Thus, in this systematic way these 3 pillars of operations will rapidly help spread the glories of Lord Krishna to every town and village.

For your pleasure, Srila Prabhupada, the family team on a regular weekly basis, in a very small way is helping in the 3 point plan you set up:

1. Book Distribution at the Verulam Morning Market and at the Durban Promenade;
2. Food For Life at the Durban City Hall, where you gave a class in October 1975, Verulam Morning Market, Ottawa Primary School and Redcliffe Primary School.

Harinam at the Verulam Morning Market and at the Durban Promenade. This verse is most appropriate to understand our existence and what should be our most important activity as ordered by your divine grace, chant and be happy:

*kaler doṣa-nidhe rājann
asti hyeko mahān guṇaḥ
kīrtanād eva kṛṣṇasya
mukta-saṅgaḥ param vrajet
(Bhagavatam 12.3.51)*

SYNONYMS: *kaleḥ* — of the Age of Kali; *doṣa-nidheḥ* — in the ocean of faults; *rājan* — O King; *asti* — there is; *hi* — certainly; *ekaḥ* — one; *mahān* — very great; *guṇaḥ* — good quality; *kīrtanāt* — by chanting; *eva* — certainly; *kṛṣṇasya* — of the holy name of Kṛṣṇa; *mukta-saṅgaḥ* — liberated from material bondage; *param* — to the transcendental spiritual kingdom; *vrajet* — one can go.

TRANSLATION: My dear King, although Kali-yuga is an ocean of faults, there is still one good quality about this age: Simply by chanting the Hare Kṛṣṇa mahā-mantra, one can become free from material bondage and be promoted to the transcendental kingdom.

PURPORT: “After mentioning the innumerable faults of this Age of Kali, Śukadeva Gosvāmī now mentions its one brilliant aspect. Just as one powerful king can kill innumerable thieves, one brilliant spiritual quality can destroy all the contamination of this age. It is impossible to overestimate the importance of chanting Hare Kṛṣṇa, Hare Kṛṣṇa, Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa, Hare Hare/ Hare Rāma, Hare Rāma, Rāma Rāma, Hare Hare, especially in this fallen age.

When the Age of Kali has almost ended, the Supreme Personality of Godhead will incarnate. He will appear in the village Śambhala, in the home of the exalted brāhmaṇa Viṣṇuśāśa, and will take the name Kalki. He will mount His horse Devadatta and, taking His sword in hand, will roam about the earth killing millions of bandits in the guise of kings.

Then the signs of the next Satya-yuga will begin to appear. When the moon, sun and the planet Bṛhaspati enter simultaneously into one constellation and conjoin in the lunar mansion Puṣyā, Satya-yuga will begin. In the order of Satya, Tretā, Dvāpara and Kali, the cycle of four ages rotates in the society of living entities in this universe.”

All glories to you Srila Prabhupada, the Founder Acarya of Iskcon, BBT, MVT, ToVP, farms, schools and 108 temples all over the world.

Srila Prabhupada 2018 Vyasa Puja Ki Jai.

*With love,
Bhaktivedanta Swami Harinam Sankirtan Party:
Ramkinkar das, Vaidarbhi devi dasi,
Dr Krishna Prasad Rambarran,
Sri Radha Preethi devi dasi, Sri Naradi Gopi dasi,
Vibhav das, Damodar das,
Dr Vamsidhar Ramsuran and Family Team*





To our Glorious Grand Master
Please accept our humble obeisances.
All glories to you on this most auspicious day.



Krishna Baram Youth Group
Johannesburg, South Africa

2018 IS SIGNIFICANT for the Krishna Balarama Youth Group (KBYG), as this year marks 15 years since our inauguration by your revered son HH Bhakti Tirtha Swami.

Over a decade ago, a small group of young devotees saw a need to associate and inspire one another amidst the struggle of finding a balance between their spiritual, personal and professional lives.

Since then, strong relationships have been forged, friends have turned into family and that small group has grown, evolved and become a forum for young people to express their individuality and serve harmoniously within a Krishna Consciousness environment.

We have welcomed many new faces and have grown into a widely diverse family of individuals of varying personalities, backgrounds, upbringings and cultures.

As 3rd /4th generation aspiring devotees, we see ourselves as your blessed grand and great grandchildren yearning for an understanding of “Who is Srila Prabhupada?”

Fascinated by the stories we hear and read about, we are more and more compelled by your personality ...by the type of person you are ...a personality that changed the world as we know it. We know that we can never truly grasp your true nature, yet we remain in awe of these mere glimpses.

As different as each of us within KBYG may be, we all are connected by a deep appreciation for the legacy you have left. You have touched all our hearts, of those who were raised in this movement and of those who joined later in life. You have given us a sense of community, purpose, family, a culture so rich, teachings so pure, and a lifestyle so quintessentially practical, simple and satisfying. Everything about life, that we now love and hold dear, is because of you.

As a group we modestly attempted to recognize

a few of your unique qualities that made you so special. In doing this, we have realized that you mean so much to us in many different ways.

Srila Prabhupada, first and foremost you possess an extraordinary sense of compassion. Your profound concern for the condition of the fallen souls is what drove you to save us. Your every action and instruction was an act of love and ultimately meant for our own benefit. You are a true father, patiently guiding us and showing us what genuine love and compassion means.

Srila Prabhupada you are the embodiment of eloquence, style and finesse. You have perfectly delivered timeless teachings from bygone eras in a manner that is easily assimilated by our small minds. You have expressed these teachings in a way that is both thought provoking and moving.

You were always open, honest, straightforward, real and genuine in all your dealings, often using wit, humour and your Bengali charm to inspire and teach us. You always made time for your disciples and knew exactly what to say according to time, place and circumstance. You truly understood the hearts and natures of those you engaged with.

50 years later, the words from your discourses/lectures and books is immensely relevant. Your words remain sharp, sobering and pierces through our consciousness, challenging us to pull back the curtain and question the cause and nature of our very existence. The knowledge contained in your books is still changing the world and will forever remain one of your greatest gifts to us.

You sacrificed and endured so much for us, a lifetime of selfless dedicated service expertly utilizing every resource to build ISKCON, BBT and Food for Life.

You are a true visionary and ‘innovator’ who went against the grain and challenged the norms/conventions of society. Today the world worships

people like this...they idolize leaders who possess discipline, dedication and those who have revolutionized their industries. Srila Prabhupada you are the original and ultimate 'game changer', you created our good fortune and changed all of our lives. You are the essence of what the world now realizes is the 'perfect leader'.

You are our founder acarya, our Jagat Guru – you lead by example, you lived and embodied every instruction given, your life is an expression of love for Krishna. You are our hero and saviour.

KBYG's original purpose may have changed over the past decade and may be redefined going

forward but on this auspicious day of your appearance we pray that we can always be of some assistance to your great mission. Please bless us so that we can give others the same love that we continuously receive from you. Please help us to open our hearts to you, Srila Prabhupada – our greatest well-wisher and friend.


Today, we humbly pray that we forever remain situated at your lotus feet.

Your aspiring servants of your servants

Krishna Balarama Youth Group

Johannesburg



The Imbizo Forum 
Johannesburg, South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

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srimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine
namas te saraswate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvishesha-shunyavadi-pashchatya-desha-tarine*

YOUR MERCY IN AFRICA

“In distributing love of Godhead, Caitanya Mahaprabhu and His associates did not consider who was a fit candidate and who was not, nor where such distribution should or should not take place. They made no conditions. Wherever they got the opportunity, the members of the Pañca-tattva distributed love of Godhead.” (*Caitanya-caritamṛta, Ādi-līla 7.23*)

“Although the members of the Pañca-tattva plundered the storehouse of love of Godhead and ate and distributed its contents, there was no scarcity, for this wonderful storehouse is so complete that as the love is distributed, the supply increases hundreds of times.” (*Caitanya-caritamṛta, Ādi-līla 7.24*)

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for bringing our

community together through joy and adversity. The journey of coming together has brought to dawn the next stage of our attempt to try serve you in spreading your glory in Africa.

Before we can attempt to reach out to others, we must first reach in to one another. We pray that you help us Srila Prabhupada to learn to relish the taste of love of Godhead through the association of the Vaisnavas next to us. You have built a home for everyone coming from every colour, creed and background. Please continue to bring us closer together Srila Prabhupada, through joy or adversity, so that love for one another can be ignited amongst us like fire is ignited from wood. Let the fire of love burn away all misgivings so that the flame of affection for one another becomes an irrepressible blaze within

our hearts. For it is only when we all have this taste of love of Godhead, through association with each other, that we can distribute your mercy in Africa.

*Your servants,
The Imbizo Forum
Johannesburg, South Africa*



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



The Mondeor Bhagavad Gita Study Group
Johannesburg, South Africa

The vocabulary has no words appropriate enough to start expressing our sincere gratitude. You have placed us on the path to liberation. By your mercy we are fortunate to have the association of other devotees who get together on a weekly basis and study the Bhagavad-gita. It is only through your mercy that we are able to dive into the nectar of the Vedic literature.

We are privileged and honoured to be studying your purports. We are forever indebted to you. By your causeless mercy we are able to understand our purpose of life. The deep philosophy of the Vedic scriptures, so nicely translated in simple language

for us fallen and lost souls to absorb and use the opportunity to start our journey to liberation.

Srila Prabhupada please forgive us for our shortcomings and bless us with your mercy that we can remain as one of the atoms at your Lotus Feet.

*Your servants,
The Mondeor Bhagavad Gita Study Group:
Bhakta Kugan, Bhakta Nash, Bhakta Parbhu,
Bhakta Peush, Bhaktin Angela, Bhaktin Bindia,
Bhaktin Gita, Bhaktin Lila*

Johannesburg, South Africa





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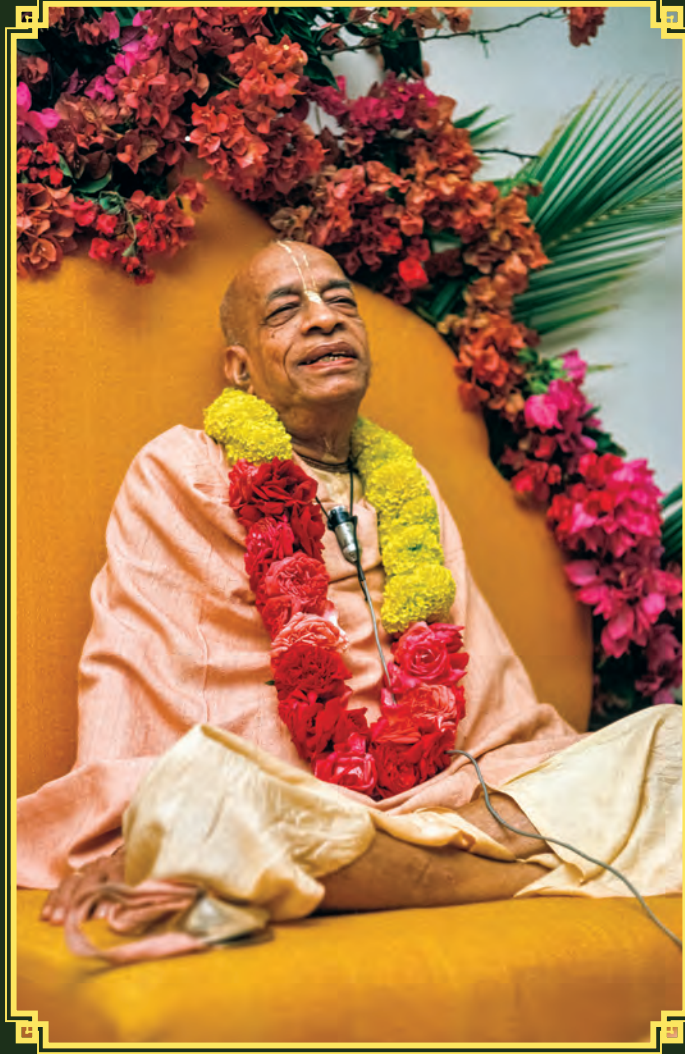
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śābde pare ca niṣṇātaṁ
brahmaṇy upaśamāśrayam*



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