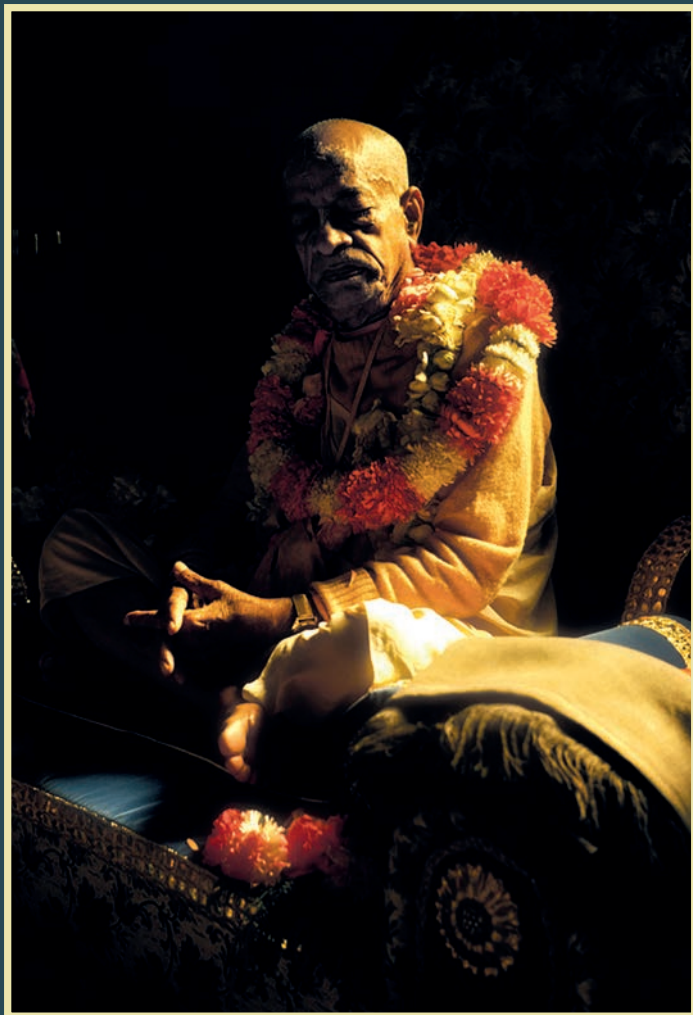


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PREFACE

🕉️ HEMANT BHAGA

 THIS YEAR, WE COMMEMORATE THE 130TH Vyāsa-pūjā of Śrīla Prabhupāda and the 60th anniversary of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON).

Śrīla Prabhupāda founded ISKCON on the philosophy of the Bhagavad-gītā and the Bhāgavata Purāṇa, established a management structure, ensured that his followers maintained the Vaiṣṇava tradition, and wrote and translated more than eighty volumes of Vedic spiritual literature. Today, ISKCON comprises more than 800 major centers, temples, rural communities, and vegetarian restaurants worldwide and has touched the lives of millions. This is a truly remarkable achievement. Even more remarkable when one considers that Śrīla Prabhupāda travelled to America at the age of sixty-nine, having received free passage aboard the cargo ship Jaladuta and carrying the equivalent of seven dollars in Indian rupees. At Commonwealth Pier in Boston on 17 September 1965, he sold a set of the first edition of his Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam to the ship's captain

for \$20 and embarked on his historic mission.

His legacy is one of authenticity, determination, faith, and unwavering loyalty to his spiritual master and Śrī Kṛṣṇa – a living legacy sustained by the contribution of every ISKCON follower and well-wisher.

We are honored to publish this 10th edition of the Pan-African Vyāsa-pūjā book, containing 399 offerings from 18 countries, including 12 African countries.

A note on our editorial policy for this book: offerings were reviewed for appropriateness but were either left unedited or edited only very lightly for spelling and grammar. No diacritics were added. In short, we've published the offerings largely as received.

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

*Yours in the service of Śrīla Prabhupāda,
Hemant Bhaga*



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THE MEANING OF VYĀSA-PŪJĀ

🙏 ŚRĪNIKETANA DĀSA

 **VYĀSA-PŪJĀ, THE MOST BLESSED EVENT**, is the worship of Śrīla Vyāsadeva or his representative in the guru-paramparā. By compiling a vast body of literature, Vyāsadeva gave the world Lord Kṛṣṇa's instructions, pastimes, and activities. With great submission and respect, Vyāsadeva's followers carefully read and studied this literature.

They not only internalized this vast transcendental knowledge but also passed its essence on to their disciples and followers. Each guru passed it on to the next while adhering strictly to the original message. In this way, transcendental knowledge was passed down to our own time and entrusted to the care of His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda.

Our Śrīla Prabhupāda is thus a true representative of Śrīla Vyāsadeva. On the order of his beloved

master, Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī Ṭhākura, and out of his causeless mercy, Prabhupāda brought us this eternal knowledge, unadulterated by jñāna, karma, and other materially motivated diversions.

We who were steeped in rajo-guṇa and tamoguṇa place upon our heads the message we have heard. We also dedicate ourselves to spreading it to every town and village around the world. Just as our master instructed us.

For this reason, we have placed our lives at the feet of this great servant of Vyāsadeva. With the greatest awe and reverence we can command, we pray that we may serve Śrīla Prabhupāda's sacred order with all humility, for he is the genuine representative of Śrīla Vyāsadeva. This is the purpose of celebrating Śrī Vyāsa-pūjā, the most blessed event.

Śrīniketana Dāsa





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*

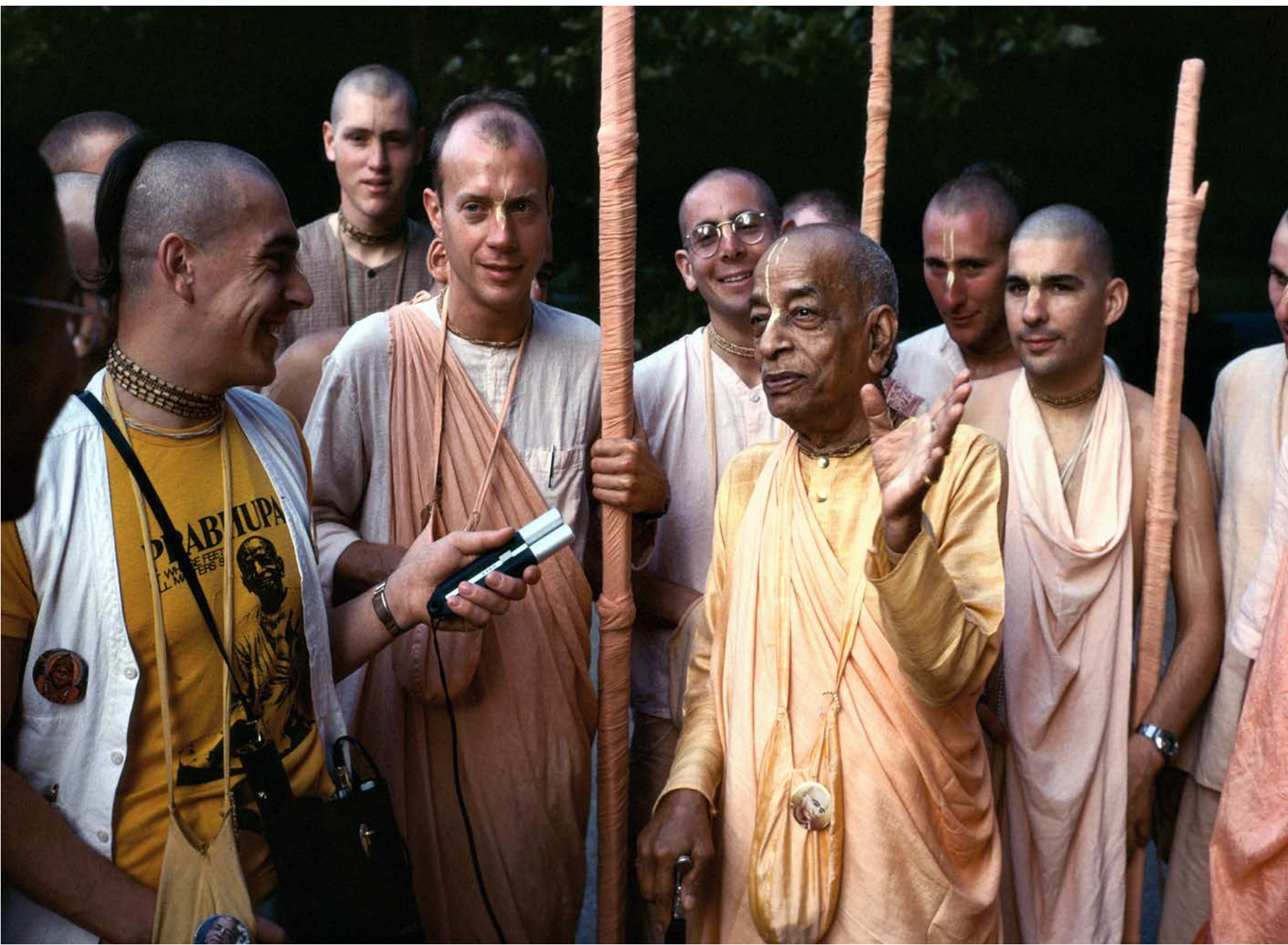
THE spiritual master is to be honored as much as the Supreme Lord, because he is the most confidential servitor of the Lord. This is acknowledged in all revealed scriptures and followed by all authorities. Therefore I offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of such a spiritual master, who 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 you, the savior of the whole world, and of me.

 Bhakti Caitanya Swami

I HAVE BEEN THINKING A LOT ABOUT YOUR POSITION as Founder-acarya of your International Society for Krishna Consciousness. It is such a profound position, and, as we know very well, one that you insisted on being recognized as.

A Founder-acarya is, among other things, someone who takes one or some important aspects of the functions and gifts of a sampradaya, and gives them special emphasis, in this way having a particularly dynamic effect on the line and its place in the world at large. There is absolutely no doubt that you have done this, Srila Prabhupada, in a number of ways.

In a sense, Lord Caitanya was also something like a Founder-acarya, in that He took such an important activity of the sampradaya as the chanting of the holy names, and particularly the Hare Krishna mantra itself, and practiced it and emphasized it greatly. What an impact He had, particularly in India! It is interesting that when Isvara Puri initiated Lord Caitanya he specifically emphasized to the Lord the chanting of the holy names as opposed to study of Vedanta philosophy, and after being instructed in this way, Lord Caitanya absorbed Himself in chanting and spreading the chanting, often to the exclusion of other Krishna conscious activities. In this way he had such an unprecedented impact on the world in Krishna consciousness.

Similarly, you, Srila Prabhupada, for our

preaching, emphasized chanting, but then, after some time, focused on the mass distribution of transcendental literature. I remember how, when I joined the temple in Bury Place, London, in January 1973, all we did every day was go on harinama up and down Oxford Street, the main street of the city. But then some time in the summer we received an instruction from you to now focus on book distribution.

This is certainly one of your main contributions to the sampradaya, and has had, and continues to have, such a massive impact on the whole world. How many millions of conditioned souls have now had contact with Krishna consciousness through the distribution of your books?

So on this basis alone you are clearly a Founder-acarya, and not simply another “regular” acarya who was giving Krishna consciousness to people.

And I was one of those many, many people who first got one of those books and had his life changed irrevocably by you. You saved me from a fate worse than death, and I owe you everything for that, eternally.

Please grant me a place at your lotus feet, forever.

*Your ever grateful servant,
Bhakti Caitanya Swami*



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

 Bhakti Carudesna Swami
Abidjan
Côte d’Ivoire/ Ivory coast

You many times said in your lectures that being in Krishna consciousness means to declare a war to this materialistic society. You rightly said what is a simple truth. When we analyze our four regulative

principles that we follow in ISKCON, there is conclusion one can make:

- No gambling means rejecting all kinds of

mundane games that encourage independence towards God (Krishna).

- No intoxication means all big businesses in connection with alcohol, tobacco etc... must be closed.
- No illicit sex means all hotels, motels must be closed and women trafficking stopped.
- No meat eating means all slaughterhouses must be closed.

With a materialistic perspective, your ISKCON movement creates thousands of jobless people and so, war begins with the anti-God conscious world leaders who want to prosper economically despite the suffering of the mass of people; they will never give chance to ISKCON movement to rise or to even exist.

In this regard, every member of ISKCON society should see himself or herself as a soldier in your army.

In Bhagavad-gita 18.78 it's said:

“Wherever there is Krishna, the master of all mystics, and wherever there is Arjuna, the supreme archer, there will also certainly be opulence, victory, extraordinary power and morality...”

O dear Srila Prabhupada, we have you by our side in this ferocious war with many complicated battles against this corrupted society. You have Krishna always with you and you are the bonafide representative of Arjuna, so victory is sure to be with all the devotees who will sincerely take shelter at your lotus feet, the only way to cross this ocean of material miseries.

*Your grand servant,
Bhakti Carudesna Swami*



Giriraj Swami
Carpinteria
United States



Each year on Srila Prabhupada's Vyasa-puja day, we remember, hear and talk about Srila Prabhupada, and by doing so, we keep him present in our lives.

I FIRST SAW SRILA PRABHUPADA at Brandeis University in Boston, where he had just concluded a program. I had come too late to hear him, but the next day I visited the storefront ISKCON temple on Glenville Avenue, where he was scheduled to speak. When I arrived, the room was already packed, and when Srila Prabhupada began speaking, I had difficulty understanding him; I wasn't used to his Bengali accent, and the philosophy was new to me. Still, I did hear him say that out of many thousands of men, one would seek perfection. And I thought, That's me!

When Srila Prabhupada asked for questions, I raised my hand. “There are so many swamis and masters,” I began, “and each one recommends a different method of self-realization and says that his is best. How do I know which is actually best?”

“What is your goal?” Srila Prabhupada replied.

“Do you want to serve God, or do you want to become God? . . . If you want to become God, it means that you are not God now. And how can not-God become God? God is God. . . . The real guru teaches that God is in your heart and that you can become godly—but that you cannot become God.”

As Srila Prabhupada spoke, I got the distinct impression that he knew everything about me and was seeing right into my apartment, right to the sign on my wall, on which I had engraved in ornate lettering: YOU ARE GOD.

“What do you think?” he asked. “Do you want to serve God, or do you want to become God?”

I said, “I want to serve God, but I realize that actually I wanted to become God.”

Prabhupada was emphatic in his affirmation: “Yes!”

I immediately offered my obeisances. I had found my spiritual master.

From that first meeting, my whole life's purpose became to bring people to Srila Prabhupada. I was able to do that for many years, but when Prabhupada passed away, I wondered, What will be my service now?

Now I understand that Srila Prabhupada is always present, and that by speaking of him, hearing about him, remembering him, and, most significantly, by studying his books, we can experience

his presence. So, I can continue doing what I was doing when he was personally present—introducing souls to Prabhupada; that is what I feel natural doing. And I know that somehow or other, if someone comes in touch with Srila Prabhupada, his life will be successful.

*Praying to continue serving Srila Prabhupada
perpetually,
Giriraj Swami*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

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

I HOPE THAT I MAY CHANT THE HOLY NAME of Krishna with greater sincerity and attention, as you instructed. And I pray that I can ever increasingly take your instructions to heart, so that my heart may become free from offenses and I can be rightly engaged in service at your lotus feet.

By your mercy you lifted me up, and I have tried to serve you.

In whatever time is left, may I always think of

myself as your eternal servant and remember you as my eternal master. May I never be envious or neglectful. May my efforts serve your desires and add to your glory, and may I always remember that whatever service I can offer is possible only because of you.

Jayadvaita Swami



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to Your Divine Grace and our guru-varga.

YOU WRITE IN THE ŚRĪ CAITANYA-CARITĀM TA (Ādi-līlā, Chapter 17, Text 1, purport),

“Everywhere people express this astonishment,

and we take great pride in the transcendental behavior of our students. Such wonders are possible, however, only by the mercy of Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu. They are not ordinary or mundane.”

 Jayadvaita Swami

 Partha Sarathi Dasa Goswami
Durban
South Africa

I humbly pray that I can continue to serve you under your guidance and the guidance of the disciplic succession. Please allow me to always remember you in your sādḥaka form, and one day, if I am so fortunate, in your siddha form. I place my head millions of times at the lotus feet of your disciples, grand disciples, and followers.

*jagāi mādḥāi haite muṇi se pāpiṣṭha
purīṣera kīṭa haite muṇi se laghiṣṭha*

“I am more sinful than Jagāi and Mādḥāi and even lower than the worms in the stool.” (Śrī Caitanya-caritāmṛta, Ādi-līlā, Chapter 5, Text 205)

The goal is vraja-bhakti, and you are distributing this. Please allow me to assist you in this endeavour.

*I remain,
Your servant,
Partha Sarathi Dasa Goswami*



Rama Govinda Swami 🙏
Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Param Pūjya Param Gurudeva
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 kṛṣṇa-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine
namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvīṣesa-sunyavadi-pascatya-deśa-tarīṇe*

PARAM GURUDEV! When reading the Srimad Bhagavatam especially Canto 3, 4, 5 and 11, where lot of philosophical explanations are there, sometimes I feel it is difficult to understand. But when I offer prayers to gurus and Guru Parampara it becomes understandable. Reading your purports again and again helps to understand the philosophy. Reading your purports of Srimad Bhagavatam, Sri Bhagavad-gita, I feel I am just hearing. Scriptures also say that one must hear from spiritual master about the glories of the Supreme Personality of Godhead, In Srimad Bhagavatam Canto 5, describing the glories of Lord Anantadeva, Lord Sankarāṣana, says that hearing the glories of the Lord from the spiritual master helps to get liberated.

Śrīla Śukadeva Goswāmī says “If persons who are very serious about being liberated from material life hear the glories of Anantadeva from the mouth of a spiritual master in the chain of disciplic

succession, and if they always meditate upon Sankarāṣana, the Lord enters the cores of their hearts, vanquishes all the dirty contamination of the material modes of nature, and cuts to pieces the hard knot within the heart, which has been tied tightly since time immemorial by the desire to dominate material nature through fruitive activities. Nārada Muni, the son of Lord Brahmā, always glorifies Anantadeva in his father’s assembly”. (SB 5.25.8)

Also, it is further said, “Even if he be distressed or degraded, any person who chants the holy name of the Lord, having heard it from a bona fide spiritual master, is immediately purified. Even if he chants the Lord’s name jokingly or by chance, he and anyone who hears him are freed from all sins. Therefore how can anyone seeking disentanglement from the material clutches avoid chanting the name of Lord Śeṣa? Of whom else should one take shelter?” (SB 5.25.11).

Lord Sankarāsana, who is one of the quadruple expansion of Supreme Personality of Godhead Kṛṣṇa, is also Ādi Guru. With the mercy of Your Divine Grace, the Ādi Guru of International Society for Kṛṣṇa Consciousness, representing Lord Sankarāsana, we can also be situated in real ego, and engaged in loving devotional service of the lotus feet of the Supreme Lord. It is my conviction that such miracle can happen only by understanding your purports on Srimad Bhāgavatam and Bhagavad-gītā and practicing accordingly.

Param Gurudeva! You said in the purport to SB 7.9.18, “As soon as a devotee can chant the holy name and glories of the Supreme Lord, he certainly comes to the liberated position. Attachment for glorifying the Lord by hearing and chanting the holy name and activities of the Lord (śravanam kīrtanam viṣṇu [SB 7.5.23]) certainly brings one to the position where material contamination is absent. One should chant the bona fide songs received from the disciplic succession. In Bhagavad-gītā it is said that the chanting is powerful when one follows the

disciplic succession (evaṁ paramparā-prāptam imaṁ rājarṣayo viduḥ [Bg. 4.2]).”

Param Gurudeva! Your Divine Grace has given us all the wonderful facilities for hearing pastimes of the Supreme Lord, Chanting Hare Kṛṣṇa Maha mantra, serving the vaiṣṇavas, and serving the Deities of Their Lordships, Sri Sri Radha Kṛṣṇa and Gaura-Nitai. In addition, the transcendental prasādam. No other spiritual organization other than Your ISKCON provide such opportunities.

Please bless me to continue to engage in the service of Your preaching mission following your instructions above. As I am advancing in age, some difficulties of the body I am facing, but with your blessings, which I am sure, I wish to continue to travel and serve Your lotus feet.

*In the service of Sri Guru parampara and Gauranga,
Your servant of servant,
Rama Govinda Swami*



Dear Srila Prabhupada

Please accept my humble obeisances on this auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

*mahat-krpa vina kona karme vina 'bhakti' naya
kṛṣṇa-bhakti dure rahu, saàsāra nahe ksaya*

“Without the grace of a pure devotee of the Lord, one cannot reach the level of devotional service. To say nothing of Kṛṣṇa-bhakti, one cannot even escape the chains of material existence.”

IT IS INDEED A REMARKABLE BLESSING that, through some unimaginable good fortune, we have encountered such a generous and gloriously remarkable figure as Srila Prabhupāda. It is solely through your compassion that we now have the chance to offer even a small service to the Supreme Lord Sri Kṛṣṇa.

Undoubtedly, we may not fully comprehend the

significance of this day of your Vyasa Puja, but in penning this humble and modest tribute, we aspire to remind ourselves of the illustrious essence of Srila Prabhupada.

Srila Prabhupada, you are the most generous soul that the three worlds have ever known. The earth is incredibly fortunate to have been graced



Sundara Caitanya Goswami
Mauritius

by your presence.

Your guidance, letters, books, songs, and purports provide the only comfort in this world shrouded in darkness.

Your Divine Grace has performed the greatest miracle by disseminating Kṛṣṇa consciousness globally. Not only in a brief period but also among the most fallen and misguided souls. This surpasses any form of magic – it stands as evidence that you are empowered by Sri Kṛṣṇa, the Supreme Personality of Godhead.

Thus, we can recognize that Your Divine Grace cannot be equated with an ordinary individual. You are the empowered embodiment of Kṛṣṇa's mercy! Your actions and teachings are transcendental.

tulayāma lavenāpi na svargaā nāpunar-bhavam
bhagavat-saṅgi-saṅgasya martyānāā kim
utāciññat

The significance of even a brief association with a pure devotee of the Lord far surpasses the rewards of heavenly realms or liberation from material

existence, not to mention the fleeting worldly blessings associated with material wealth, which are ultimately destined for those who face death.

There is no alternative for conditioned souls to escape the material realm except by taking refuge in a mahā-bhāgavata; and you are not merely a pure devotee, but indeed the most cherished devotee of Lord Sri Kṛṣṇa and Lord Caitanya. While Sri Caitanya Mahāprabhu accomplished His mission solely in India and saved one Jagāi and Mādhāi, He has entrusted you with the task of disseminating His mission globally and rescuing countless Jagāis and Mādhāis.

I am profoundly grateful to you for placing your beloved disciple Srila Lokanath Maharaja in my path to guide me in my spiritual journey and to serve him eternally.

*Your humble servant,
Sundara Caitanya Goswami*





OFFERINGS BY INITIATED DISCIPLES







Dear Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my humble obeisances at your divine lotus feet on the auspicious occasion of your 130th Vyasa-puja.



Medhavi Dasa

Cape Town

South Africa

EVERY YEAR BEFORE THIS DAY, your disciples and followers search their hearts for suitable words to glorify your wonderful achievement of spreading the mercy of Sri Caitanya, Sri Nityananda and all of the great acaryas all over the world.

Every year, I must beg forgiveness for my many shortcomings and offenses. “Aparadha sahasrani, kriyante harnisam maya/ daso’ham iti mama matva, ksamasva madhusudana.”

Most of my association with yourself and your other disciples now occurs only on the Internet. My heart-felt thanks go to HG Siddhanta Prabhu for making the devotees’ memories of you so available.

Of course, you always instructed that “vani” was more important than “vapu”. Still...

Recently, I was listening to the “memories” of one nice mataji from London. She remembered how she had only just seen you in the early 70’s and then a day later, or so, you were leaving for preaching in Africa.

In her interview, she mentioned that “She hadn’t been able to “take in” who you really were.” She was fearful that she might never again get the opportunity to see you. She wrote you a letter and you responded encouraging her that she was an intelligent girl and that she should use her abilities in Krsna’s service. In the years that followed she has been able to perform many services for your pleasure.

For myself, so many years later, I also still cannot really comprehend who you are. In the gayatri mantras daily we chant, “Let us try to understand my spiritual master who is always in blissful Krsna consciousness.” Of course, your qualities, being the Lord’s most confidential servant, are as limitless as are His. I miss not having any close personal association.

After my initiation in April’75, I requested to stay in India to hopefully get some of your personal association and guidance. That didn’t work, for the 6

months that I served in Mayapur, you were traveling in the West. Unfortunately, I had to leave India for London on the very same day that you were returning to India for Janmastami in Vrndavan.

In the UK, you visited in 1976, but when the devotees went to receive you at Heathrow, because I was a driver, I was instructed to stay in the van at the loading zone, thus missing the joyous reception in the terminal. Afterwards, I was to collect your and your servant’s luggage. So, service to the devotees. That’s good, I thought.

After some time, the servants came running up, saying that the luggage had gone with another vehicle. One of the devotees was from the UK. He informed the others that he knew the way to the Manor, so they commandeered the van. I was told that I could get a ride back with the other devotees, and they zoomed off. The problem was that everyone already had quickly left back to The Manor.

At that time, being a brahmachari meant that you really had “no” money. After begging fare from people at the airport, catching the train to Radlett, I then called the temple. After an eternity waiting, a devotee finally answered, (No one answered the phone back then at the Manor). I requested someone to please collect me at Radlett Station. A devotee did come - an hour and a half later, after the ecstatic kirtan, Srila Prabhupada’s arrival talk and a sumptuous feast were all finished.

In other devotee memories, one hears of so many occasions when you looked intently at devotees, and they experienced their eternal connection with you.

Anyway, my firm desire, is that hopefully in a future life that I will have the opportunity to join your movement earlier and to experience those special moments when the ISKCON movement was beginning. Maybe even an opportunity to render some simple personal service to you.

Of course, you are the most merciful and compassionate personality in the three worlds, but my sinful past, numerous offenses and absence of previous piety have left me here where I am – unable to appreciate the great mercy that has been already

bestowed upon me. What can be done?

Still, I remain your lowly servant near the bottom of the world.

Medhavi Dasa





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& OTHER DEVOTEES**







Dear most param Guru Maharaja,
I offer my prostrated obeisances at your lotus feet.

 Abhay Arcarya Dasa
Midrand
South Africa

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

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

IT IS DESCRIBED THAT AT TIMES A PARENT, out of love, would chastise a child in order to correct them when they may have done something wrong. However, grandparents impart their love upon the child in all circumstances, regardless of the child's wrongdoings. In that way, even if I may have committed any offences or wrongdoings, please shower your love and mercy upon me and forgive my shortcomings.

Many a time I would pray and hope that perhaps in a previous life I would have had the great fortune of having your darsana or even serving you in some way or form. However, slowly over this year, I have come to understand how wrong this thought process of mine actually is. Why? This is because I serve you every single day. I take your darsana every single day.

The acaryas have described that the arca-vigraha form of the Supreme Lord, Sri Krsna, is actually more merciful than the Lord's actual form. This is because Krsna may seemingly leave the residents of Vrndavana, but His murti form never leaves you. In the same way, you are actually present in your

arca-vigraha form. There is no difference between your body and your murti form.

Actually, I consider myself even more fortunate now, as I can touch and bathe your lotus feet, perform your arati, and so on. Your mercy constantly follows. I pray—no, I beg of you, Srila Prabhupada—please grant your mercy upon me and shower me with your loving glance; not only upon me, but upon all your beloved grand-disciples, disciples, and generations to come.

Please bless us that we may chant Hare Krsna, Hare Krsna, Krsna Krsna, Hare Hare/ Hare Rama, Hare Rama, Rama Rama, Hare Hare without offence, relish the pastimes of Sri Sri Radha-Govinda, and perform loving devotional service in cooperation and harmony.

All glories to Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Gosvami. All glories to Sri Guru and Sri Gauranga. All glories to you, Srila Prabhupada.

*Your Servant,
Abhay Arcarya Dasa*



Dear 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.

 Abhay Charan
Durban
South Africa

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PLEASE ACCEPT OUR HUMBLE DANDAVATS at your lotus feet. We bow down repeatedly, carrying hearts that are full of gratitude, full of love, and honestly, full of this deep ache to serve you properly. Today, on this sacred day when you appeared in this world, the devotees here at Sri Sri Radha Radhanath Temple in Durban have come together and it is not just formality. There is real feeling here. We have gathered to glorify you and to offer whatever little sincerity we can muster at your feet.

You are our eternal guru, the pure devotee who crossed oceans to bring Kṛṣṇa's holy name to the West and eventually to every corner of the world. We were so lost before, chasing temporary things, tangled up in family problems, career stress, and all the confusion that comes with modern life. You pulled us out of that. You did not have to, but you did. Today, celebrating your Vyasa-puja, I keep thinking about how you appeared in our lives like the sun cutting through fog. One moment everything was grey and unclear, and the next there was clarity.

Srila Prabhupada, you did not come here seeking fame or followers or an easy life. You came because your Guru Maharaja, Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakura, instructed you to carry the message of Sri Caitanya Mahāprabhu to the English-speaking world. At an age when most people are slowing down and looking for comfort, you boarded a cargo ship to America with almost nothing, a few books, a pair of cymbals, and unshakable faith in Krishna. What you accomplished in the twelve years after arriving in 1965 does not align with any ordinary calculation. You built a worldwide movement. You translated and published volumes such as Srimad-Bhagavatam, Bhagavad-gita As It Is, and Caitanya-caritamṛta. You created a place where lost souls like us could finally find

shelter.

Here in Durban, we feel this mercy personally. Many of us grew up between different worlds, some from Indian families, some Zulu, some Xhosa, some from European backgrounds. Different languages, customs, and ways of understanding life. Through your books and the process of bhakti you gave us, something is changing. We are learning to see beyond labels and recognise each other as souls, part of Kṛṣṇa. It is not easy. We make mistakes, we argue, and we fall short of proper Vaisnava behaviour. Yet because of your instructions, we continue. We keep chanting. We keep serving, even imperfectly. We keep praying for your guidance.

Srila Prabhupada, most of us feel unqualified to even speak to you. We lack deep realisations and have not performed great austerities. We are like children holding something priceless without fully understanding it. Yet your mercy never depended on our perfection. You accepted us as we were, proud, envious, full of faults. Through your books, letters, and lectures, and through the devotees you empowered, our hearts began to change. We cannot repay this. All we can do is sincerely pray, please never leave us. Please remain in our hearts forever.

You said you are not this body, not these books, not this movement, but the servant of your Guru Maharaja. Yet for us, you are everything. You are the bridge. You made Kṛṣṇa real for us and made the holy name accessible even to those whose consciousness was deeply conditioned. Just as Caitanya Mahāprabhu inspired even animals to chant, you touched hearts across all backgrounds. In Durban, we witness this daily, people from all walks of life coming together to glorify Radha and Kṛṣṇa.

We are trying to serve within your ISKCON family, though it is not always smooth. Differences in

opinion, cultural challenges, personal weaknesses, and maya create obstacles. Yet whenever we turn to your books, especially the Gita, clarity returns. You taught that life is meant for self-realization and loving service to Krsna. You showed how everyday actions can become devotion, cooking, cleaning, chanting, studying, and distributing prasadam. You emphasized book distribution, and we are trying, in our small way, to follow. Even one book can transform a life.

We need your mercy to study your books seriously. You have already given everything we need. Still, we sometimes seek easier or newer paths. Please forgive this and give us the intelligence to go deeper into your teachings, understanding that your words are transcendental sound capable of liberating the soul.

We also seek your mercy to develop humility. You taught and embodied being humbler than a blade of grass and more tolerant than a tree. We struggle with this daily. Criticism triggers ego, praise inflates pride, and service challenges bring complaints. Please purify us. Make us instruments in your hands. Help us respect all devotees and serve together with sincerity for the pleasure of Sri Sri Radha Radhanath and the sankirtana mission.

Your compassion is immeasurable. You never judged our past or present. You simply invited everyone, chant Hare Krsna, take prasadam, and awaken love for Krsna. Because of you, families in Durban find peace, youth move away from destructive habits, elders find renewed purpose, and children grow up in devotion. This is your success.

We feel your presence during guru-puja each morning. Offering flowers and prayers, we envision you on the vyasasana, watching over us. We understand you are not limited to a form. You live in your instructions, in the hearts of devotees, and in every temple where you are worshipped.

We also remember your disciples who served you faithfully and continue to inspire us: HH Bhakti Charu Swami, HH Tamal Krishna Goswami, HH Gargamuni Swami, HH Brahmananda Swami, Shyamal Das, HH Badrinarayan Maharaj, HH Bhakti Bringa Govinda Swami, HH Indradyumna Swami, HH Bhakti Tirtha Swami, HG Bhagavan Das, HH Balabhadra Puri Maharaj, HH Jayapataka Swami, and Aindra Prabhu. Their sacrifices and dedication form the foundation we stand on. We pray to honour them and follow their example.

On this Vyasa-puja day, we recommit to your mission. We will strive to keep the temple a place of pure bhakti. We will distribute your books and prasadam with sincerity. We will strengthen our sadhana by rising early, chanting attentively, and remembering Krsna. When we fall short, we will take shelter again at your lotus feet.

You said the spiritual master is the external manifestation of the Supersoul. In our lives, which is exactly what you are. In times of confusion or despair, your teachings bring clarity. Thank you for never abandoning us, even when we faltered. Your mercy is truly causeless.

As this Vyasa-puja day comes to a close, our hearts remain full. We may not have grand offerings, but we offer our sincere intention to serve you life after life.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

All glories to the sankirtana movement.

All glories to Sri Sri Radha Radhanath.

All glories to Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu.

May we always remain your insignificant, aspiring Servants, dependent on your mercy,

With gratitude and devotion,

Abhay Charan (Son of Shyamal Das ACBSP)

Sri Sri Radha Radhanath Temple





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

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

*namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirviesa-sunyavadi-pascatya-desa-tarine*

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

SRILA PRABHUPADA, I AM ETERNALLY INDEBTED to you for giving this Krsna consciousness process and philosophy to me and the world, for guiding me, and holding my hand through the process on the way back home, back to Godhead.

This process is “the” process for humanity at large. Simply amazing, one-size-fits-all. Yes, anyone, from any country, any creed, colour, religion, upbringing, background—be he a head of state, professional, scientist or illiterate, rich or poor, young or old, happy or distressed, sick or healthy, yogi, rogi or bhogi, or following any field of activity, knowledge or philosophy—anyone can simply take to this process, can simply add it to their lifestyle and let Krsna do the magic.

Who would dare propose to the Western world the four regulative principles, chanting of the holy name, and suggest that one be engaged in Krsna consciousness 24/7? Only those who care, and Srila Prabhupada, you cared. You did not care for yourself.

You did not think, “What would people say?” Wouldn’t the intellectuals and scientists make a fool of you? In an age of technology and science, coming up with such proposals was simply absurd. But you did not bother. Your only concern was that this process would eternally benefit people—people in general, the general mass, the downtrodden, whom no one cares for.

And Krsna reciprocated massively, beyond bounds. This verse from the Bhagavad-gita is most

appropriate:

ananyas cintayanto mam ye janah paryupasate
tesam nityabhiyuktanam yoga-ksemam vahamy
aham “

But those who worship Me with exclusive devotion, meditating on My transcendental form—to them I carry what they lack, and I preserve what they have.” (BG 9.22)

When I read this verse, I think, no, it is not humanly possible for God to personally carry what His devotee needs. But this is His love for His devotee. He is bhakta-vatsala: the benefactor of His devotee.

Srila Prabhupada, you gave a process that is easy, joyfully performed, and which obviously works. Where then is the difficulty to engage oneself 24/7 in Krsna consciousness? This is your causeless mercy.

We did not deserve it, neither by destiny nor by our present actions. As you say, Srila Prabhupada, “I created your fortune.” So true.

I therefore commit to be eternally connected to your most glorious ISKCON, and be fully engaged in your service,

in the service of Krsna, as well as inspire as many as I can. We are receiving good results, preaching to new professionals.

I thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for giving us this process of Krsna consciousness and for engaging us in your service, which is total dedication to Krsna.

Please kindly accept again my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

*Your Servant,
Acarya Ratna Dasa*



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. All glories to Sri Guru and Gauranga.



Acyuta Gotra Dasa
Aylesbury
United Kingdom

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MY DEAREST SPIRITUAL MASTER, my father and well-wisher, on this amazing, auspicious appearance of your highly exalted lotus feet, I offer my humblest and sincere surrender.

In the purport of the Bhagavad-gita (11.54), it is stated that “only through devotional service can Krsna be understood.” It further states that speculative philosophy in trying to know Sri Krsna is a waste of time.

That is where the spiritual master comes in. Only through the bona fide Sri Guru can knowledge be revealed and understood. May we forever glorify you. Yes, our material desires may be strong, and we will not lie about it. But humbly, I pray unto you to give me shelter in this world in which I am lost, living in a different city and country. Guide me and protect me.

Your mercy, which is still spreading, kindly rain it over me. We get so tainted with material desires that we forget even for a moment to glorify you.

May you uplift, strengthen, encourage, and

protect me from all sorts of distractions that arise from my own trials and tribulations of surrender. As we often say, “Jaya Prabhupada,” may this be a statement of your glory—your message that captivated the minds of sinners to surrender to Krsna. “Jaya Prabhupada” should not be said without affection. The intensity of the prayer must be expressed so that the name of our dearest father is heard in places it has not yet reached.

Jaya Prabhupada.

Jaya Prabhupada.

Jaya Prabhupada.

Forever our master, father, and protector. May you still find me worthy, so I may receive your mercy and grace.

*Your ever-aspiring servant of the servant,
Acyuta Gotra Dasa (KKS)*



Acyuta Kesava Dasa
East London
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my dandavat pranams at Your divine lotus feet.
All glories to Your Divine Grace on the most auspicious occasion of Your Vyasa-puja.

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THIS YEAR MARKS THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY of the incorporation of the International Society for Krsna Consciousness (ISKCON), 13 July 1966, 26 Second Avenue, New York City being the exact date and place of the incorporation.

“ISKCON’s preaching would achieve what the League of Nations and the United Nations had failed to achieve – ‘real unity and peace in the world.’ ISKCON workers would bring peace to a world deeply afflicted by materialism and strife. They would ‘systematically propagate spiritual knowledge,’ knowledge of the non-sectarian science of God. It was not that a new religion was being born in July of 1966; rather, the eternal preaching of Godhead, known as sankirtana, was being transplanted from East to West.” (Srila Prabhupada-lilamrta, Volume One, Chapter 18).

Some of the people proposed that the society be called “The International Society for God consciousness.” However, Srila Prabhupada, you insisted that the name of Krsna must be there instead of the word God. You further stated that if people do

not know who is Krsna then ISKCON will tell them, by spreading His glories in every town and village. Srila Prabhupada, in establishing ISKCON you also established personalism in a world that is filled with impersonalism. You said that the name God is vague whereas Krsna is exact and scientific.

Your vision to spread Krsna consciousness was way ahead of anybody else. Here we are 60 years later. Your disciple Bhakta Dasa lovingly recalls how you visited the San Diego temple and you visited all the rooms of the temple. Then the last room you went into was the sankirtan room and the books were all in impeccable order. Dear Srila Prabhupada, you then hugged Bhakta Dasa and said, “thank you very much.” Bhakta Dasa then fell down at your feet crying, and said, “Srila Prabhupada, thank you very much.” I also offer my dandavat pranams to Your lotus feet, dear Srila Prabhupada, and thank you very much.

Your Servant,
Acyuta Kesava Dasa



Adarsh Nethravathi
and Vamana Dasa
Palakkad
India



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

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SRILA PRABHUPADA, BY YOUR MERCY we have received shelter under the lotus feet of your disciple HH Bhakti Raghava Swami Maharaja, who is steering the mission in fulfilling your desire of establishing Daiva Varnasrama.

Our guru maharaja is humbly and boldly presenting your concern in achieving the four movements of ISKCON with utmost dedication.

At present, with our toddler, we have a challenging time chanting our 16 rounds on Tulsi beads daily. Most often we are chanting on a counter. We are trying, Srila Prabhupada.

Even though we are not qualified, we wish to be instrumental in serving your desire under the guidance of your disciple and the Vaishnavas. Please engage us and our son in your service, Srila Prabhupada.

In this age, it can sometimes be challenging to navigate different viewpoints and stay focused on your original instructions. Srila Prabhupada, please give us the maturity and purity of heart to always remain respectful to all Vaishnavas, while staying firmly fixed in our dedication to your desire and the path you laid down. Please help us learn how to rightfully deal with these challenges.

In our conditioned state, we are trying our best to give our son a Krsna conscious environment. We

are frequently engaging him in kirtan, watching images from your books, visiting the temple and goshala, and whenever allowed, feeding and interacting with Mother cow and Father bull. We are trying to increase our use of simple, devotee-grown food and necessities. It is sometimes disheartening to face material struggles even within our community, but we pray to stay focused on the essence of your line. We wish to set the best example, which will be possible only by your mercy and the sanction of the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Lord Krishna.

We understand that this temporary material world is full of misery for conditioned souls. We wish to attract the suffering souls to Krsna consciousness by personal example. We desire to preach by following your instructions. Please empower us, Srila Prabhupada, so that the Vaishnava acharyas may be satisfied and we shall please our guru maharaja.

Thank you so much, Srila Prabhupada. Hoping we will be as sincere as you are to your Guru Maharaja.

*Your grandchildren and great grandson,
Adarsh, Nethravathi,
and Vamana Dasa*



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.



Adharamrita Devi Dasi
Johannesburg
South Africa

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RECENTLY, LIFE HAS NOT BEEN EASY for me and my family. Within the span of 14 months, we experienced two deaths in our family. It was your teachings that gave us the strength and courage to face these losses. You taught us the difference between the body and the soul, and because of your mercy, we were able to understand these difficult moments from a spiritual perspective. If it were not for you, Srila Prabhupada, my family and I would have been lost in sadness and depression. Thank you for this priceless gift of knowledge and shelter.

This year, by your mercy, I have been given the opportunity to coordinate your 60th anniversary celebration in Gauteng, Johannesburg. There have been many minor challenges along the way; however, I had expected far greater difficulties. Through this, I have realised how your mercy constantly flows upon us, guiding and protecting us in ways

we do not always see. For this also, I am deeply grateful to you, Srila Prabhupada.

Every year, Srila Prabhupada, I come before you with the same heartfelt prayer: please bless us at ISKCON Lenasia so that we may serve better and overcome the usual challenges that arise in our service. This year, once again, I pray for the same mercy.

You know me to be unlearned and unwise with words, Srila Prabhupada. Therefore, all I can truly say is that I am deeply grateful — grateful to be part of the society you created, grateful for your teachings, grateful for your mercy, and grateful for the opportunity to render service unto yourself and the Lord.

*Your servant of servants,
Adharamrita Devi Dasi*



Aindra Caitanya 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 on this most auspicious occasion of your 130th Vyasa-puja celebration.

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I FIND MYSELF MEDITATING on the wonderful opportunity you have given thousands of souls in this material world to try and practise Krsna consciousness. It is only by your mercy that we have come in contact with this divine process.

I am trying to associate with you daily by listening to your lectures and reading your books. I

feel real comfort and safety when listening to your lectures. It is amazing that due to this process of sravanam, I can have your association and develop a relationship with you despite not having met you physically. I pray to develop more taste for reading and hearing.

I am grateful you have given us the opportunity

to serve the Lord by engaging in Harinam Sankirtan, Book Distribution, and arcana of the Lord. I beg for your mercy to improve in these endeavours and offer the highest quality of service to Sri Sri Nitai Gaura Hari. We want to make you happy, and by making the dear servant of the Lord happy, we can please the Lord.

We are grateful to have the association of your loving disciples who are leading by example and inspiring us all in service. I keep reminding myself that association is extremely important and service to the Vaishnavas is most important. I pray to serve

the devotees and deepen those relationships. I want to cooperate nicely and serve in ISKCON to spread the glories of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu and to deepen my taste for Harinam Sankirtan.

Thank you for giving this rascal an opportunity to hopefully return home to you in this lifetime. Thank you for your love and care, which I can feel to this day.

All glories to you, Srila Prabhupada.

*Your lowly grandson,
Aindra Caitanya Dasa*



Dear 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.

 Ajay Caitanya Dasa
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Mauritius

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AS THE YEARS PASS BY and we inevitably approach our own death, we are forced to stop and reflect — where would we have been if we had not come under your divine shelter?

Srila Prabhupada, you not only save my family and me. You have, are, and will do so for at least the next 10,000 years. Meditation upon you brings solace and harmony in this Age of Quarrel and hypocrisy. You are the saviour of the whole world.

The mercy of the Lord flows eternally. Yet only the fortunate seize the blessed opportunity. Even Lord Caitanya distributed love of God freely, backed by the most compassionate Lord Nityananda and other followers in the disciplic succession; you are

the one who took all the unbelievable risks to save people like us.

Srila Prabhupada, you removed us from the animalistic form of life we were leading. While we cannot claim to be perfect devotees, the endeavour is there only by Your Divine Grace. One of your sons linked us to Your Divine Grace and a few weeks back, another son of yours linked my son to you.

After 60 years of the incorporation of your divine ISKCON and nearly half a century since you physically left us, your mercy is still growing. Your pastimes and instructions are ever fresh. We try to put our hands on all books relating to Your Divine Grace. They are the source of our inspiration. We are

actually reading Mood and Mission of Srila Prabhupada and Acarya.

On this most auspicious occasion of your Vyasa-puja, my family and I simply wish Your Divine Grace a “Happy Birthday”. Your mercy is there through your divine instructions, and we will try

to follow them to the best of our abilities. Thank you again, Srila Prabhupada.

*Your unworthy Servants,
Ajay Caitanya Dasa and family*



Akina 🙏
Gauteng
South Africa



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

I WOULD LIKE TO OFFER MY HEARTFELT THANKS to you for coming to the material world to help take us back to the spiritual world. Even in my most darkest of days, I chant the holy name albeit imperfect. Thank you for teaching me the importance of the holy name. I can't fully explain it, all I know is my experience is that somehow despite life's challenges

I am still standing and being held together. Thank you, Srila Prabhupada for your teachings. Please help me digest it more deeply and keep it in the very core of my heart.

*Your aspiring servant,
Akina*



Akinchana Krishna Dasa 🙏
and Haripriya Devi Dasi
Middelburg
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our 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*

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

ON THIS MOST SACRED OCCASION of your Vyasa-puja, we offer our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for your boundless mercy and compassion. By your causeless mercy, we have been welcomed into the ISKCON family and blessed with the association of devotees, which is the greatest treasure in this material world.

Although we are unqualified and filled with

many shortcomings, you continue to guide us through your books, lectures, instructions, and personal example. You illuminate the path of bhakti and inspire us to strive for a life centred on service to Krishna Balaram. Your teachings nourish our faith, strengthen our conviction, and help us remain firmly situated in Krsna consciousness amidst the many distractions and challenges of this age.

You have dedicated your life to fulfilling the mission of Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu by distributing transcendental knowledge and encouraging countless souls to take shelter of the holy name. Your tireless efforts remind us that true compassion means helping others revive their eternal relationship with Krsna.

We are deeply indebted to you for showing us how to transform our lives through the practices of devotional service. Whatever little progress we have made is solely due to your mercy. We pray that we may never forget this invaluable gift and always remain grateful for your guidance.

On this auspicious day, we humbly beg for your blessings that we may develop genuine humility,

steadfast faith, and an increasing desire to serve. Please bless us that we may chant the Hare Krsna maha-mantra attentively and with devotion, faithfully follow the instructions of our spiritual master, lovingly serve and care for the Vaishnavas, and become instruments in spreading the glories of the holy name to others.

Thank you for your mercy and your guidance. We offer our respectful obeisances again and again at your lotus feet.

*Your insignificant Servants,
Akinchana Krishna Dasa,
and Haripriya Devi Dasi
ISKCON Mpumalanga*



Dear 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.



Akshya Kumar Badajena
Blantyre
Malawi

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caksur unmilitam yena tasmai sri gurave namah*

I WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT MY OFFERING to Srila Prabhupada's BBT Africa Vyasa-puja book. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

The first mercy is that of Krishna, and the spiritual master is considered the personification of that mercy. Krishna helps us from both within and

without; from within, He helps us as the Supersoul, and from without, He helps us in the form of the spiritual master.

*Your Servant,
Akshya Kumar Badajena*



Dear 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.



Al-Haadia Shaik
Durban
South Africa

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namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
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caksur unmilitam yena tasmai sri gurave namah*

I OFTEN WONDERED WHETHER I WOULD ever reach a place of true happiness, or if struggling just to survive was all I would ever know. Then one day, I stood before Lord Jagannath and became immersed in His kirtan. Tears of happiness flowed from my eyes—tears I never knew existed within me.

People say that happiness is a state of mind, but through Krishna consciousness, I have experienced something deeper: a sense of belonging, peace, and

joy that touches the soul. My prayer is to remain engaged in that state for as long as I live.

Thank you for creating a platform where I have found shelter, purpose, and a home within my heart.

*With gratitude,
Your aspiring Servant,
Al-Haadia Shaik*



Alanath Dasa 🍷
Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my respectful obeisances.
All glories to Your Divine Grace. All glories to your wonderful body ISKCON.

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caksur unmilitam yena tasmai sri gurave namah*

ON THIS MOST AUSPICIOUS DAY of your appearance, I would like to express my gratitude and sincere thanks to you. This ISKCON society has changed the dynamics of this material world and has given me the opportunity to connect with your disciples and the devotees. This has made my life and that of others blissful in this Age of Kali.

You have brought the spiritual world to this material world. Your sincere disciples have introduced us to you as the ambassador to the spiritual world.

Your disciples and sincere followers are making this material world an auspicious place by their presence, their commitment to you, and the ISKCON society. They are always endeavouring to propagate the Krishna consciousness movement through many festivals, Kirtan Melas, harinama-sankirtana, book distribution, Food for Life prasada distribution, Ratha-yatras, nama-hattas, and many other innovative ways to broadcast the message of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu. We are fortunate that we have the opportunity to be part of the Hare Krishna

movement, serving under the directions of senior devotees.

Srila Prabhupada, please bless me so that I can remain under the shelter of your ISKCON society, serving under the direction of your representatives

and followers.

*Your Servant,
Alanath Dasa*



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

Amrita Rajhenal
Durban
South Africa

I AM WRITING THIS MESSAGE from the bottom of my heart, though I did not have the great fortune of meeting you physically during your time on this earth, your vani, vapu, your teachings, your books, your instructions, your boundless compassion have touched my life in a way I cannot describe, your writings have provided me with a loving connection, to the divine, Lord Sri Krishna. I want to thank you for bringing the holy names to me, because of your tremendous sacrifice, a lost soul like myself has

been given the opportunity to understand what true spiritual love is. I am far from perfect. Please bless me so that I may always remember your instructions and apply them to my daily actions. Kindly guide my mind and heart so that I stay focused on you. Thank you, Srila Prabhupada.

*Your ever grateful unworthy servant,
Mrs Amrita Rajhenal*



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

Amrtavani Devi Dasi
Durban
South Africa

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
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namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
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caksur unmilitam yena tasmai sri gurave namah*

HOW OFTEN HAVE I REFERRED TO YOU as your Divine Grace without realising just how divine the grace you brought to us is.

As always, I mourn my incapacity to fully appreciate you, to fully comprehend the magnitude of the gifts you have so generously showered on us. So,

my gratitude to you is shallow. But I pray to know you more deeply, to understand your desire more clearly, so that I can give this one life to you without reservation.

Your mission is the life and soul of my spiritual master, and so it has to be mine as well. Help me

to understand and serve your mission in a way that pleases you.

In this world of complexity and turbulence, the lotus feet of the pure devotees are our shelter. You are that pure devotee, Srila Prabhupada, whose feet nourish even Mother Bhumi.

Please keep me eternally at your lotus feet and empower me to bring others to you as well.

*Your aspiring Servant,
Amrtavani Devi Dasi*



Anakulya Devi Dasi
East London
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my respectful obeisances unto Your divine lotus feet on the auspicious occasion of your Vyasa-puja celebration. All glories to your sankirtan lotus feet.

*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*

HAPPY VYASA-PUJA, DEAREST SRILA PRABHUPADA.

As the acharya and compassionate father of the ISKCON family, your sacrifices to transplant the teachings of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu into the modern world have reshaped human history—and rescued my own life. Through your books, you have handed us the timeless legacy of Vedic culture.

Your instructions on the holy name have been my anchor. Chanting the Maha-mantra has brought a profound sense of peace and clarity to my existence, linking my heart to Sri Krishna. You have taught me that a life without devotion is empty, and a life dedicated to service is full of purpose.

Srila Prabhupada, looking at my own

spiritual practices, I often feel entirely unqualified and unworthy of your grace. I know I do so little compared to what you have given. Yet, I recognise that your mercy does not depend on my qualifications, but on your causeless compassion. Please look past my limitations and empower me with the desire to do more, to serve better, and to be a small, transparent instrument in your mission.

I pray that I may remain steadfast on the path you have illuminated, forever indebted to your love.

*Your eternal Servant,
Anakulya Devi Dasi*



Anand dasa
Mombasa
Kenya



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

ON THIS AUSPICIOUS DAY of your Vyasa-puja, the devotees of ISKCON Mombasa gather with hearts full of profound gratitude to glorify your boundless mercy.

By your causeless compassion, you crossed the oceans to deliver the holy name to every corner of the world. Here, on the shores of the Indian Ocean, your divine legacy breathes life into our community. You brought the cooling shade of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu's sankirtan movement to the warm heart of Mombasa, transforming our lives forever.

Through your transcendental books, your sublime instructions, and the beautiful murtis you gave us, you have provided a spiritual sanctuary. We confess our lack of qualification, yet your teachings continue to anchor us, inspiring us to serve unitedly in your mission.

Srila Prabhupada, you have given us everything to fulfill the prediction of Lord Chaitanya Mahaprabhu (vision, strategic plan, tools), but we are so lazy; still, we are sleeping in the lap of Maya. Kindly be

merciful upon us so we can be useful in Chaitanya Mahaprabhu's mission. For this, we beg for your blessings. I would like to begin a new project in Mombasa called "Ananda Gram—Africa Self-Sustainable Vedic Village," which will help each and every member of society in Mombasa, Kenya, and later across the entire African continent, to become advanced in Krishna consciousness.

On this sacred occasion, the Mombasa yatra begs for the dust of your lotus feet. We pray for the spiritual strength to remain dedicated to your instructions, to increase our book distribution, and to harmoniously serve your vision. Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for giving us a home, a spiritual family, and the path back to Godhead.

All glories to your divine grace.

*Your eternal Servants,
Anand dasa (TP) and the devotees,
ISKCON Mombasa*



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.

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nirvisesa-sunyavadi-pascatya-desatarine*

WITH MY YOUNG AGE, the world often feels overwhelming—full of choices, distractions, and uncertainties. Yet, your teachings shine like a guiding lamp, reminding me that true happiness lies not in fleeting trends but in eternal devotion to Krishna.

You gave us the gift of the holy name, the wisdom of the Bhagavad-gita, and the living example of surrender. Even though I am young and sometimes

restless, your words steady me. They remind me that my life has a higher purpose—to serve, to love, and to grow closer to Krishna.

I may not have the maturity or discipline of your senior disciples, but I offer my youthful energy, my curiosity, and my heart. Please accept this small attempt to follow your path. Please bless me with the strength to resist the pull of material illusions

 Ananda Chinmayi Devi Dasi
Quatre Bornes
Mauritius

and to use my years ahead in service, not selfishness.

Srila Prabhupada, you are like a great-grandfather to me — someone who protects, guides, and inspires across generations. Even though I never met you in person, I feel your presence in every Kirtan, every book, and every temple.

On behalf of my generation, I thank you for

making bhakti accessible to us, for showing that even a young girl in today's world can find meaning, dignity, and joy in chanting Hare Krishna.

*With love and gratitude,
One of your great-granddaughters,
Ananda Chinmayi Devi Dasi*



Ananda Vrindavana Dasi 🌸
Durban
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most humble, respectful obeisances in the dust of Your most merciful, sacred lotus feet.

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

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

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

MY DEAREST SRILA PRABHUPADA, every year I make a feeble attempt to thank you for your causeless mercy, but this year, after going on Kartik parikrama 2025, I have a deeper understanding of your sacrifices and I want to really thank you, from the innermost regions of my heart, for everything you have facilitated for us and for allowing me to be a part of your family.

Srila Prabhupada, thank you for allowing me to set foot on the holy dhams, mandirs, and nectarian pastime places. By being there, I have firsthand experienced your determination and your future predictions for us.

You painstakingly developed so many facilities for us, showed us the acharyas' pastimes and samadhis, and let us walk through the pastimes of the Lord's amazing land, which brings so much gratitude and love to the heart, filling the mind with the Lord's glories and mercy. I cannot really explain how I felt, but I know I have changed, somehow.

I am so deeply grateful to you. When I was there, I saw how worldwide parikrama devotees have embraced your causeless mercy—how humans, cows, animals, and bird species live together in harmony, sometimes even so happy in poverty, because happiness is the causeless mercy of being in the Lord's abode. Those memories are etched deep inside my heart.

Srila Prabhupada, thank you so very much for the Govardhana Hill pastimes. If I could be anywhere mentally, daily, I would be there; it just manifests bliss.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada.

Srila Prabhupada, you are the greatest genius who has walked this earth, and you are the embodiment of compassion.

On this most auspicious day of your Sri Vyasa-puja, please accept my heartfelt wishes with gratitude, and may I ask you to please forgive my offences.

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

*Your foolish but very grateful Servant,
Ananda Vrindavana Dasi*



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.

 Anandamaya Krishna Dasa
Durban
South Africa

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caksur unmilitam yena tasmai sri gurave namah*

ON THIS AUSPICIOUS OCCASION OF YOUR VYASA-PUJA, I sit with a heart full of gratitude, reflecting on the magnitude of your positive contribution to my life.

I want to thank you first for the immense sacrifice you made by boarding the Jaladuta at the age of sixty-nine. Without any support or knowing whether to turn left or right at the pier, you traveled to the West to save “Kali-yuga rejects” like myself from the “claws of maya”. Before you entered my life, I was a lost soul wandering aimlessly in search of a meaning that did not exist.

You have given me the “torchlight of knowledge” to dispel the darkness of my ignorance. Through your transcendental books, you have revealed the whole spiritual world and provided solutions to every material problem. I am especially grateful for your Bhaktivedanta Purports, which are like “lifeboats” or “time bombs” that have revolutionized my consciousness and given me a clear purpose.

Thank you for the “Matchless Gift” of the Hare Krishna maha-mantra. By teaching me to chant, you

have provided a way to cleanse my heart and re-establish my forgotten relationship with Lord Krishna. You have turned “hippies into happies” and shown us how to live “simple living, high thinking”.

Most of all, thank you for building “a house in which the whole world can live”—your glorious ISKCON. You have provided a spiritual family, beautiful temples, and the nectar of prasada, which has become the very air I breathe. Through your mercy, I am connected to the guru-parampara and have the association of sincere devotees who guide me back home.

I am eternally indebted to you, a debt that can never be repaid. My only prayer is that you keep me as an instrument in your mission, allowing me to serve your lotus feet and distribute your mercy to others until my last breath.

*Your Servant,
Anandamaya Krishna Dasa*



Anasuya Devi Dasi
Durban
South Africa



My Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most humble obeisances in the dust of Your divine lotus feet.
All glories unto you on this most auspicious occasion of your Vyasa-puja.

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caksur unmilitam yena tasmai sri gurave namah*

SRILA PRABHUPADA, I AM ETERNALLY INDEBTED to you for spreading this Krishna consciousness movement throughout the world. No amount of words can adequately describe how grateful we are to Sri Krishna for sending Your Divine Grace to us. If it were not for you, Srila Prabhupada, we would still be lost and wandering in this miserable Age of Kali-yuga.

Persons like myself feel so blessed to have the unique opportunity to hear about Krishna, remember Him, chant His holy names, and glorify both Him and His devotees. You have touched the lives of countless people, Srila Prabhupada. You have given us the most invaluable and precious gift—spiritual knowledge. Through your mercy, we have come to understand the true goal of life: to re-establish our lost relationship with our eternal parents.

Through the many preaching programs that you inaugurated, countless people have become devotees. One such program is the regular satsangs that we host at an old-age home in Durban. By your causeless mercy, Srila Prabhupada, many of these residents have taken seriously to the process of

bhakti. They regularly chant the Hare Krishna maha-mantra, sing, dance, read your books—especially Bhagavad-gita As It Is—and most of all, they eagerly honor Krishna prasadam.

It is said that on the appearance and disappearance days of great personalities, special mercy is available to those who sincerely pray for it. There is no greater personality than you, Srila Prabhupada. Therefore, I humbly pray that you kindly keep my family and me at your lotus feet. I beg you to bless us so that we may always follow the path of dharma and never leave the association of advanced devotees.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for everything you have given us. May I always remain a servant of your servants.

Hare Krishna.

*Your granddaughter,
Anasuya Devi Dasi (HHKDS)*



Aneela Hardin
Bluff
South Africa



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

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srimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine*

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

"KRISHNA IS ALWAYS THERE... but Srila Prabhupada showed me how to truly love Him."

In the early 1970s, I remember how my late dad, Mr Ramdhani Hardin, was passionate about Sanatan Dharma and would tell us stories about our motherland, Bharat, and its greatness.

When Srila Prabhupada visited South Africa, he left a wonderful legacy of how to worship Lord Krishna, and his devotees began the concept of the Tent Campaign and the Sunday morning satsangh in Isipingo. My dad diligently took us to these

programs, and we also enjoyed book distribution and street chanting, and never missed Sunday service at the Jooma Road Temple Hall.

In the early days, we used to have grand festivals at the Luxmi Narayan Temple in Mobeni Heights. I am eternally and forever grateful to our vishwa guru, Srila Prabhupada, for teaching us how to love our dearest Lord Krishna.

*Your Servant,
Aneela Hardin*



My dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most humble obeisances at Your divine lotus feet.
All glories to Your Divine Grace on this auspicious appearance day.



Anesh Kamlal Dindial
Durban
South Africa

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caksur unmilitam yena tasmai sri gurave namah*

I WOULD LIKE TO SINCERELY THANK YOU for providing the world with Krishna consciousness; without it, there would be no ultimate benefit in this human form of life.

The last few years have brought personal challenges, including the loss of my material employment and loved ones.

However, you have taught us that Lord Krishna always provides and that we should always take absolute shelter in the Holy Name (the Hare Krishna

Maha-mantra). By following your teachings, these material difficulties are put into perspective, and life in Krishna Consciousness continues to go on sublimely.

I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude to you, dear Srila Prabhupada, for allowing us to serve in your mission through the many festivals, under the expert guidance of the dedicated devotees of the Lord.

Finally, I continue to beg you, Srila Prabhupada,

to please keep me under your divine shelter and
allow me to serve your pure devotees.

*Your humble Servant of a Servant of a Servant,
Anesh Kamlal Dindial*



Anita Puran
Secunda
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our humble obeisances at the dust of Your divine lotus feet.

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caksur unmilitam yena tasmai sri gurave namah*

SRILA PRABHUPADA, WE ARE VERY INSIGNIFICANT and
unworthy when it comes to glorifying you.

We are very fortunate, Srila Prabhupada, that
by your mercy we are able to offer obeisances unto
you every day. Offering you obeisances every day is
a sign of good fortune.

We thank you immensely for all the sacrifices
and hardships you endured for our benefit.

On this special day, we earnestly seek your
blessing and mercy. May your teachings forever
inspire us, and may your example eternally guide us.

Thank you for the association of devotees which

you have given us. The devotees of the Lord are our
well-wishers. We pray with all our hearts that we
always remain servants of your servants in your
wonderful ISKCON movement and never fall.

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

Hare Krishna.

*Always trying to be your Servants,
Anita, Venay,
Shivadh, and Dhiya*



Anuradha Devi Dasi
Johannesburg
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most humble obeisances at Your divine lotus feet, on this most blessed occasion of Vyasa-puja.

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caksur unmilitam yena tasmai sri gurave namah*

TODAY, COUNTLESS DISCIPLES, followers, admirers, and well-wishers around the world offer words of gratitude and glorification, attempting in their own way to express appreciation for the immeasurable gift you have given humanity. I stand each year, among them, feeling deeply grateful, and profoundly inadequate, because how does one properly glorify the person that forever altered the spiritual landscape of this world and transformed my life, from one directed toward temporary fleeting achievements, to one of eternal service?

Your life story is incredible. At an age when most people retreat from struggle and seek rest, you crossed an ocean alone. You arrived with your few possessions, some crates of books and unshakable dependence upon Sri Krishna. What followed is one of the most extraordinary spiritual accomplishments in human history. Temples, farms, communities, schools, books, festivals, holy names chanted in cities across every continent—your footprint remains indelibly stamped upon history.

But what moves me most is not simply the scale of what you built. It is why you built it. Because behind your determination was love. And behind your strength was compassion.

Sometimes people speak of compassion as softness, gentleness, or sentimentality. But your compassion was not passive. Yes! You were not meek and mild, because you understood the urgency of your purpose. You saw conditioned souls drowning in forgetfulness of Krishna, suffering repeatedly through birth, old age, disease and death, and you could not remain silent.

Like a doctor who refuses to smile politely while a patient slowly dies untreated, you spoke truth fearlessly because you loved us too much to leave us asleep in illusion.

And somehow, Srila Prabhupada, I felt that compassion.

What astonishes me is that before coming into contact with your teachings, I never believed I needed saving. I thought my life was happy. Complete. Successful. I thought everything was in order. I was

not even searching.

Yet through your teachings I came to understand a reality I had not fully grasped—that every conditioned soul is struggling, whether we acknowledge it or not. We are all moving helplessly under the conditions of material nature, all confronted by the unavoidable realities of birth, old age, disease, and death.

I had encountered glimpses of this understanding before – the pain of losing my beloved grandfather; or a reading from Percy Shelley’s poem *Ozymandias*. That image haunted me: a once-great king whose empire had crumbled into dust, whose proud declaration of greatness now stood surrounded by emptiness and sand.

“Look on my works, ye Mighty, and despair!”

Yet nothing remained.

Even then I understood something about impermanence. I understood that people die, power fades, achievements disappear, and time defeats every material accomplishment.

But those realizations did not transform me. They affected me, but they did not change me. They gave me thoughts, but not purpose. Then I encountered you.

And suddenly mortality was no longer merely a philosophical observation—it became a call to awaken.

Through your teachings I understood that life was not simply about avoiding death or accepting impermanence. Life had purpose. I had purpose. And because of that realization, I found myself inspired to make choices I never thought possible.

To give up career ambitions. To leave behind familiar comforts. To walk away from friends and family attachments. To devote my life wholeheartedly to your mission - because through you I found something infinitely greater.

You gave me Krishna consciousness. You gave me a life directed toward eternity. I could not do this half-heartedly. And so, I changed my life, in pursuit of that ultimate shelter.

Even today, after all these years, I feel

astonished that your compassion reached me. That through books written before I met you, through devotees I encountered, through teachings spoken decades earlier, your hand somehow extended into my life and lifted me.

And perhaps that is your greatest miracle. Not buildings. Not institutions. Not even global movements.

But your ability to reach individual hearts. To awaken sleeping souls. To make someone feel seen by a pure devotee they never physically met.

You once said that your teachings would live forever and guide humanity. I am living proof of that truth.

Please forgive my countless shortcomings, my inconsistency, my lack of surrender and my failure to fully reciprocate with the mercy I have received. I regret deeply not taking fuller advantage of every opportunity to serve your mission with greater

determination and purity.

Still, despite all my imperfections, my identity remains consistent: servant of Srila Prabhupada.

On this Vyasa-puja day, I pray that I never lose sight of this. Whatever little faith, service or understanding I possess has come through your mercy alone. As you taught us, real gratitude is expressed through service. May I spend whatever time remains in this life trying to honour your sacrifice by assisting your mission, serving your devotees, and sharing your teachings with others. Bless me with even a fragment of the compassion that carried you across oceans and into the hearts of millions. May I remain engaged in your service, life after life, until I can fully reciprocate with the mercy you so freely bestowed upon me.

*Your insignificant Servant,
Anuradha Devi Dasi*



Anusha Harrilall
KwaZulu-Natal
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most humble obeisances in the dust of Your divine lotus feet.
All glories to Your Divine Grace. 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-pascadya-desa-tarine*

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

MY DEAREST GURU, my saviour, His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada, my current life and lifestyle I owe everything to you, my guru, and also for bringing me to the feet of Sri Radha-Krishna.

You opened both your arms and called me into this wonderful world of learning and growing to love guru and Sri Radha-Krishna.

His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada, barely knowing who you were, you could see my intention

and my heart, and you so lovingly stood at my room door going back about 25 years in your radiant saffron drapes, even denying the sun its radiance, opened both your arms and said, “Come inside, Anusha, why are you standing at the door?” Startled by this figure of glory and hearing your divine voice, I jumped up in my bed and reached out to grab your hand. Remembering that I saw your picture standing firmly on the altar at my sister’s home temple, I

immediately realised that this was my calling and the way forward for me, and since then have never looked back.

My dear guru, you have never denied me of your love and guidance, and I will always be ever so grateful to you for showing me the way to the lotus feet of Sri Radha-Krishna.

How fitting are the lines in the Guru-puja, “you opened my darkened eyes and filled my heart

with transcendental knowledge”—exactly how I felt when you, His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada, reached out to me with open arms.

My only wish is to continue serving and remain firmly attached to the lotus feet of guru and Sri Radha-Krishna.

*Your Servant,
Anusha Harrilall*



Salutations Srila Prabhupada,
Jay Radhe Krishna, Jay Jagannatha. Hare Krishna.

THANK YOU, SRILA PRABHUPADA for your amazing books that are the jewels of the Hare Krishna movement worldwide. We continue to be shining devotees of thy Lordships now and forever, accepted with love, humility and immense gratitude and in the legacy of our wonderful mum Uma Matajee. Who is now in the divine realm at Goloka with Sri Radha Krishna serving thy Lordships at Their lotus feet

in spiritual bliss and eternal in peace and joy until we meet again by God’s grace. Love and blessings.
Jay Radhe-Shyam.

*With utmost respect from,
Aradhana Krishna, Shimal Albert, Shanel Budhiram, Bhani Mangaram, Sita Peethamlal and family*



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All glories to Your Divine Grace.

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caksur unmilitam yena tasmai sri gurave namah*

TODAY, WITH GRATITUDE IN MY HEART, I offer this humble service unto you. Whatever little ability, strength, determination, or devotion I possess has come only by your mercy and your sacrifice. Srila

Prabhupada, you crossed oceans to give Krsna consciousness to the world, and because of your compassion, even fallen souls like myself have received the opportunity to serve.



Aradhana Krishna
Shimal Albert
Shanel Budhiram
Bhani Mangaram
Sita Peethamlal
and family
EtheKwini



Aravinda Dayataksa dasa
Waterways Tongaat
South Africa

Our Food for Life kitchen, and all efforts connected to it, are simply an offering to continue your mission of feeding both the body and the soul. May every plate of prasadam distributed bring relief, dignity, hope, and remembrance of Lord Kṛṣṇa. May this service become purified of pride, ego, and personal ambition, and become an instrument of your compassion. Srila Prabhupada, please bless this endeavour so that it may: nourish the hungry, unite devotees in service, inspire generosity and kindness, and spread the holy names throughout our community.

Please help me remain steady, humble, cooperative, and sincere in serving your mission. Let this

work never become ordinary business, but always remain devotional service performed for the pleasure of Guru and Gaurāṅga. I pray to become an instrument in your hands, however imperfectly, and to always remember that all success belongs to you and to Lord Sri Kṛṣṇa.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for your books, your teachings, your example, your courage, and your unlimited mercy. Finally, please help me to be tolerant in every situation.

*Your aspiring Servant,
Aravinda Dayataksa dasa*



Archita Devi Dasi
Durban
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most humble obeisances at Your Divine Grace.

*nama om visnu-padaya kṛṣṇa-presthaya bhu-tale
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namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvīṣesa-sunyavadi-pascātya-desa-tarine*

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

WITH THE PASSING OF EACH YEAR, my love, allegiance, and attachment for Your Divine Grace deepens. On this most auspicious day of your Sri Vyasa-puja, please allow me the opportunity to express my love.

Dearest Srila Prabhupada, my deep affection, unwavering support, and my commitment to Your Divine Grace today I submit to your divine lotus feet.

I am eternally indebted to Your Divine Grace for bringing the teachings of Sri Krishna to us and for your tireless compassion towards all living beings.

Your books, instructions, and example continue to guide and inspire me.

I am grateful for the opportunity to learn and eventually set the ideal example.

Please bless me with sincerity, humility, and determination to follow your teachings and serve your Kṛṣṇa consciousness movement with all devotion and free from any false ego.

Though I am imperfect, I offer my heartfelt gratitude, respect, and love at your lotus feet. Aspiring to become a Servant of your Servant always,

*Your ever grateful granddaughter,
Archita Devi Dasi*







Dear 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.

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YOU ARE MY PARAM-GURU, my eternal spiritual grandfather, my shelter, and my life. You crossed oceans alone only so fallen souls like me could one day have a chance to chant the holy names of Krsna. You built a spiritual home where the entire world can live together in devotion, regardless of birth, background, or condition. Because of you, countless souls who were drowning in darkness were given light, purpose, and hope. And somehow, by your unimaginable mercy, that mercy has reached me too.

Srila Prabhupada, I know I am insignificant and deeply fallen, yet still you accepted souls like us. You gave us your books, your words, your tears, your sleepless nights, your health, your heart, and your entire life. Every temple, every kirtana, every devotee, every bead of japa, every offering to Krsna exists because of your compassion.

How can I ever repay you?

Even if I had millions of lifetimes, it would not be enough to repay a single drop of the mercy you have given this world. Although I know millions glorify you every day, still I want to whisper from my small corner of the world:

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada. Thank you for not giving up on humanity. Thank you for carrying Krsna in your heart and delivering Him to us. Thank you for allowing broken souls to feel they have a home at your lotus feet.

By your causeless mercy, I now have the opportunity to serve your beloved disciple, His Holiness Partha Sarathi Dasa Goswami Maharaja. I truly

feel that Maharaja is your living embrace in my life. Through his instructions, his association, his stories, and his service mood, he is bringing me closer and closer to you.

When he speaks about you, my heart feels alive. When he glorifies you, I feel that I am hearing about my eternal family. And when I serve him, I feel that somehow I am serving you.

Srila Prabhupada, please give me the strength to properly care for your disciple. Please remove my pride, laziness, selfishness, and material desires. Please make me sincere. Please make me faithful. Please allow me to become a servant of the servant of the servant. Never let me drift away from your lotus feet, no matter how weak my mind becomes.

“The verdict of all revealed scriptures is that by even a moment’s association with a pure devotee, one can attain all success.”

I know you because of Maharaja. And because Maharaja connects me to you, my life has become meaningful. Before this mercy, I was wandering without direction. Now I have purpose. Now I have shelter. Now I have you.

Srila Prabhupada, please never reject me, even though I am unqualified. Let me remain somewhere in your movement life after life — sweeping your temple floor, washing pots, carrying shoes for devotees, or simply sitting quietly in the back hearing your glories. That alone would be perfection for me.

I do not want wealth, fame, followers, or anything this world can offer. I only pray for eternal

service to you and your devotees birth after birth. May my heart forever remain attached to your instructions. May my voice forever glorify your mission. May my hands forever serve your devotees. And may my last breath be taken remembering

your lotus feet.

*Your most fallen grandson and eternal servant,
Arjuna Gopa Dasa (PSDG)*



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

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namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
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*om ajnana timirandhasya jnananjana salakaya,
caksur unmilitam yena tasmai sri gurave namah*

BY YOUR MERCY ALONE, I am able to present my offerings to you. The gift of Kṛṣṇa consciousness you have given us is priceless. You have completely changed my life. Before I knew your teachings, I felt lost, but now I live with purpose, gratitude, and the holy name in my heart.

All credit for this transformation belongs only to you.

I am currently reading Srila Prabhupada-lilāmṛta with a group of devotees. Through your

pastimes, I feel a very close connection to you. The sacrifices you made for us are deeply humbling.

On this auspicious occasion of your Vyasa-puja, please accept my heartfelt appreciation and prayers. Please always keep this fallen soul sheltered at your lotus feet.

*With love and gratitude,
Your eternal Servant and granddaughter,
Ashoka Manjari Devi Dasi*



Ashoka Manjari Devi Dasi
Boksburg
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most humble obeisances in the dust of Your divine lotus feet.
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om ajnana timirandhasya jnananjana salakaya,



Ashvind Beetul
Cape Town
South Africa

caksur unmilitam yena tasmai sri gurave namah

LIFE IN THIS MATERIAL WORLD is very hard. The mind wanders and is easily distracted, and it can be easy to postpone spiritual progression at the expense of temporary satisfaction.

How did you do it? Srila Prabhupada, you are the ultimate example of dedication, application, and commitment. Even though we are not able to do a fraction of what you did, you have compassionately laid it all out for us to follow.

While this past year has brought real external

challenges, your presence has proven to be my ultimate anchor. Looking forward to spending peaceful time with you while attending to your dressing service provides immense stability during stormy times. Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for your continuous guidance and for helping me progress a small step at a time.

*Your Servant,
Bhakta Ashvind*



Atri Rishi Dasa
Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of Your divine lotus feet on this auspicious occasion of your Vyasa-puja. All glories to Your Divine Grace. All glories to our Guru-parampara. All glories to Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu and Sri Nityananda Prabhu.

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caksur unmilitam yena tasmai sri gurave namah*

DEAR SRILA PRABHUPADA, when I came in contact with your Hare Krishna movement many decades ago, I was enthralled upon hearing of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu. I was deeply moved that Sri Krishna appeared as Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu to show people how to surrender to Lord Krishna by engaging in the congregational chanting of Lord Krishna's Holy Name—a process so simple and joyful to perform. I was so inspired that when I was asked to deliver a talk at our local Westcliff Nama Hatta, I spoke about Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu's mission to inundate the world with love of God through Sri Hari-nama Sankirtana. I was probably thirteen years old at that time. Now I am much older.

This was only possible by your direct mercy and your mercy flowing through your disciples,

your well-wishers, and your followers. I find myself quite unable to repay the debt that I owe to so many devotees—those who introduced me to your society, those who North-west and nourished my devotion, and those who continue to do so. Often, I feel inspired to intensify my devotional practices just by hearing from those much younger than myself. This is purely the potency of your mercy.

Srila Prabhupada, I often feel overwhelmed with emotion when I read about the magnanimous pastimes of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu and His associates. I am ever so grateful that you kindly translated the Sri Caitanya-caritamṛta of Srila Kṛṣṇadāsa Kavirāja from Bengali to English. This wonderful book has been translated into so many different languages by your followers and is rightly regarded

as the PhD of spiritual science. I feel very fortunate when I reflect that Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakura, just over a hundred years ago, took eight years of dedicated research to finally locate a copy of the Caitanya-caritamṛta. You and your munificent disciples have spread and continue to spread the sublime message of *Sri Caitanya Mahāprabhu all over the world. I, a fallen and doggish nondevotee, would like to offer my humble obeisances unto the lotus feet of Your Divine Grace with the following verses from Sri Caitanya-caritamṛta:

Adi-lila 10.1

*sri-caitanya-padambhoja- madhupebhyo namo
namah kathancid asrayad yesam svapi tad-gandha-
bhag bhavet*

“Let me repeatedly offer my respectful obeisances unto the beelike devotees who always taste the honey of the lotus feet of Lord Caitanya Mahāprabhu. If even a doggish nondevotee somehow takes shelter of such devotees, he enjoys the aroma of the lotus flower.”

Antya-lila 7.1

*caitanya-caranambhoja- makaranda-liho bha-
je yesam prasada-matrena pamaro ‘py amaro bhavet*

“Let me offer my respectful obeisances unto the devotees of Sri Caitanya Mahāprabhu. Simply by the causeless mercy of the devotees engaged in licking honey from His lotus feet, even a fallen soul becomes eternally liberated.”

Srila Prabhupada, you have kindly introduced us to Lord Caitanya Mahāprabhu. I would now like to take this opportunity to pay my humble obeisances to Lord Caitanya with the following verses from Sri Caitanya-caritamṛta. These verses give me immense encouragement and solace, for I am low, fallen, an unclean yavana, a dog, and a donkey.

Adi-lila 9.1

tam srimat-kṛṣṇa-caitanya- devam vande

*jagad-gurum yasyanukampaya svapi mahābhim-
santaret sukhām*

“Let me offer my respectful obeisances unto the spiritual master of the entire world, Lord Sri Kṛṣṇa Caitanya Mahāprabhu, by whose mercy even a dog can swim across a great ocean.”

Adi-lila 16.1

*kṛpā-sudha-sarid yasya visvam aplavayanty api
nica-gaiva sada bhāti tam caitanya-prabhum bhaje*

“I worship Lord Sri Caitanya Mahāprabhu, whose nectarean mercy flows like a great river, inundating the entire universe. Just as a river flows downstream, Lord Caitanya especially extends Himself to the fallen.”

Adi-lila 17.1

*vande svairādbhuteham tam caitanyam
yat-prasadatah yavanah sumanayante
kṛṣṇa-nama-prajalpakah*

“Let me offer my respectful obeisances to Sri Caitanya Mahāprabhu, by whose mercy even unclean yavanas become perfectly well-bred gentlemen by chanting the holy name of the Lord. Such is the power of Lord Sri Caitanya Mahāprabhu.”

Srila Prabhupada, when I offer flowers to the form of Mahāprabhu, I remember the following verse from Sri Caitanya-caritamṛta, and I feel encouraged that there is hope for me.

Adi-lila 15.1

*ku-manah su-manastvam hi yati yasya padab-
jayoh su-mano-’rpana-matrena tam caitanya-pra-
bhum bhaje*

“I offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of Lord Caitanya because simply by offering a flower at His lotus feet, even the most ardent materialist becomes a devotee.”

Srila Prabhupada, recently I have been thinking of how I can serve you best. I found my answer in an interaction between Your Divine Grace and a perplexed disciple that took place in Hyderabad in 1972.

This young brahmachari was experiencing a deep internal conflict regarding his life's path, torn between committing to a life of celibacy or getting married. Unable to sleep, he paced the hallway of the building back and forth, and finally thought of going to Rishikesh to stay in an ashram so that he wouldn't be in contact with women. He then approached you, Srila Prabhupada.

It was late at night, and you were chanting and pacing the room, back and forth, up and down. You beckoned him over to join you. For some time you chanted together, and then you asked, "Yes?" He then poured his heart out to you.

You stopped walking. He felt as though the world stood still. You looked deeply into his eyes for a few moments and told him with deep emotion, "Please don't do that. I wasted twelve years simply sitting in Vrindavan. Just tell everybody you meet about Krishna."

The devotee, fully satisfied and his problem solved, said, "Thank you, Srila Prabhupada." You

continued walking and chanting, and the devotee paid his obeisances and went on to take peaceful rest.

I understand, Srila Prabhupada, from this exchange, that your innermost desire is that we help spread the message of Lord Caitanya for the benefit of everyone. This desire is clearly illuminated in Sri Caitanya-caritamṛta, Madhya-līla 7.128:

*yare dekha, tare kaha 'kṛṣṇa'-upadesa amara
ajñaya guru hana tara' ei desa*

"Instruct everyone to follow the orders of Lord Sri Kṛṣṇa as they are given in the Bhagavad-gītā and Srimad-Bhagavatam. In this way become a spiritual master and try to liberate everyone in this land."

Srila Prabhupada, thank you for changing the trajectory of my life. I am eternally indebted to you and your followers.

Please be so kind as to bless me with ongoing engagement in your mission.

*Your aspiring grand-disciple,
Atri Rishi Dasa (KDS)*



Babu Sewpersad
and family
Durban
South Africa



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

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namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vāṇī-pracarine
nirvīśa-sunāvadi-paścātya-deśa-tarīṇe*

*om ajnana timirandhasya jñānanjāna śalakaya,
caksur unmilitam yena tasmai śrī gurave namaḥ*

ON BEHALF OF MY FAMILY AND MYSELF, I would like to offer my humble obeisances to you on the auspicious occasion of your Vyasa-puja.

All glories to your grace on this auspicious day.
All glories to your transcendental lotus feet.
We are forever grateful for your selfless

sacrifice in spreading Krishna consciousness into our country.

*Your Servant,
Babu Sewpersad and family*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most humble obeisances in the dust of Your divine lotus feet.
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Bafana Peter Siboyana
Johannesburg
South Africa

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caksur unmilitam yena tasmai sri gurave namah*

THANK YOU, SRILA PRABHUPADA, for the discourse on the science of God Consciousness. I expressed my deep gratitude during our regular Saturday meetings where we gather to read and discuss your literature, specifically during the Srimad Bhagavatam (3.10.11) class.

Yesterday, you painted so beautifully the nature of the time factor, its situatedness across all material creation and its activities, and its intrinsic connection to the Supreme Lord Krishna. The explanation

you gave is fascinating and has profoundly confirmed my own understanding of the ultimate influence of time.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada. You remain very much alive within the devotees, your murti in the temple, and your eternal literature.

*Your Servant,
Bafana Peter Siboyana*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances at Your divine lotus feet.
All glories to you on this most auspicious day of your appearance.



Balaram
Cape Town
South Africa

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THERE ARE MANY DAYS in which I see what is happening across the world, and I just close the

news because there is just so much divisiveness in this world; everyone is at each other's throats for disagreeing with someone, being of a different culture, or worshipping God differently—and the list goes on.

It is very disheartening that everyone has their own prescription for the problem, but it only consists of more hatred and isolation. In the end, they are all just inflicting suffering on one another.

It is quite a contrast to the ISKCON movement, which has wonderful book distributors who go around the world to spread the Holy Name. We are so fortunate that you traveled across the world to spread the Holy Name and showed us our eternal position in the universe.

I am glad that you have brought us the real prescription:

*shri-guru-charana-padma, kevala-bhakati-sad-
ma bando mui savadhana mate jahara prasade bhai,
e bhava toriya jai, krishna-prapti hoy jaha ha'te*

Translation: "The lotus feet of our spiritual master are the only way by which we can attain pure devotional service. I bow to his lotus feet with great awe and reverence. By his grace one can cross the ocean of material suffering and obtain the mercy of Krishna."

You have given us the knowledge with which we can actually purify our consciousness through pure devotional service. This is attainable by the mercy of the spiritual master and the devotees. It is a really simple method, and it unites us in our service towards Their Lordships.

I am eternally grateful to you for opening our eyes, and I hope I can contribute in some way to this sublime movement you have created.

Your servant,
Balaram



Balaram Dasa 🐼
Durban
South Africa



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

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

THANK YOU IS TOO SMALL A WORD to express my gratitude to you, Srila Prabhupada. As you signed off on all your letters, you truly are our ever-well-wisher.

You gave us a home in ISKCON where we can go to get some relief from the constant onslaughts of this material world. Your movement, ISKCON, has spread across the world so that almost every country

has an ISKCON temple. This speaks volumes about how far-reaching your mercy is, Srila Prabhupada. Your mercy is unlimited and unparalleled.

Your books, Srila Prabhupada, are a guiding torchlight that enables me to continue in my devotional life. I start off my day reading your books, and this is the most wonderful start to every day. Your

books teach me how to persevere in my devotional life no matter how many onslaughts this material world throws at me. They are a balm that soothes the soul that is tied up in this material existence. Your words give solace and hope, and they are truly my source of comfort.

What can be said in your praise, Srila Prabhupada? No amount of words is enough to describe your immense mercy. Thanks to you, so many fallen conditioned souls have started their journeys in spiritual life because of your books. Your temples around the world give solace and a home for so many. You truly gave the world a home in which everyone can live by starting the ISKCON movement. Without your books, temples, and ISKCON, I cannot imagine how my life would be, but it would not be anything

good, that is for sure. You have provided me and countless others with a shield with which we can protect ourselves from becoming further entangled in this material world.

On this most auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja, Srila Prabhupada, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for all you have given to us with your books, teachings, temples, and ISKCON.

I pray to you, Srila Prabhupada, for your guidance so that I may grow in my devotional life and be more engaged in devotional service, allowing me to serve your ISKCON movement in some insignificant way.

*Your humble, insignificant Servant,
Balaram Dasa (KDS)*



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most humble obeisances in the dust of Your divine lotus feet. All glories to You.



Beven Raman
Midrand
South Africa

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IT'S HARD TO PUT 'WORDS TO PAPER' but here I sit trying to express my deepest gratitude towards you my dearest Prabhupada. I've always been aware of the movement and had attended many festivals in the past, but when it was my time to get more deeper into it, and by the Lord's Mercy allowing me to be immersed in this Krsna Consciousness movement, was I only then able to see how much more I was missing out on.

By the mercy of the devotees who live and breathe your life's teachings, I see clearer and understand there is more to life than what I was living. I am able to relish the nectar of this wonderful movement. Serving you and the Lord's devotees in the time I have been more involved has really awakened

so much in me. I have purpose and found somewhere I truly belong.

Through your mercy I was able to learn and understand Lord Krsna more and to understand my position in this material world. You've built a house big enough for us all to live in, and worship the Lord in. I'm grateful for all your endeavours and everything you went through to share Krsna Consciousness with the world. You endured so much but never gave up. You carried out the instruction of your Guru Maharaj with such faith and determination. For this, I am eternally grateful for all your efforts and sacrifices to spread this movement.

I honestly do not know where I would be without this movement. I am a fallen soul, and I pray

that you keep me close to your lotus feet and continue to guide me on my journey and help me be a better devotee.

I will continue to do my best to distribute your books and spread the teachings of Lord Kṛṣṇa. His

Divine Grace A.C Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada ki Jai!

*Your Servant
Beven Raman*



Bhakta Ravi
and Bhadra Devi Dasi
Port Elizabeth
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada

On this most auspicious day of your Sri Vyasa Puja, please accept our most heartfelt and respectful obeisances at the dust of Your Divine lotus feet.

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PLEASE ALLOW US TO EXPRESS A FEW WORDS of glorification of your divine grace. Bhagavad-gita As It Is 9.13: “O son of Pṛthā, those who are not deluded, the great souls, are under the protection of the divine nature.

They are fully engaged in devotional service because they know Me as the Supreme Personality of Godhead, original and inexhaustible.”

In this verse Lord Krishna describes a Mahatma, one who has enlarged his heart, thinking and feeling.

A Mahatma is not merely someone with knowledge, but someone whose consciousness has expanded beyond ego and selfishness. Such a person deeply realises:

1. Nothing is truly ours - not wealth, status, abilities, or even the body. All of it originates from and is sustained by the Divine.
2. The individual self (soul) is not independent; it is a part of the Supreme. This understanding dissolves pride and possessiveness.

Such a mahatma develops through the association with other mahatmas, pure devotees - a walking tirtha. Srila Prabhupada, Your Divine Grace, you are a Maha tirtha.

Srila Prabhupada, you are ever equipoised, seeing all living beings with equal vision.

Tirelessly and selflessly, you have laboured for the upliftment and benefit of all, moved only by compassion and divine purpose.

You received your first instruction from your beloved spiritual master at your very first meeting, and from that sacred moment, you embraced it completely living it with unwavering dedication until the day you left this world.

That same instruction, carried through your life by your example, has now become our shelter. It has given us direction, a deeper purpose, and a profound understanding of death - not as an end, but as a transition guided by divine grace.

Thank you for protecting and guiding us at every step. Lord Krishna chose Your Divine Grace and empowered you to create this sacred home - a place where we learn how to face and pass life's ultimate test.

By your example, you have shown us how to truly live, and more importantly, how to leave: with unwavering faith, deep surrender, and remembrance of the Divine.

Srila Prabhupada, please bless us that we may never leave the shelter of Your Divine lotus feet and

your ISKCON. Please forgive us for our innumerable offences caused life after life.

*Trying to be servants of Your dear servants,
Bhakta Ravi and Bhadra Devi Dasi*



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



Bhakta Keshav Maharaj
Cape Town
South Africa

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I STRUGGLE TO FIND THE WORDS to describe how indebted I feel to you Srila Prabhupada. You've changed the course of countless of soul journeys - mine being no different - by showing them the path to devotional service, engaging them in the chanting of the holy name and giving them access to good association.

Thank you for giving me a chance to feel like I belong somewhere. Thank you for giving me the chance to experience a taste of happiness that is unparalleled to anything else. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to learn the true meaning of life - I will try my best not to waste it.

O' Srila Prabhupada, please continue to guide me on the right path. I pray that you may bless me with the capability and strength to serve your mission in a way that you would like. I do feel like a blunt tool - please sharpen me to be of good use, so that many more souls can have their lives changed by you too.

Srila Prabhupada, I know I can never repay you, but with your blessings I will try my best to make you pleased.

*Your servant,
Bhakta Keshav*



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



Bhakti Parsad Dasa
Pinetown
South Africa

THE YEAR 2025 COMMEMORATED 50 YEARS that you came to South Africa. I visited the places where you planted the seeds of wisdom. I'm grateful to you for giving me an opportunity to love Lord Krishna and for the humble association of devotees. Thank you

Srila Prabhupada.

*Your Servant of the Servant
Bhakti Parsad Dasa*



Bhaktilata Devi Dasi
Nairobi
Kenya



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ON THIS SACRED DAY, I bow again and again at Your lotus feet. Though I never saw you in person, I have always consider you as a loving great-grandfather watching over us through your books, your kirtanas, your temples, and the devotees who carry your message with love. You came alone, leaving India with only a few rupees and complete faith in Krsna and yet you gave the world the most priceless gift: the chance to love Him.

Your books are my greatest inheritance from you. When I open the Bhagavad-gita or Sri-mad-Bhagavatam, I feel as if you are sitting close, patiently guiding me, correcting me, comforting me, and calling me back home. Srila Prabhupada, you once said that your books will be the law books for the next ten thousand years. When I hear that, my heart trembles with both gratitude and responsibility. Distributing your books is not just service. It is an offering of love, a way of keeping you alive in this world. Every book that reaches a stranger's hand is like planting a little piece of you in another heart.

Sometimes I feel too small and unqualified to

do anything meaningful for you. But then I remember your smile when your disciples brought you book scores, that pure joy on your face. You were not pleased by numbers, but by the souls who had received your mercy through your books. Remembering that gives me hope that even my small efforts may please you. As your great-granddaughter, I feel deeply protected by your mercy and responsible for your legacy. You gave your life so we could awaken to Krsna. The least I can do is help others receive what you gave so freely.

Please bless me with sincerity, purity of heart, and the courage to share your message fearlessly. May I always remain close to you by reading your books, sharing them, and trying to live by your words. Though you are not here in body, you live forever in your teachings, in your books, and in the hearts of those who love you.

*Your loving great-granddaughter,
Bhaktilata Devi Dasi*



Bhaktivinoda Thakur Dasa,
Bhagavati Seva Dasi,
Rohini
and Shradha
Mount Edgecombe
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
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ON THIS MOST AUSPICIOUS OCCASION of your Vyasa-puja, we would like to offer our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for your unlimited mercy which you have bestowed upon us. Although we are so unqualified and full of offences, by your causeless compassion you have introduced us to Krsna consciousness. Before receiving your mercy, we were wandering without real direction, absorbed by material distractions. Through your books, your teachings, your devotees, and the society you established, we have come to understand the true purpose of life, and are trying to revive our eternal relationship with Lord Krsna through devotional service.

You have travelled across the world at such an advanced age, tolerating difficulties to deliver the holy name and the message of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu to fallen and conditioned souls like us. Through your sacrifice, we have been given the opportunity to chant the Holy Name, worship the

Deities, honour prasadam, associate with devotees, and try to mould our lives according to the principles of bhakti.

Your books continue to guide us daily, clearing confusion, eliminating weakness, and giving us strength through your instructions, and moulding us towards a life centered on devotion, compassion, simplicity, and service. We pray that we become instruments in assisting your mission in whatever small way we can.

We are eternally indebted to you for giving us this Krsna conscious way of life, for giving us devotional service, and for showing the entire world the path back home, back to Godhead. Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for everything.

*Your insignificant servants,
Bhaktivinoda Thakur Dasa, Bhagavati Seva dasi,
Rohini and Shradha*



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



Bhavanesh Raman
Midrand
South Africa

AS WE CELEBRATE YOUR VYASA PUJA, I would like to offer my heartfelt gratitude for the immeasurable mercy you have bestowed upon me. Thank you for another year of Krishna consciousness, service, association, learning, and trying to become a better devotee. Although my progress may be small and imperfect, I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to be engaged in your movement.

I recently found myself reflecting on my life before coming into contact with Krishna Consciousness. Although it was not that long ago, it feels as though I was living in an entirely different world. Whenever I think about it, my appreciation for you only deepens. Through your compassion, determination, and countless sacrifices, you carried Krishna consciousness across the world so that anyone, regardless of background or qualification, could

receive this priceless/matchless gift. By your mercy, even an insignificant person like myself has been given the opportunity to hear about Krishna, practice devotional service, and begin the journey back to Him.

I can never properly express my gratitude for all that you have done. Because of your mercy, I have been given the opportunity to serve, to associate with devotees, and to experience a happiness and purpose that I never knew before. Since joining this movement, I knew this is where I want to be. The love, joy, friendship, and spiritual nourishment I have found amongst the devotees have convinced me that there is nowhere else I would rather dedicate my life and energy.

My prayer is that you may continue to bless me your shelter and guidance. Please help me remain

steady in my devotional service. May I continue to serve the devotees to the best of my ability, and in some small way assist in your mission. Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for everything you have given me. I pray that I may never forget your mercy and that I

may always remain under your shelter.

*Your aspiring servant,
Bhavanesh Raman*



Bhimla Haricharran 🙏
Phoenix, Durban
South Africa



Hare Krishna dearest Srila Prabhupada.
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to our Supreme Lord Hari. All glories to Your Divine Grace.

THANK YOU FOR GIVING US A GEM of a gift in making the most of our human birth, right here and now, with the mercy from Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu. I love harinaam sankirtan as it enlivens me with pure joy and happiness. As I chant and dance to the holy name of Hari, I share a positive warm smile to give

of positive energy for the holy name of Hari.
Thank you dearly.

*Yours in service,
Bhimla Haricharran*



Bhupender Kumar 🙏
Cape Town
South Africa



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

THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING. Please bestow your mercy upon me and give me your blessings so that I can dedicate my whole life at your service, spread your mission with whatever capabilities I have and make you happy.

*Your eternal servant,
Bhupender Kumar*



Bimal Ramnunan 🙏
East London
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.

IT'S THE TIME OF THE YEAR whereby I gather my thoughts and rewind on the past year. With all that I have endured I continue with my consistent chanting of my rounds and do a few more if possible. This has really made a difference with the way I see things now than in the past when my chanting was at the minimum +/- 5 rounds.

I listen to more classes now which has enlightened me, attending regular programmes and getting the association of the devotees has really been good. My service in 'Food for Life' has expanded further by taking on a portfolio to assist with getting all our kitchens compliant. As of the last few months I have done assessments to provide guidelines of

improvement and compliance requirements. I am fortunate to have good association of the devotees and work together to achieve our objectives for our kitchens.

Thank you Jagath Guru Srila Prabhupada for

giving me the opportunity in offering my service.

*Your Servant,
Bimal Ramnunan*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Your divine lotus feet.
All glories to my Guru Maharaj, His Holiness Krishna Dasa Maharaja.

I HAVEN'T DONE MUCH FOR YOUR GRACE THIS YEAR. But I always remember your good self every time I do Japa. From your Lilamrita talks, amongst the many lessons I have learned, I got a better understanding of our relationship with the Demigods. They are great devotees and servants of Lord Krishna. That's why Lord Krishna has given them very advanced service like being in charge of the rain that we receive, providing sunshine and heat to the planets, to controlling the temperature, etc.

Also, I feel a greater commitment to further the cause of your ISKCON here in Cape Town dear Srila Prabhupada. The temple management devotees are very committed to spreading your mission to all different communities in this city. I see that they are trying to serve Sri Sri Nitai Mayapurchandra very nicely. They engage as many devotees as possible in Nitya Seva. I usually serve by giving regular donations for festivals, deity seva or other spiritual events, such as Vyasa pujas.

Local people are slowly beginning to understand the universal nature of ISKCON. We are not a sectarian society and that Lord Krsna is in everyone's heart irrespective of race, colour or creed. Lord Krsna is everyone's best and closest friend life after life, in any body that we assume. So, there is a nice perception in the Cape Town community about what our movement is about.

Srila Prabhupada, thank you for giving me some basic understanding of Bhagavad-gita to be able to preach to newcomers especially. Srila Prabhupada, your purports are so clear about what each verse means and that is all we really need to preach the Mission of Mahaprabhu.

I want to conclude by saying that I feel my spiritual life is in the right hands, i.e. receiving continuous guidance from your disciples.

*Your servant,
Brahmadev Dasa*



Hare Krishna dear Srila Prabhupada.
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to Your Divine Grace. All glories to your perfect plan to deliver the world.

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 Brahmadev Dasa
Cape Town
South Africa

 Caitanya Carana Dasa,
Sumalini Lalita Devi Dasi,
Bhaktin Jagannath Priya,
and Bhakta Radhanath
Durban
South Africa

YOU BUILT A HOUSE IN WHICH THE WHOLE WORLD can live. We must take shelter of this house. There is room enough for everyone. There are no restrictions, no conditions - just come as you are. This is mercy.

These last two years in the South African yatra especially, has highlighted the depth and reach of your mercy. The 50th anniversary of your auspicious arrival in South Africa, the 40th anniversary of the opening of the Sri Sri Radha Radhanath Temple of Understanding, and this year, the 20th anniversary of the opening of the Sri Sri New Jagannath Puri temple in Phoenix. Mercy spreading exponentially. Indeed, your mercy is unlimited.

Let us not be foolish to minimise the magnitude of your mercy. Let us drink deeply from the cup of devotional service, and then share that merciful, life-sustaining elixir to all and sundry. Looking around at what's happening in the world presently, there's never been a time of greater need for

your mercy.

Let us repay the un-repayable debt to you in the only possible way we can: Taking up your mood and mission of spreading Krishna consciousness to every single person in every town and village. A seemingly impossible task - but all things are possible by your mercy, Srila Prabhupada. And as you've yourself said, "Impossible is a word in a fool's dictionary." You were no fool. Your dedicated followers are not fools. Only a fool would deny this opportunity of such great mercy.

Thank you for flooding the world with Krishna consciousness, and please keep us in the shelter of your mercy, always.

Your servants,

*Caitanya Carana Dasa, Sumalini Lalita Devi Dasi,
Bhaktin Jagannath Priya and Bhakta Radhanath*



Caitanya Dasa
Gauteng
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada

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

OUR SPIRITUAL JOURNEYS are directed in amazing ways. After many years in management, I never thought I would be serving in a similar role again and here I am a year into an important service in your mission. It's made me think about institutions. It is no doubt that bhakti cannot be institutionalised, however, it is no doubt that an institution can play a significant role in bringing bhakti to the masses, otherwise why would sankirtan be our yuga dharma? For these congregational gatherings, organisation is required for a systematic approach, therefore, an institution is required.

You have clearly felt the need for this approach, otherwise why would you have placed so much of emphasis on ISKCON, the vehicle you have set up for distribution and development of bhakti on this planet. ISKCON is an amazing vehicle, which is based

on your 7 purposes of ISKCON. There are three key themes I'd like to highlight:

Sastra as the foundation

ISKCON's defining strength is its foundation on sastra through the bonified Parampara as it was intended to be. The volumes of books that you have translated and presented through this very same parampara system are the foundation of ISKCON's purity and ongoing strength. As any casual or deep seeker can testify, the philosophy really comes alive to the individual in mystical ways that cannot be explained.

As a new seeker, revelations of identity and purpose become so clear and for deep seekers, the goal becomes clear. The goal may be understood in stages, yet what is described as confidential in sastra has been revealed by you in a systematic and

accessible way.

gopī-ānugatya vinā aiśvarya-jñāne
bhajileha nāhi pāya vrajendra-nandane

Translation: “Unless one follows in the footsteps of the gopīs, he cannot attain the service of the lotus feet of Kṛṣṇa, the son of Nanda Mahārāja. If one is overcome by knowledge of the Lord’s opulence, he cannot attain the Lord’s lotus feet, even though he is engaged in devotional service.

Extract from Purport: The process of vidhi-mārga, following the regulative principles, is utilised in the worship of Lakṣmī-Nārāyaṇa, whereas the process of spontaneous service - following in the footsteps of the gopīs, who are the denizens of Vṛndāvana— is transcendently more advanced and is the process whereby Rādhā and Kṛṣṇa are worshiped. One cannot attain this elevated position while worshipping the Lord in His opulence.

Those attracted by the conjugal love between Rādhā and Kṛṣṇa must follow in the footsteps of the gopīs. Only then is it possible to enter into the Lord’s service in Goloka Vṛndāvana and directly associate with Rādhā and Kṛṣṇa. (Caitanya Caritamrita Madhya 8.204).

From this, we can see you gave us the fundamental ‘ABC’s’ and the ‘XYZ’s’ ... actually beyond that!

Propagation of spiritual teachings

These teachings are of the highest calibre beyond anything that we can imagine. However, part of your mission wasn’t just to taste this love amongst an elite group, but rather we taste this love and distribute it as is clearly stated in the Caitanya Caritamrita, Adi Lila 7.24:

luṭiyā, khāiyā, diyā, bhāṇḍāra ujāḍe
āścarya bhāṇḍāra, prema śata-guṇa bāḍe

Translation: 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.

Only a most compassionate Vaiṣṇava such as yourself would not keep such a valuable treasure for yourself but give it so freely to both qualified and unqualified souls. Lord Caitanya is Patita Pavana, but you are the transparent medium through whom Lord Caitanya’s mercy is being delivered.

Bringing people closer together

Interestingly you mention, “To bring the members of the Society together with each other ...” and this caught my eye.

I was thinking about what “closer together” really meant. In today’s times, closer together is hard to fathom as families, friends, neighbours and everyone seem to be further apart than ever before. A dinner setting could have a whole

family in one place but separated by eons as each one may be on their phones. I realise that having close friends, seniors and newer members as part of a community all plays an integral role in my own personal development.

Seniors, including my own spiritual master set the tone with broader aspirations for my

development close friendships help attain them through honest, objective and realistic

means, and new devotees ensure I don’t get clouded by the familiarity we have developed

over the years. Someone coined the term, ‘that you built a house in which the whole world can live’, however, in this house there are many rooms and in the rooms gather the variations of the above mix of devotees, all closer together, closer to our goal of serving the divine couple.

Who would have thought we would be placed in such a position. It’s only by your mercy and will for the living entities, that we sit in this house, exploring the various rooms and getting closer and closer. Yet, it’s strange for me, because as I move from room to room,

I have many realisations. Two are very stark. Seeing others, I realise how far I am from the goal,

and looking at myself, my anarthas are still very prominent. How could I be so close yet so far?

You have set the environment. ISKCON is that environment, and it's up to us as the members, not just the leaders, seniors or department heads, but everyone of us, to make this environment a conducive one. We are the members of ISKCON and it's up to us to set the tone of our closeness together. For it to flourish, we need tolerance of each other's shortcomings, and patience to overcome our

shortcomings and achieve the qualities that signify our bhakti.

You have given us the goal, our actions and the environment to be successful. Please continue to bestow your mercy upon me and all of us to play our part in fulfilling your mission. Thank you for everything you have given us.

*Your servant,
Caitanya Dasa*



Caranavinda Dasa 
and Caranarenu Devi Dasi
Durban
South Africa



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While reading your books and listening to various conversations you had with reporters and people from different religious backgrounds, I have come to realise that you are an expert in every field. Everything that you say is related to loving and serving the Supreme Lord Krsna. Your instructions ultimately direct us to Him.

In chapter 16 of Bhagavad-gita, you so expertly explain about the divine and demoniac natures of this material world. This age of Kali is defined by quarrel and hypocrisy. It is so scary to become entangled in fallen situations. People lead lives that are demoniac in nature without even realising it. They are destroying the world by engaging in horrible activities and they continuously make inventions to increase their sense gratification. World leaders are bereft of divine qualities, pompous and full of false ego. Wars are erupting over proprietorship, and countries develop specialised weapons to attack their neighbours. It is difficult living in this degraded world where everyone is engaged in

sinful activities. In this chapter, you also give the solution to overcoming these challenges. One has to rise above his current situation, to the mode of goodness before he can begin to understand the Supreme Lord. Activities in the mode of goodness assists us in progressing on the path of liberation and it has taken me an entire lifetime to finally understand this.

If one simply studies Bhagavad-gita under the guidance of a bonafide teacher, one learns how to make spiritual advancement. Taking shelter of a bonafide spiritual master and accepting initiation gives us an opportunity to serve the Lord. Devotional service allows us to increase our love for Krsna and ultimately surrender unto Him. But more importantly, we have to first surrender to a bonafide guru who guides us. Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for spreading Krsna consciousness all over the world, in turn, giving us so many wonderful bonafide teachers who have guided us on our spiritual journeys.

I have realised that simply being a part of

ISKCON is not enough. I have to take your instructions seriously and also be strict in my sadhana. There will always be challenges and stumbling blocks, however if we sincerely execute our devotional service, our efforts will not go in vain. We need to persevere and simply give this one life to Krsna. Ultimately, it is due to your mercy that we found shelter in ISKCON and are eternally grateful to You for showering your mercy upon us.

We hope and pray that we never stray away from this spiritual path that you have so kindly shown us.

On this auspicious day of your Vyasa Puja, we humbly beg to remain always at the shelter of your lotus feet.

*Your servants,
Caranavinda Dasa and Caranarenu Devi Dasi*



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

 Caravan Renu Dasi
Durban
South Africa

I AM TRULY INDEBTED TO YOU for showing me a way out of the clutches of Maya's illusionary grip. Thanks to you, and your beloved son His Holiness Partha Sarathi das Goswami Maharaj, my spiritual master, I see a ray of hope. I was introduced to chanting the Maha Mantra although I am still a neophyte.

I am also attempting to serve at the Sri Sri

Radha Radhanath Temple in Chatsworth, South Africa. I am grateful that you created ISKCON, a home in which I can live while learning and associating with many advanced devotees.

*Your Servant,
Caravan Renu Dasi*



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

 Champakalata Dasi
Amanzimtoti
South Africa

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

ON THIS MOST AUSPICIOUS OCCASION of Sri Vyasa Puja, I offer my immense gratitude to you for your extraordinary compassion upon the conditioned souls of this world. Although countless people have spoken about God, very few have transformed the lives of others as profoundly as you have. By your purity, determination, and complete dependence upon Lord Krishna, you carried the message of Lord

Caitanya across oceans and continents and established a movement that continues to illuminate the lives of millions.

This year holds special significance as we commemorate sixty years since the incorporation of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON) in New York. What began as a seemingly impossible mission - a solitary swami arriving in a

foreign land with little money and no institutional support - has become a worldwide spiritual movement. Looking back, one can only marvel at how Lord Krishna empowered you as a saktyavesa avatar to accomplish what no ordinary person could have conceived or executed.

At the time of writing this offering, I am preparing for my visit to New York where I hope to stand in places forever sanctified by your presence. I hope to visit the Matchless Gifts storefront, at 26 Second Avenue, where you established the first ISKCON temple and laid the foundations of a spiritual revolution. I also hope to visit Tompkins Square Park, where you introduced the chanting of the holy names to the people of the West and planted the seed that would eventually grow into a worldwide sankirtana movement. For most visitors, these may appear to be ordinary locations, but for your followers they are sacred places of pilgrimage, reminders of your faith, courage, and unwavering conviction in the order of your spiritual master.

As I meditate upon these places, I am struck by the contrast between the humble external circumstances and the immeasurable consequences that followed. The storefront at 26 Second Avenue was small, yet from there emerged your sincere disciples who continue to strictly follow your instructions, temples, farm communities, schools, restaurants, publications, and congregations throughout the world. The kirtans beneath the elm tree in Manhattan's Tompkins Square Park may have appeared insignificant to some onlookers, yet it became a defining moment in the spiritual history of the modern age.

As ISKCON's Justice Minister globally and as one entrusted with legal responsibilities in South Africa, I am especially grateful for the vision you demonstrated in July 1966 in New York by establishing ISKCON as a legally incorporated society and clearly stating its seven purposes. You understood that spiritual ideals alone would not sustain a worldwide movement; they required proper structure, governance, accountability, and legal protection

so that your mission could continue for generations. The incorporation of ISKCON sixty years ago was not merely an administrative act. It was an expression of your foresight and your determination to create a lasting institution capable of serving humanity long after your physical departure.

Your example teaches us that administration, law, and governance via ISKCON's Governing Body Commission are not separate from devotional service when they are employed in Lord Kṛishna's service. The legal frameworks, constitutions, Trusts, and policies that support ISKCON today all trace their origins to your desire to protect the Society and ensure that Lord Caitanya's mission would flourish.

I pray that I may perform my own service in this area with integrity, wisdom, fairness, and genuine concern for the devotees, always remembering that justice in Krishna consciousness must ultimately be guided by compassion and the welfare of all souls.

I am also reminded of the words of the Srimad-Bhagavatam:

*sa vai pumsam paro dharmo
yato bhaktir adhokṣaje
ahaituky apratihata
yayatma suprasidati*

"The supreme occupation (dharma) for all humanity is that by which men can attain to loving devotional service unto the transcendent Lord. Such devotional service must be unmotivated and uninterrupted to completely satisfy the self." (SB 1.2.6)

Everything you established - whether temples, books, festivals, legal entities, management systems, or preaching programs - had a single purpose: to help people awaken pure devotion to Lord Krishna. This clarity of purpose remains one of your greatest gifts to us.

When I visit New York, I hope not merely to see historic sites, but to remember the sacrifices behind them: your lonely journey aboard the Jaladuta, your struggle in unfamiliar surroundings, your tireless

translation work, your faith amidst uncertainty, and your unwavering confidence in the holy name. I hope to remember that great achievements begin with sincere obedience to guru and Lord Krishna.

Srila Prabhupada, thank you for giving us the yuga dharma – the chanting of the Holy Names and the world of Hare Krishna. Thank you for giving us the Bhagavad-gita As It Is and Srimad Bhagavatam in a form accessible to the modern world. Thank you for creating a spiritual family that spans nations, cultures, and generations. Thank you for demonstrating how one person, fully surrendered to Lord Krishna and guru, can change the course of history. Thank you for the sacrifices and your immeasurable

compassion for us fallen souls, that resulted in you taking that maiden voyage out of India and distributing Krishna consciousness all over the globe.

Please bless me that I may always remain a servant of your mission; that I may contribute in some small way to protecting and strengthening our devotee community and the Society you founded sixty years ago, and that I may never forget that I am just an insignificant servant in this international Society that you inaugurated and continue to guide.

*Your insignificant servant,
Champakalata Dasi*



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

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR MERCY in undertaking to establish this movement, ISKCON, to guide conditioned souls back home, back to Godhead. Srila Prabhupada, all that you have instructed and guided us through in your transcendental books is truly nectar from the spiritual world. Your books continue to inspire and guide sincere souls on the path of Krishna consciousness.

While on sankirtan many years ago, I approached a person in a car, and he purchased a small Bhagavad-gita. He was a bhajan singer, and his two sons were with him. A few months later, I met him again at our temple. He had changed his songbook to ISKCON songs, and his two sons took part in the recitation of verses from the Brahma-samhita during our children's programme at the temple.

At our Nama Hatta, we had an elderly mother

who was illiterate and confined to a hospital bed. I went to visit her in the hospital. In her ward, she had a whole set of ISKCON photos displayed on a shelf opposite her bed. I was quite amazed to see this. Two matajis accompanied me on the visit. We spent some time speaking with her and checking on her needs. Later, she was sitting on her bed, and I began a kirtan, starting with her Guru Maharaja's pranama, followed by yours and the Maha-mantra. The two matajis were holding her hands while we chanted. When we stopped the kirtan, her prabhu came and gently tapped her leg to let her know that he was about to go home. There was no response. I picked up her hand, and when I let go, it fell back onto the bed. I called the doctor and nurse. They advised us to leave the room. Shortly afterwards, we received the news that she had left her body. I later



Chandrakantha Dasa
and Ambika Devi Dasi
Durban
South Africa

came to know that although she was illiterate, she had been initiated by her guru, who was out of the country at the time.

This made me realise that one does not need to be highly educated to follow the process of Krishna consciousness. One simply needs sincerity, faith, and the willingness to follow the instructions of guru and Krishna.

I pray for your mercy and guidance so that I may continue to follow this process throughout my life. Thank you for showing us the path back home, back to Godhead.

*Your most insignificant servant of the servants,
Chandrakantha Dasa and Ambika Devi Dasi*



Christopher Muller 🙏
Pretoria
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to you and sincere gratitude for your tireless devotion in spreading Krishna consciousness all over the world.

THIS YEAR, AS I CONTINUED READING KRISHNA BOOK and associated with devotees, whenever I open any of the books, I think of how much work and dedication have gone in to translate this divine knowledge from Sanskrit into English. And what deep cross-cultural understanding it required to relate it so beautifully from India to the West, at a time when the world in most of its countries experienced segregation and separation in different forms. Today still, as the world increasingly wages war and subjugates one nation or another, what could be more timely and still relevant than the profoundly simple teaching

you so lovingly translated and related to us: just surrender unto God.

Through your life's work, and by Sri Krishna's mercy, we are able to learn more and to develop a taste for spiritual enquiry. As we celebrate your Vya-sa-puja, we thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for helping us develop and grow on this path of bhakti yoga and to learn to surrender unto God.

*With profound gratitude,
Your Servant,
Christopher Muller*



Damodar Dasa 🙏
Sandton
South Africa



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

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SRILA PRABHUPADA, YOU LEFT VRINDAVAN in 1965 and journeyed on a cargo ship to America to fulfil the instruction of your dearest spiritual master to distribute Krishna Consciousness in the West. Shortly thereafter, while operating from the Matchless Gifts

storefront temple in New York, you established the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON) in July 1966. This year, 2026, the devotees of ISKCON are celebrating the 60th anniversary of your establishing ISKCON.

Thank you for giving us so many wonderful ways to always remember Radha and Krishna and perform devotional service. You have given the people of this world the Holy name in the form of the Hare Krishna maha mantra; Krishna Conscious dramas and paintings; festivals; prasadam; farm communities; restaurants; deity worship; magazines, books, kirtan and more; to attract people to Krishna consciousness as well as to spread Krishna consciousness.

You have established ISKCON in South Africa as well. Since your arrival in South Africa in 1975 and the devotees who preceded your visit, ISKCON continues to grow in South Africa as well. Due to your mercy and the endeavours of the devotees in South Africa, there are now around 15 temples and centres around South Africa, where festivals and Krishna conscious programmes are held throughout the year.

You have created my good fortune so that I have been connected to Krishna, through the guru parampara in Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu's line. Without your causeless mercy, I would have been still loitering aimlessly in this material world. Through your mercy we are able to worship Gaura Nitai deities at our home daily. Our deities look like little children. Our Guru Maharaj, His Holiness Bhakti Caitanya Swami named them, Bala Nitai Sundar Nimai. They are extremely merciful and lovable. I feel truly blessed and I am extremely grateful to you for bestowing your mercy on me.

Thank you for your books, which are certainly your most significant contribution to the world. You have stated that your books contain your devotional ecstasies in the form of the purports. We take great pleasure in these wonderful treasures that you worked tirelessly to write during the night and early hours of the morning- while everyone was sleeping. Thank you for your Back to Godhead magazine, which you commenced in 1944. As per your desire, these magazines are still being published today by the BBT which you established. I am trying my best

to continue to distribute your books and Back to Godhead magazines as much as possible. I am also very grateful to you for the Srimad Bhagavatam and Caitanya Caritamrita. I pray that you will bless my endeavours to share this spiritual wisdom with others. The Srimad Bhagavatam teaches us about pure devotional service-

dharmah projjhita-kaitavo 'tra paramo nirmatsaranam satam...

“Completely rejecting all religious activities which are materially motivated, this Bhagavata Purana propounds the highest truth, which is understandable by those devotees who are fully pure in heart... “(SB 1.1.2)

Similarly in the Caitanya Caritamrita, Lord Caitanya instructs Srila Rupa Goswami on pure devotional service- “anyabhilasita-sunyam...”

“When first-class devotional service develops, one must be devoid of all material desires, knowledge obtained by monistic philosophy, and fruitive action. The devotee must constantly serve Krishna favourably, as Krishna desires.” (CC Madhya 19.167)

Srila Prabhupada, you have always kept Krishna in the centre of everything that you do and very clearly demonstrated by your own example what pure devotional service is. His Divine Grace Srila Narottama das Thakur has explained to us how we can obtain pure devotional service in his song: “Sri Guru Charana Padma”, wherein the first verse states: “The lotus feet of our spiritual master are the only way by which we can attain pure devotional service. I bow to his lotus feet with great awe and reverence. By his grace one can cross the ocean of material suffering and obtain the mercy of Krishna.”

I pray that I may always remain under the shelter of your divine lotus feet and continue to pray for your mercy and blessings.

*Your grandson and servant,
Damodar Dasa*







Dear Srila Prabhupada

Please accept our most humble and prostrated obeisances at Your all-merciful lotus feet.

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

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TO OUR DEAREST SRILA PRABHUPADA, on this blessed day, our family comes together to offer our collective hearts, gratitude, and words of appreciation to You. We are completely unqualified, yet by Your causeless mercy, you have allowed a fallen family like ours to have a place in your grand home of ISKCON.

We look at your picture and marvel at your sacrifices. At an age when most people retire to rest, you crossed the oceans on the Jaladutta to save the world. You stayed awake through the dark hours of the night to write the books that now give light to us. Every page of your Bhagavad-gita As It Is and Sri-mad Bhagavatam acts as a protective shield for our

home against the material energy.

We know that the material world is full of distractions that can easily pull a family away from spiritual life. We lower our heads at your spiritual feet and beg for the strength to remain tightly anchored to your ISKCON. Please bless us so that our home remains a sanctuary of peace, sadhana, and loving Vaishnava relationships. Never let us forget our immense debt to you. We pray to remain your humble servants life after life.

*Your insignificant servants,
Damodar Gopal Das, Lalita Gopal Devi Dasi
and Bhaktin Vaishnavi*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to Your kind self.

I WOULD LIKE TO OFFER MY HEARTFELT GRATITUDE for your unlimited mercy and compassion toward all living entities. You travelled all over the world to spread the teachings of Lord Krishna and the message of Bhakti. Because of your hard work, sacrifice and dedication, millions of people have had the opportunity to learn about Krishna consciousness.

Your books, lectures and personal example continue to inspire devotees all over the world. Through your teachings we learn how to chant the holy names, serve Krishna and live a life of devotion. Although I may have some shortcomings, I pray for

the strength to follow your instructions with sincerity and determination. Thank you Srila Prabhupada for giving us the priceless gift of Krishna consciousness. On this sacred Vyasa-puja day, I pray for your blessings so that I may always remain in devotional service and help to spread your mission according to my capacity. All glories to His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktividanta Swami Prabhupada! Hare Krishna.

*Your humble servant in your service,
Dayala Nrsimha Dasa*



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



Dayala Nrsimha Dasa
Durban
South Africa

Dayalu Radha Devi Dasi 🌸
Saint Denis
Reunion Island



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my utmost respectful obeisances.
All gloried to Your Divine Grace.

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nirvisesa-sunyavadi-pascatya-desat-tarine*

AS IS EVERY YEAR, I am writing my Vyasa-puja offering with more gratitude for your appearance in my life. You have brought many blessings for which I am eternally indebted.

Therefore, I am trying to reciprocate with your love for all of us drowned in the Western culture but favored by a pure saintly devotee of Lord Krishna. Sometimes I feel dejected because I have not developed taste for the Holy Name despite all facilities and instructions your disciples keep giving us.

My shelter lies in your precious books, which have become more precious than ever in this age of digital information, and my only desire is to please you by spreading Krishna consciousness in Reunion Island. This place has not been touched by your holy

feet but your message has been adopted by some devotees who try to apply your teachings. In this way you will always be living in your books.

Dear Srila Prabhupada, please impart us with divine qualities so that we can fulfill our mission as a spirit soul. Help me to be a pure devotee, always serving my spiritual master and Vaisnavas with a loving heart.

How wonderful is life in Krishna Consciousness. I thank you so much Srila Prabhupada.

*Aspiring to serve Vaisnavas,
Your Servant,
Dayalu Radha Devi Dasi*



Devaki Devi Dasi 🌸
New-Grove
Mauritius



My dear Srila Prabhupada,

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KINDLY ACCEPT MY MOST HUMBLE OBEISANCES at your divine lotus feet. I am just an insignificant dust, a fallen servant, always attempting to glorify Sri Krsna by your mercy. I can just feel proud and ecstatic when you are called the actual Vishva guru of this planet Earth. Your beloved devotees and disciples have left no stone unturned to make the world

known that you have provided and are providing the greatest welfare to peoples of all societies, from East to West and across all borders of the world, the maha mantra, the peace formula, the absolute, pure mantra by which one develops his/her spiritual self and ultimately the love to attain the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Sri Krsna. You have created

ISKCON by which thousands of devotees have learnt the appropriate and pure yet shortcut rituals of bhakti (devotional service). You have brought to us the teachings of Caitanya-caritamṛta, the existence of Sri Caitanya Mahāprabhu, who has revealed hidden scriptures through His sincere disciples and devotees. This is essential in this Kali-yuga for the upliftment of spiritual life and self-realization. You have made the Bhagavad-gītā and Srimad-Bhagavatam, via your loving transliteration, reachable to any mankind, whatever caste, creed, colour, religion, culture or nation. You have created a true university in ISKCON with simple rules and regulations and easy accessibility where anyone can benefit from it and get self-realized and pave their way back, back to Godhead. Through your ISKCON, with varieties in all fields, such as teachings, cooking, partying, you

have made worship enjoyable and food relishable for all from childhood to adulthood. Srila Prabhupada, you are just an incredible guru; words cannot suffice to express your unlimited spiritual power.

Srila Prabhupada, please accept this small and humble offering of mine and please give me your mercy so that I never fail in my bhakti, please pray for this lonely and weak servant of yours that I can chant more and with less offences. Please guide me in all my endeavours to improve the activities of my service. Please help me to help others in their services, especially the youths in your divine movement. Thank you, Srila Prabhupada.

*Always at your divine lotus feet,
Devaki Devi Dasi*



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

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namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvīṣesa-sunyahvadi-paścatya-deśa-tarine*

ALL GLORIES TO YOU, SRILA PRABHUPADA, who carried the order of your spiritual master across oceans and continents and illuminated the world with the transcendental message of Lord Sri Kṛṣṇa.

On this sacred occasion of your Vyasa-puja, I offer my heartfelt gratitude as one insignificant grand-disciple among the countless souls whose lives have been transformed by your mercy. When I reflect upon your extraordinary personality, I am repeatedly struck by one remarkable quality: your vision had no boundaries. Where others saw obstacles, you saw opportunities. Where others saw impossibilities, you saw Kṛṣṇa's arrangement. Where others saw closed doors, you saw entire

nations waiting to receive Lord Caitanya's mercy.

One incident from the life of His Holiness Tamal Kṛṣṇa Goswami beautifully reveals this quality. At the height of the Radha-Damodara Traveling Saṅkīrtana Party's success, when they were distributing unprecedented numbers of your books and contributing enormously to your mission, circumstances became complicated. Devotees and temple leaders voiced concerns, and tensions arose within the movement. His Holiness Tamal Kṛṣṇa Maharaj, seeking guidance, sat before you after hearing many complaints directed toward the party.

Not knowing what solution to offer, he casually remarked, "Maybe I should go to China or



Devakinandan Dasa
Gaborone
Botswana

something.” For most people, such a statement would have been dismissed immediately. China at that time seemed as inaccessible as the moon. No practical plans existed. No preaching infrastructure existed. No one seriously considered it a possibility.

But you were not most people.

You immediately caught that seemingly insignificant remark. You heard what others could not hear. Within that casual statement, you perceived Kṛṣṇa’s arrangement. Within an impossible suggestion, you saw an entire nation waiting for the holy name. The very next morning you called His Holiness Tamal Krishna Maharaj and firmly instructed him, “I want you to go to China.”

When he offered reasons why he could not go, you would not be diverted. Even the tremendous success of the Radha-Damodara Party could not distract you from the greater opportunity you had perceived. Your concern was not merely maintaining successful programmes. Your concern was expanding Lord Caitanya’s mercy to every corner of the world.

Your determination was so intense that when His Holiness Tamal Krishna Maharaj argued about his important service, you replied that you were taking that service away. He had only one service now - to go to China.

What moves me deeply is not merely your instruction, but the vision behind it. Others were focused on organisational concerns. Others were focused on present circumstances. Others were focused on what already existed.

You were focused on what could exist.

You were thinking generations ahead.

You were thinking of souls who had never heard the names of Radha and Kṛṣṇa.

You were thinking of future devotees yet unborn.

You were thinking as the pure representative

of Lord Caitanya Mahāprabhu, whose desire was that the holy name be heard in every town and village of the world.

Most wonderfully, you transformed what appeared to be a difficult situation into a glorious opportunity. Without criticism, without dwelling on complaints, without diminishing anyone’s service, you redirected everything toward a higher purpose. What seemed like a problem became a historic preaching mission.

This was your genius.

This was your compassion.

This was your complete absorption in fulfilling the order of your spiritual master.

Śrīla Prabhupāda, this incident teaches me that pure devotees see the world differently. Their vision is not confined by politics, geography, economics, or human calculations. They see every circumstance as an opportunity for Kṛṣṇa’s service. They see possibilities where others see limitations.

Please bless me that I may learn to see the world through the lens of your teachings. Please bless me that I may never become complacent or satisfied with my own small plans. Please bless me that I may develop even a fraction of your boldness, faith, and missionary spirit. Most of all, please bless me that I may always remember that your movement was built not by calculating what was possible, but by having complete faith in Kṛṣṇa and complete dedication to the order of the previous ācāryas.

On this auspicious Vyāsa-pūjā day, I offer my gratitude for your books, your example, your sacrifice, and your boundless vision. Whatever little service I am able to render is possible only because you opened the path and illuminated it with your mercy. May I remain forever a servant of your servants.

Your insignificant grand disciple,

Devakinandan Dasa





My Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most humble obeisances in the dust of Your divine lotus feet.
All Glories to Your Divine Grace.



Dhaneshvari Devi Dasi
Johannesburg
South Africa

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I WOULD LOVE TO EXPRESS MY LOVE and gratitude my dearest Srila Prabhupada, for everything you have done for us to give us Krishna consciousness. Dearest Srila Prabhupada, you have brought Vrindavan to the doorstep of the world. Your sweet words are not just books, they are nectar, soaked messages of divine love.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for awakening our dormant love for Krishna. Your lotus feet are the only shelter in this stormy ocean of material life. You are the true representative of the Parampara, carrying the mercy of the divine couple, Srimati Radharani and Lord Krishna.

“O Saviour of the fallen, your sweet dedication

has turned dry hearts into the lush gardens of devotion.”

Our dear Srila Prabhupada, you took all the suffering to give us the Holy Name. Watching all your videos, you taught us how to dance in ecstasy, even in the darkest times. Your life is a living, breathing commentary on the Bhagavat-gita. I am truly indebted to you for making the path back home easy.

I will always remember, pure love for Lord Krishna is the highest achievement in my spiritual Life.

Your servant,
Dhaneshvari Devi Dasi



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



Bhakta Dhanrajh
and Shakti Mati Devi Dasi
Kinross
Mpumalanga
South Africa

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ON THIS MOST AUSPICIOUS OCCASION of your Vyasa-puja, we bow before you with hearts filled with gratitude and appreciation for your causeless mercy. We feel most fortunate and privileged to have received your shelter and guidance.

By your compassion, we were blessed with the opportunity to participate in the Ratha-yatra festivals throughout our locality. Following the

instruction to take the Maha mantra to every town and village, we witnessed the transcendental journey of Lord Jagannatha being celebrated in ten different towns over the course of ten years. This service has brought immense spiritual joy, purpose, and fulfilment to our lives. We remain eternally grateful for the opportunity to assist, however insignificantly, in the mission so dear to your heart.

Without material wealth, influence, or worldly ambition, and relying solely upon your faith in the words of your Guru and the mercy of Sri Krishna, you brought the sublime science of Krishna consciousness countless number of homes and hearts. Through your dedication and sacrifice, countless conditioned souls have been given the opportunity to reconnect with their eternal relationship with the Supreme Lord.

Your books continue to speak to us every day. They uplift our consciousness, strengthen our faith, and remind us of our eternal identity as servants of the servants of the Lord. Through your teachings, we are repeatedly encouraged to rise above temporary material designations and seek shelter in

devotional service.

On this sacred day, we remember not only the remarkable accomplishments of your life but also the mood in which you performed them, with unwavering faith in Krishna, complete dependence upon Guru, profound humility, and boundless compassion for all living beings.

Today, we humbly pray for your blessings. Please bless us that we may become faithful servants of the servants, free from selfish desires and false prestige.

*Your servants,
Bhakta Dhanrajh and Shakti Mati Devi Dasi*



Dhanurdhara Dasa
Malanshof
Randburg
South Africa



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

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nirvisesa-sunyavadi-pascatya-desat-tarine*

ON THIS AUSPICIOUS OCCASION of your Vyasa-puja, I would like to offer my heartfelt gratitude for your immeasurable love, compassion, and mercy upon all of us. I am always in awe of your kindness. Although we are constantly struggling within this conditioned state of material existence, your mercy always reaches us, uplifting and guiding us back toward Krishna consciousness.

By reading your books, we become closer to you and, through you, closer to Sri Krishna. I deeply appreciate the way you established ISKCON and created unlimited opportunities for everyone to engage in devotional service according to their nature and capacity. Whether it is cooking, cleaning, singing in kirtana, serving the Deities, distributing prasadam, or simply hearing from devotees, every engagement

helps us become absorbed in Krishna and gradually purifies our hearts.

Recently, I have been endeavoring to listen more regularly to your lectures as part of my daily routine. I am grateful for the availability of your lectures through the Acharya YouTube channel, which makes it easier for devotees like myself to hear directly from you. One particular lecture deeply touched my heart and left a lasting impression upon me. In that lecture, you expressed concern for a devotee who was coughing and said, “But you have no sufficient warm cloth, so you are affected? That you must arrange. You must take care of your health. Yukta-hara-viharasya yogo bhavati duḥkha-ha. In the Bhagavad-gita, it is said, yukta-hara. You should take food just to maintain your health nicely.

Similarly, other necessities of the body must be taken care of.

Hearing these words revealed your deep concern for the well-being of your devotees. You wanted us to care for our bodies not for sense gratification, but so that we could serve Krishna more effectively. I have also heard your emphasis on maintaining good health as an important aspect of devotional life. Your practical and compassionate guidance demonstrates leadership that transcends time, place, and circumstance.

Although this lecture was given in April 1973, its relevance remains just as important today. I must admit that I have often neglected my own health and well-being. However, hearing this lecture has helped me appreciate the importance of balance in devotional life and the necessity of maintaining

good health in the service of Krishna. It has changed my perspective and inspired me to be more responsible in this regard.

Ultimately, we are all praying to attain pure devotional service, and I know that such a goal can only be achieved by your causeless mercy. Therefore, on this sacred day, I pray for the strength and intelligence to better follow your instructions and become a more sincere servant of your mission.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for your books, your teachings, your example, and the worldwide society you established for the benefit of all living beings. Whatever little spiritual life I have is due to your mercy alone.

*Your spiritual grandson and aspiring servant,
Dhanurdhara Dasa (BCS)*



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



Dharamraj Dasa
Durban
South Africa

JAI SRILA PRABHUPADA! What do we know of Krishna? We pretend to see divinity in the deities, and for most of us, the Lords pastimes is merely imagination. Our religious conviction in Krishna is surface faith. When shaken and tested can we give our life to Krishna, are we willing to sacrifice for Krishna?

I don't know how to write this accept to mention that my faith hangs on a thread especially with recent circumstances in my life. I understand that material compassion, tears and lamentation is ignorance of the real self but to actually experience material suffering is a different kind of defeat. I don't know Krishna, my faith is shaky and my conviction is loose. I question Krishna and sometimes fight with him.

In the midst of this doubt and suffering, though

I do know one thing for certain, and that is that my faith in Krishna is dependent on my conviction of you, Srila Prabhupada. Because you know Krishna, because you know the spiritual world, because you know and live in the pastimes of Sri Radha and Krishna, and because of my faith in you.

I have some faith in Krishna. Not that I know Krishna, but that I know you know Krishna and that's good enough for me to accept that I am a Bhakta. My faith in Krishna consciousness fully lies in you Srila Prabhupada. I wish for your direct instructions on some service in Krishna consciousness.

*Your servant,
Dharamraj Dasa*



Dharma Sindhu Dasa 🙏
Karuna Sindhu Dasi
Mohan Priya Devi Dasi
Bhaktin Shahani
and Bhaktin Suvarna Sewpershad
Durban
South Africa



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

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

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

DEAR SRILA PRABHUPADA, you ensured that Krishna consciousness was available to all the fallen souls. Your compassion and mercy is far beyond words, which truly makes you the eternal spiritual master. On this special occasion of your Vyasa-puja, we humbly beg you to allow us to remain at the dust of your lotus feet eternally. Please accept our humble obeisance's on this auspicious day.

It is only by your mercy, Srila Prabhupada, that you made it possible for us to provide you with an offering. Words fail us in our gratitude to you for creating this wonderful movement of ISKCON, in which we have found a home and purpose, your strength and courage in devotional service is very inspiring. We offer my prayers daily so please give us the strength to be constantly engaged in devotional service and bless us with guidance so that we can help to spread your teachings in every possible way. The key to going back to Godhead is right there in your books, translated by you from Sanskrit to English. We are so happy that this movement has all the answers that we seek, even in those times

that we feel alone.

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 our daily life. We are not perfect but please bless us to make the maximum effort of becoming perfect devotees. Thank you for loving us unconditionally and blessing us in all our endeavours in Krishna consciousness, especially when preaching to others. You constantly help us 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.

*Thanking you, your most fallen servants,
Dharma Sindhu Daas, Karuna Sindhu Dasi, Mohan
Priya Devi Dasi,
Bhaktin Shahani and Bhaktin Suvarna Sewpershad*



Dhavaranie Madanlall 🙏
Durban
South Africa



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

THERE IS SO MUCH that I will love to write about. My heart is overflowing with gratitude. I am blessed

to have come to Krishna Consciousness by your causeless mercy. I have been searching for many

years but never got answers. I came upon an article about Sri Kṛṣṇa Janmashtami in our local paper in 2005. There was something that caught my attention whereby it was written that on the night of Janmashtami it's like a sale whereby Lord Krishna blesses everyone at midnight.

I was curious as at that time as I was an atheist. I made my way to the temple and stayed till midnight. The feeling that night I have never experienced before. It's been 21 years and I know the decision I made that night was the right one. I have found peace; happiness; new devotee families;

kirtan; temple programmes; prasadam; studying your books; and chanting. What more could a person ask for.

I promise to always remain at Your lotus feet and serve Sri Sri Radha Radhanath till my last breath. I pray that I can make more people understand your philosophy and what Krishna Consciousness is all about. Please bless me so I can serve your devotees and bring new devotees to our temple.

*Your servant,
Dhavaranie Madanlall*



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my most humble obeisances in the dust of Your divine lotus feet on this auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja. All glories to Your Divine Grace.

*nama om visnu-padaya kṛṣṇa-presthaya bhu-tale
śrimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine
namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvisesa-sunyavadi-pascatyā-deśa-tarine*

*om ajnana timirandhasya jñananjana salakaya,
caksur unmilitam yena tasmai śrī gurave namah*

I STAND BEFORE YOU TODAY with a heart heavy with my own disqualifications, yet overflowing with an immense, unpayable debt of gratitude. I am completely devoid of devotion, purity, or spiritual realisation, but by your causeless mercy, you have given a blind soul like me the eyes to see the beauty of Sri Krishna's holy name.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for stepping off the Jaladuta in 1965 with nothing but a pair of kartals, a crate of Srimad-Bhagavatam volumes, and an unshakeable faith in the order of your spiritual master. You entered the darkness of the Western world and single-handedly turned a spiritual desert into a thriving garden of devotion.

My deepest gratitude goes to you for creating your greatest gift to humanity: the International

Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON). ISKCON is not just an institution; it is the spiritual home you built for the entire world to live in.

It is the life-boat you launched to save us from the turbulent ocean of Kali-yuga. Within its walls, you provided us with the shelter of the holy names, the association of loving devotees, the ecstatic beauty of the Deities, and the life-giving nectar of your transcendental books.

This year, as we celebrate the landmark 60th anniversary of ISKCON's incorporation, we look back in utter awe of what you created. Six decades ago, in a tiny, rented storefront in New York, you planted a tiny seed. Today, that seed has grown into a massive banyan tree spanning every continent, sheltering millions of souls. This milestone is

 Dhruva Tila Dasa
Sandton
South Africa

a breathtaking testament to your purity, your visionary leadership, and your absolute empowerment by Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu.

Srila Prabhupada, as I look at my own attempts at devotional service, I see only flaws and half-hearted efforts. I have no strength of my own to sustain this journey.

Therefore, on this sacred day, I beg for your guidance, your blessings, and your infinite mercy. Please bless me with the intelligence to remain a faithful, cooperative servant within your ISKCON. Cleanse my heart so that I may serve the devotees

with genuine humility.

Please never let me stray from the shelter of your instructions and grant me the determination to keep chanting the Hare Krishna maha-mantra with a sincere heart. I beg to remain a tiny speck of dust at your feet, praying only for the privilege to continue serving you, your instructions, and your beloved ISKCON, lifetime after lifetime.

*Your insignificant and eternal servant,
Dhruva Tila Dasa*



Dinanukampa Dasi 
Cape Town
South Africa



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

ON THIS SACRED OCCASION OF YOUR 130TH VYASA-PUJA, I offer my heartfelt gratitude for your causeless mercy upon the fallen souls of this world. Everything I have received in my spiritual life has come only through you and your faithful followers.

I still remember the very first significant service I was entrusted with: serving as the 'master of ceremonies' for my Gurudev's Vyasa-puja. Naturally, I was nervous and eager to do the service properly.

By the mercy of Guru and Gauranga, the programme and my service was appreciated by the devotees present, and many kind words were offered afterward.

But during the closing acknowledgements, a realisation arose within my heart which I spontaneously shared with everyone assembled. I expressed that although I was grateful for their appreciation, what I truly desired was simply the opportunity to serve, in any capacity, in any form. That alone felt meaningful to me. All my life I had been serving for a salary, for fame for so many things. That was about to change.

Looking back now, I feel that moment at my Gurudev's Vyasa-puja, quietly revealed the direction

of my life - devotional service.

By your mercy, Srila Prabhupada, my life has become a life of service to Guru and Gauranga. Whatever service comes - large or small, visible or unnoticed,

I simply pray to remain engaged in assisting your mission to the best of my abilities, without any confusion or complaints, birth after birth.

You taught the entire world that devotional service is the real wealth of the soul. Through your personal example, you showed what it means to dedicate every breath, every word, and every action for the pleasure of Krsna and the spiritual master. Your life continues to inspire countless souls to give themselves fully in service.

I have no qualification, no devotion, and no purity. But I do have faith that service to your mission and service to your devotees can gradually purify the heart. This hope is my greatest treasure. On this auspicious Vyasa-puja day, as I reach the last leg of my life,

I pray for the sincerity to always remain connected to your lotus feet through humble service, and to never lose the desire to assist Guru and

Gaurāṅga in whatever way they desire. Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for giving us purpose, shelter, and service.

*Your insignificant servant and a beggar at Your
Divine Grace's lotus feet,
Dinanukampa Dasi*



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



Divyangana 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
nirvisesa-sunyavadi-pascatya-desat-tarine*

SRILA PRABHUPADA, ON THIS MOST AUSPICIOUS DAY of your Vyasa-puja, I offer my heartfelt gratitude at your lotus feet. Through your books, I have come to know you as a guide, teacher, and compassionate well-wisher. Time and again, I have turned to your writings seeking clarity, understanding, and direction.

By your mercy, I have been given the opportunity to serve with BBT Africa on the mission of publishing and sharing your books and Back to Godhead magazine. This service has given me a deeper appreciation for the immense sacrifice you made to bring Krishna consciousness to the world.

In a time marked by uncertainty and distraction, your teachings continue to offer clarity,

purpose, and hope to people across cultures and generations. Srila Prabhupada, although my service is far from perfect, I pray that whatever little service I am able to offer may be pleasing to you. I depend upon your mercy to carry me despite my shortcomings and to help me remain engaged in Lord Caitanya's mission.

Please bless me that I may continue to serve with sincerity and humility throughout my life. Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for your books, your example, your instructions, and your mercy upon all of us.

*Your servant always,
Divyangana Devi Dasi*



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most humble obeisances at Your divine lotus feet. All glories to you, the Founder-Acharya of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness.



Doyal Govinda Dasa
KwaZulu-Natal
South Africa

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namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvisesa-sunyavadi-pascatya-desat-tarine*

ON THIS DAY, MY HEART OVERFLOWS with profound

gratitude for your boundless, causeless mercy. I was

wandering aimlessly in the darkness of this material world, completely forgotten of my true identity and my relationship with the Supreme Lord. Yet, out of your immense compassion, you crossed the oceans at an advanced age, enduring countless hardships just to deliver the fallen souls like me.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for giving us the holy names of Radha and Krishna. The Maha-mantra has become a soothing balm for my restless mind and a beacon of hope for my soul. Thank you for your monumental, transcendental books. Through your purports, you speak to us directly, illuminating the deepest truths of the Bhagavad-gita and Srimad-Bhagavatam with clarity, simplicity, and uncompromising truth.

You did not just give us a philosophy; you built a global home where the entire world can live

peacefully in Krishna consciousness. You gave us beautiful deities to worship, sublime prasadam to honor, and a vibrant community of devotees to support us on this path. Every aspect of my spiritual life is a direct gift from your tireless sacrifice.

I am eternally indebted to you. My only desire is to remain a humble servant of your servants and to please you by formatting my life according to your divine instructions. Please continue to guide me, protect my fragile devotion, and allow me to be a tiny instrument in your grand mission. Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for saving my life and giving it ultimate meaning.

*Your eternal servant,
Doyal Govinda Dasa*



Dvarakadisa Dasa 
Rukmini Priya Devi Dasi
and Aindra Caitanya 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.

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DEAREST SRILA PRABHUPADA, your appearance day is the most glorious day in the lives of your followers. Each and every follower has received special mercy, the knowledge of how to break from the shackles of material bondage and perfect their lives by serving Krishna and the spiritual masters.

In one of your classes, Srila Prabhupada, you said: “One must execute the order of the guru for that is real life of devotional service. So devotional service is great responsibility, to execute the order of the superior. Then our life is successful.”

Srila Prabhupada, our small efforts in

introducing Krishna consciousness to students at universities with a team of devotees comes with a great deal of challenges. Somehow by your mercy we are resolute and patient in the endeavour. Kindly bless us that this service may fructify. We will always be indebted to you, dear Srila Prabhupada. May be never stray from your divine instructions.

We love you.

*Your servants,
Dvarakadisa Dasa, Rukmini Priya devi dasi
and Aindra Caitanya Dasa*





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



Dwaraka Dham Dasa
Pietermaritzburg
South Africa

SRILA PRABHUPADA, IN 1975 you gave a lecture on Krishna consciousness at our City Hall in Pietermaritzburg, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. I was only 13 years old at the time. I was deeply moved by your lecture, and in that very moment I made a promise to Krishna that one day I would definitely join this Krishna conscious movement.

As time passed, I continued with my ordinary life, caught up in the hustle and bustle of the material world. Years went by, and then at the age of 55, something awakened within me. A voice inside my heart reminded me of the promise I had made so many years before. I began enquiring locally about a Hare Krishna temple in the area. One Sunday morning, I arrived early at the temple and was informed that the program would begin at 11 a.m. While waiting, I observed the devotees — their calmness, the

brightness on their faces, and their devotional attire. Immediately I felt comfortable and convinced that this was where I truly belonged. That day marked the beginning of my spiritual journey.

Since then, I have experienced nine wonderful years of spiritual bliss.

From the bottom of my heart, I thank you, Srila Prabhupada. Simply being in your presence at the City Hall in 1975 made it possible for me to eventually serve in your movement. Your mercy knows no bounds. You sacrificed so much, spending countless hours with little sleep to write the transcendental literature that continues to guide and nourish us in Krishna consciousness. Thank you, Gurudev.

*Your humble servant,
Dwaraka Dham Dasa*



Hare Krsna Dear Srila Prabupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet.
All glories to you on your Vyasa-puja.



Dwarakadish Krsna Dasa
Durban
South Africa

I AM NOW ASSOCIATED WITH YOUR ISKCON for 33 years. I joined after going to a tent campaign, organized by your wonderful disciple His Holiness Parthasarathi Das Goswami Maharaj. I also during that time, met my diksa guru, His Holiness Lokanath Swami.

Thank you Srila Prabupada, for giving me the opportunity to be part of your ISKCON. I am trying to fully participate in all activities, and I do so by trying to please you because of all the effort and all the love that you have for the fallen condition souls.

When you were very ill during your final pastimes in the material world, a man traveled from very far to see you and to inform you that you should

not have your murti form present while you were still on the planet, as this will result in all their sins falling onto you. And your reply was that you know that, and it was okay. The man also a saint was shocked at the reply and was not able to continue to discourage you from doing so and left. Thank you for giving us a house in which the whole world can live in. I pray to always be a part of your ISKCON life after life. Please keep me at the dust of your lotus feet.

*Your fallen grandson,
Dwarakadish Krsna Dasa*





All glories to His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedānta Swami Prabhupāda, who out of his causeless mercy rescued conditioned souls wandering endlessly in this ocean of material existence. Before receiving his association through his books, instructions, and devotees, we identified ourselves only with the temporary body - as Mr. this, Mrs. that, belonging to this nation, this race, this family, or this designation. But Śrīla Prabhupāda opened our eyes to our real eternal identity: that we are not these temporary bodies, but eternal servants of the Supreme Lord, Śrī Kṛṣṇa. As stated in Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam:

*“sa vai puṁsāṁ paro dharmo
yato bhaktir adhokṣaje”*

“The supreme occupation for all humanity is that by which men can attain loving devotional service unto the transcendent Lord.” (SB 1.2.6)

Śrīla Prabhupāda did not simply give us a philosophy; he restored our lost relationship with the Supreme Personality of Godhead. Without him, we would never have understood that beyond all temporary labels lies the soul’s true constitutional position:

“jīvera ‘svarūpa’ haya — kṛṣṇera ‘nitya-dāsa’

“The eternal constitutional position of the living entity is to be the eternal servant of Kṛṣṇa.”

By his unlimited compassion, he gave us the greatest and most sought-after identity — the identity of being servants of the servant of the Lord.

Under the shelter of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON), Śrīla Prabhupāda also gave us a spiritual family far greater than any temporary material relationship. Material

families are united by the body and separated by time, but this spiritual family is united by eternal service to Kṛṣṇa. In temples, homes, farms, and communities all over the world, devotees from every background come together with one purpose: to serve the Lord and assist one another in spiritual advancement. The Bhāgavatam beautifully describes the association of devotees:

*“satām prasāṅgān mama vīrya-saṁvido
bhavanti hṛt-karṇa-rasāyanāḥ kathāḥ”*

“In the association of pure devotees, discussions of the pastimes and activities of the Supreme Lord become very pleasing and satisfying to the ear and heart.” (SB 3.25.25)

Śrīla Prabhupāda also gave meaning and purpose to our lives. He taught us that human life is not meant merely for eating, sleeping, working, and struggling like animals, but for self-realization and God realization. Through his transcendental books, he allowed us to see this world through spiritual vision and understand realities far beyond our limited material conception. He revealed to us the existence of the spiritual world - our real home - where there is no anxiety, suffering, old age, disease, or death. As the Bhāgavatam explains:

*“na yatra māyā kim utāpare harer
anuvratā yatra surāsurārcitāḥ”*

“In that personal abode of the Lord, the material modes of ignorance and passion do not prevail, nor is there any of their influence in goodness. There is no predominance of the influence of time, so what to speak of the illusory external energy; it cannot enter that region.” (SB 2.9.10)

And in another place: “tad dhāma paramaṁ

mama” the supreme abode from which one never returns to this world of birth and death.

If Śrīla Prabhupāda had not appeared and traveled fearlessly across the world carrying the message of Lord Kṛṣṇa, our lives would have remained absorbed in ignorance, confusion, anxiety, and endless material struggle. His compassion was not limited by nationality, race, religion, or social position; rather, like a true saint, he saw every living being equally as part and parcel of Kṛṣṇa. When Śrīla Prabhupāda came to Nairobi in 1972, he urged the people of Kenya to build the nation upon spiritual values and not blindly imitate the Western civilization, which he described as living like “cats and dogs,” absorbed only in eating, sleeping, mating, and defending. Such instructions were not criticism

born of hatred, but the heartfelt concern of a compassionate spiritual father who desired true peace, dignity, and spiritual prosperity for all humanity. This only further reveals how equally disposed and merciful he was toward mankind, always striving to elevate human society beyond temporary bodily consciousness to the eternal platform of spiritual understanding.

May we always remain grateful servants under his lotus feet and strive to carry forward his divine mission for the benefit of all living beings.

All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda.

*Your insignificant servant,
Dwarka Vasini Devi Dasi*



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

WE REQUIRED A ROLE MODEL for this gradual, subtle and sublime process of bhakti yoga, and so Sri Krishna gave you, Śrīla Prabhupada, to us. How fortunate are we?

Your kitchen at Radha Damodhar Temple in Vrndavana overlooked the samadhi of Śrīla Rupa Goswami. In the preface of Nectar of Instruction, you wrote: The Krishna consciousness movement is conducted under the supervision of Śrīla Rupa Goswami.

You are that devout Rupanuga, who espoused the philosophy and practices of Gaudiya vaisnavism in this modern age. Thank you for embodying and exemplifying the precious teachings of Rupa Goswami for the current day practitioners of bhakti yoga.

By imbibing your mood of bhakti, we can gain

the blessings of Śrīla Rupa Goswami and attain the grace of Śrī Caitanya Mahaprabhu, by whose mercy alone we can attain the shelter of the lotus feet of the divine couple, Radha and Krishna.

I am indebted to you Śrīla Prabhupada for your books, your lectures, your room conversations, your letters and your personal instructions to your disciples. You live on in their hearts and the hearts of your loyal followers.

I am running behind you shouting, “Krishna is yours. Please give Him to me.” Please consider my desperate plea.

*Your humble servant,
Dwijamani Dasi*



Dwijamani Dasi
Durban
South Africa



Dyuti-mandala Dasa 🙏
Cape Town
South Africa



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

THANK YOU FOR APPEARING IN THIS MATERIAL WORLD

and reaching out to us conditioned souls who are illusioned by the material energy, Maha Maya. By your divine grace we find the key to getting free from the illusionary energy and attaining spiritual perfection in this life.

In your purport to Srimad Bhagavatam 5.14.31 you write: “One simply has to follow the regulative principles, act like a brahmana, chant the Hare Krsna mantra and read Bhagavad-gita and Srimad Bhagavatam. In this way one purifies himself of the baser material modes (tamo-guna and rajo-guna) and becoming freed from these modes, can attain complete peace of mind. In this way one can understand the Supreme Personality of Godhead and one’s

relationship with Him and thus be promoted to the highest perfection (siddhim param gatah).”

Dear Srila Prabhupada, you are the pure devotee and mercy representative of Lord Krsna. You are so kind and compassionate towards the fallen conditioned souls such as myself. If we would always take advantage of your divine instructions and teachings then we can easily rise above the illusionary energy and become fully Krsna conscious. This is my prayer and desire. Thank you dear Srila Prabhupada.

*Your lowly servant,
Dyuti-mandala Dasa*



Ekachakra Devi Dasi 🙏
Cape Town
South Africa



My dear grand spiritual father Srila Prabhupada,

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR MERCY. I cannot comprehend what my life would have been like had it not been for your mercy. You saved me from the darkest of ignorance. I make so many offenses and I don’t know how to serve or please the devotees yet, I am surrounded by so much mercy to serve you.

I don’t know how to thank you and I want you to know that I am always thinking about it. I pray to always be protected by your love and sacrifice. I

appreciate you with my whole heart. Please bless me to always chant and endeavour to get out of the bond of material nature. Thank you.

Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna
Hare Hare

Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare.

*Your servant,
Ekachakra Devi Dasi*



Emmanuel Sebaduka 🙏
Vereeniging
South Africa



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

I OFFER MY GRATITUDE TO ALL ISKCON MEMBERS and all

full-time members for their dedication to serving

the Lord and saving the lost souls in this material world of suffering. Hare Krishna!!!

*Your servant,
Emmanuel Sebaduka*



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

SRILA PRABHUPADA, I AM VERY INSIGNIFICANT when it comes to glorifying yourself. You have bestowed your mercy always on me, what more can I ask from His Divine Grace? This year, we are celebrating the 60th year of ISKCON's incorporation. It's a very proud moment for all of us. Lord Krishna says in the Bhagavad-gita that it is only by pure devotional service that one can know Him and enter his spiritual abode. And only a devotee knows the Lord in His true aspect. The only way to realize Krishna is by unalloyed devotional service. Every devotee aims to go back to the spiritual world, which is possible by pure devotional service only.

Srila Prabhupada, you descended to this material world only to preach this message of pure devotional service, suddha-bhakti. You are the greatest exponent of 'pure devotional service' on this planet earth. You always spoke the pure, unadulterated philosophy of Lord Chaitanya to one and all. You inspired countless souls to take up the practice of Krishna consciousness very seriously so that one can reach the highest perfectional stage of human life in this very lifetime. You taught us that executing pure devotional service is so important and so sublime that we must do it at all costs.

Srila Prabhupada, there is no difference between you and your teachings. Your teachings are totally transcendental and always fully potent with spiritual energy. Any devotee who absorbs himself in attentively hearing your teachings and follows them sincerely, without a doubt, feels your presence always.

While reading your books, we will feel that you are personally present and giving directions, and we can also feel your loving reciprocation. Srila Prabhupada, your two beautiful lotus feet are the abode of pure devotional service; "sri guru charana padma kevala bhakati sadma".

I humbly bow down at your lotus feet and beg for pure devotional service, although I am not qualified. Please allow me to be firmly fixed in unalloyed devotional service of hearing and chanting constantly. You are utmost dear to Lord Sri Krishna and Srimati Radharani, and we are your children, which automatically makes us dear to their Lordships.

You bestowed your causeless mercy upon the whole material world and are still bestowing your mercy upon the most fallen souls like me.

Thank you for the wonderful books with your ecstatic translations and purports. We are eternally indebted to you for what you have done for us.

Thank you so much, Srila Prabhupada, for everything. There are no words in this material world to glorify you properly. Thank you for forgiving all my offences and for continuing to be a source of unending inspiration.

Thank you for your unlimited blessings, constant guidance, and causeless mercy upon me and on my family. Hare Krishna!

*Your humble servant always,
Gangesh Dasa,
Vrajeshwari Devi Dasi,
Padmavati Priya Devi Dasi and Bhakta Shoubhit*



Gangesh Dasa
Vrajeshwari Devi Dasi
Padmavati Priya Devi Dasi
and Bhakta Shoubhit
Johannesburg
South Africa



Gaura Lila Devi Dasi
Cape Town
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your divine lotus feet.

THANK YOU FOR CREATING MY GOOD FORTUNE in gaining entrance to the journey in Krishna consciousness. Krishna consciousness has given structure and meaning to my existence.

As Kali Yuga progresses it makes me understand how protected and fortunate I am to be sheltered by my guru maharaja, your beloved son His Holiness Partha Sarathi Das Goswami.

It is through guru maharaja's mercy, guidance, encouragement and constant care that we remain faithful to ISKCON. Kali Yuga stimulates

quarrels, disagreements and duplicity however, we are reminded to co-operate and tolerate so that we please you, Srila Prabhupada. Even though I am insignificant and unworthy of your mercy, I beg forgiveness for my several shortcomings and ask that you please shower your mercy on this fallen soul, so that I remain steady in my practice of Krishna consciousness until my last breath.

*Your most insignificant grand disciple,
Gaura Lila Devi Dasi*



Gaura Premi Devi Dasi,
Karuna-sakti Devi Dasi
and families
Durban
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our humble obeisances.
All glories to our beloved master, honored across creation for your unparalleled devotion to Lord Krishna.

*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*

AS WE WRITE THIS OFFERING TO YOU, Srila Prabhupada, we can hear the sacred Trishuli river flowing past our hotel on the Nepal border. Tomorrow, we cross over into Tibet and in the next few days, we hope to have darshan of the immensely auspicious Lake Mansarovar and the extraordinary Mount Kailash. This is something that we could never have dreamed of doing on our own, without your indomitable spirit of courage and determination to inspire us.

You set off on an epic mission when you were so elderly, not in the best of health, with almost no help and certainly no clear idea of what you would find on the other side of the Atlantic ocean. What we don't always think about is the journey that you had already been through in India before leaving for America, one that would have probably discouraged

and maybe destroyed someone else, but not you, and that is perhaps more glorious than your successes.

Although every endeavour that you attempted in those turbulent years seemed to the external eye unsuccessful, Lord Krishna was simply pointing you to where He wanted you to go by showing you where He didn't want you to be. Only a maha bhagavata on the absolute platform of understanding with firm conviction and love for Him, would know His desire, remain steadfast despite the challenges and carry it out perfectly, even if the rest of the world thought that you going to the West with practically nothing was madness. It is now the substance of a legend.

You didn't have to endure so many difficulties, losses, reverses, rejections and betrayals for you do not suffer karma like the ordinary conditioned

souls. You knew, however, that people need someone to look up to and take shelter of when they are suffering intensely and it seems like no one understands or cares. You willingly accepting troubles that you didn't need to bear demonstrates that you will always understand and care about us: we just need to turn to you with faith to help us through whatever we are experiencing.

We have always felt your grace and mercy with us through everything. The last year in particular was pretty heavy in so many ways, but it could have been so much worse as well. We know how you guided us into making the correct choices and passing over the tests, and we also know how you were the power behind all the wonderful services that unfolded, from diverse preaching opportunities, baking marathons at temple festivals, programmes to commemorate 50 years since you came to Durban, community outreach across the races, widening our scope of services so broadly, increasing our harinam sankirtan and book distribution efforts to the point of winning the December book marathon, serving so many of your disciples and other senior devotees, expanding our knowledge base for your pleasure and trying to create a higher consciousness in ourselves and others, in small but hopefully, meaningful ways.

We offer all of these little endeavours to your lotus feet, for your mercy is all that we are made of. We pray to represent you faithfully wherever we go and to whomever we meet. On one segment of the Nepal yatra, a whole group of devotees from Vishakapatnam insisted on taking blessings from Karuna-sakti Dasi because they heard that she had your darshan at a programme in Mobeni in 1975. It was amazing to see them reaching out to touch her feet and bow their heads for her to bless them because you bestowed your grace on her all those years ago. She knows that she's not a pure devotee and that she has so much still to learn on this path, but that you have touched her life with your mercy is so obvious that perhaps they wanted to receive some of that also. I cannot hope to understand these

matters so I will not speculate further, but what I do see is that devotees love you very much. They believe in you and they therefore try to get your blessings at any opportunity. And you will always be there to reciprocate with them for you are love personified. This we can safely vouch for after what we have experienced this in our lives.

While travelling to the holy places, we visited the stupa or monument in honour of Lord Buddha in Kathmandu, where our knowledgeable and experienced guide, Bhakta Kamal Parajuli, explained how the two eyes of Buddha stand for compassion and wisdom. We feel that these qualities are clearly present in you fully also. Reading a series about your interactions with your disciples recently makes that so very obvious. We fall at your lotus feet and beg you to help us develop just a fraction of those qualities to assist in your preaching movement.

Oh Srila Prabhupada, we cannot thank you for everything that you have done and continue to do for us. Our little hands cannot hold all the mercy that you've bestowed, nor can our stone hearts express adequately our immense gratitude. We simply pray for forgiveness for our inadequacies, foolishness and offences and beg that you help us to overcome those to achieve true Krishna consciousness. It is why you went through so much and we want to honour that, and you, in any way that we can.

Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī Ṭhākura then comments, "Without being empowered by the direct potency of Lord Kṛṣṇa to fulfill His desire and without being specifically favored by the Lord, no human being can become the spiritual master of the whole world. He certainly cannot succeed by mental concoction, which is not meant for devotees or religious people. Only an empowered personality can distribute the holy name of the Lord and enjoin all fallen souls to worship Kṛṣṇa. By distributing the holy name of the Lord, he cleanses the hearts of the most fallen people; therefore he extinguishes the blazing fire of the material world. Not only that, he broadcasts the shining brightness of Kṛṣṇa's effulgence throughout the world. Such an ācārya, or

spiritual master, should be considered nondifferent from Kṛṣṇa—that is, he should be considered the incarnation of Lord Kṛṣṇa’s potency. Such a personality is kṛṣṇāliṅgita-vigraha—that is, he is always embraced by the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Kṛṣṇa. Such a person is above the considerations of the varṇāśrama institution. He is the guru, or spiritual master, for the entire world, a devotee on the

topmost platform, the mahā-bhāgavata stage, and a paramahansa-ṭhākura, a spiritual form only fit to be addressed as paramahansa or ‘ṭhākura.”

Jaya Srila Prabhupada!

*Your useless aspiring servants of the servants,
Karuna-sakti Devi Dasi,
Gaura Premi Devi Dasi and families*



Gitamala (Geeta Bhayroo) 🌸
Durban
South Africa



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

THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME SHELTER at your lotus feet and giving me the opportunity to be part of your ISKCON society. I pray for your everlasting mercy so I can begin to realize this wonderful gift of Kṛṣṇa consciousness. I often think about my humble stay in Vrindavan. I also loved the chanting of the Holy Name around your samadhi.

Srila Prabhupada, your mercy gave me a spiritual master, and I am now on my second initiation.

I pray for your everlasting mercy and advancement in Kṛṣṇa consciousness.

*I remain your everlasting servant,
Gitamala (Geeta Bhayroo)*



Gokula-Sundari Devi Dasi 🌸
Ottawa, Durban
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupāda, my Daddy...

MY HEART IS SO FULL AT THE MOMENT, but I remain eternally indebted to you for so perfectly arranging for me to become officially connected to you through initiation.

Right now Daddy, there’s so much going on, and you know it best because I share my trials with you from within my heart. These trials never cease, making me feel more and more incapable of dealing with any of them on my own. I need you Daddy to help me to perform my duty even though it is so challenging. You showed, by your magnanimous example, how being truly compassionate is the best way to serve

all living beings. I hope to learn from you on how to try to be compassionate in my duties and my daily life. Thank you Daddy, for being the one I can go to without fail. I know you will always be there for me, allowing me to escape the miseries of this material world. I want to please you by offering my life and actions to you, not just through words.

I love you, Daddy.

*Your unqualified but needy daughter,
Gokula-Sundari Devi Dasi*





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



Gopal Madhuri Dasa
Johannesburg
South Africa

ON THIS MOST AUSPICIOUS OCCASION of your Vyasa-puja, I would like to offer my heartfelt gratitude for the profound influence you have had on my life, especially over the past year.

This year has felt like a period of growth in my service to ISKCON and to your mission. I pray that whatever small services I am able to render in Gauteng may bring you some pleasure. I have also been blessed with the association of several of your wonderful disciples, and I remain deeply inspired by their dedication and commitment to serving you. Seeing their example makes me pray that I may one day develop even a fraction of that same sincerity and determination in my own service.

One of the greatest gifts you have given me is access to the wisdom of Bhagavad-gita and Sri-mad-Bhagavatam. Through your books, personalities who once seemed distant and historical have become living teachers whose examples continue to shape my understanding of devotional service.

This year, I have found myself especially moved by the example of Kashyapa Muni. His intelligence, sense of duty, and unwavering commitment to understanding and serving Krsna have deeply inspired me. In a world where responsibilities often seem endless, his example reminds me that spiritual growth does not require abandoning one's duties, but rather performing them with proper consciousness and purpose. As I continue balancing service, work, family, and personal responsibilities, I often reflect on this principle and pray to cultivate such intelligence and steadiness.

I have also been profoundly touched by the example of Draupadi. So often we hold tightly to our own arrangements, believing that our intelligence, plans, or resources will protect us from the challenges, humiliations, and uncertainties of this material world. Yet Draupadi's surrender teaches us something far deeper: that when all other shelters

fail, Krsna remains the ultimate protector. Her faith and dependence on Krsna continue to inspire me. I must admit that I am still learning this lesson. The process of surrender is not always easy, and I often find myself trying to maintain control rather than fully depending on Krsna. But through her example, I am reminded of the destination and the kind of faith I aspire to develop.

While this year has brought many wonderful opportunities and realizations, I continue to navigate the challenge of balancing many responsibilities. Yet whenever I reflect on your extraordinary life, your unwavering determination, and the immense sacrifices you made to spread Krsna consciousness throughout the world, I am reminded of what is truly important. Despite every obstacle, you never lost faith in Lord Krsna, nor in the transformative power of this process. Your example continues to guide and inspire me.

This past year has also witnessed many interesting developments in the ways people connect with Krsna consciousness. New films, series, music, and educational media have emerged, helping present timeless wisdom to contemporary audiences. We are also seeing the increasing presence of technologies such as artificial intelligence assisting with services, administration, education, and outreach. I often reflect on how these modern tools can be used responsibly and meaningfully in service to your mission. My prayer is not simply to engage with these innovations, but to utilise them in ways that assist devotees, support preaching efforts, and ultimately help bring people closer to Sri Krsna.

I pray that I may gradually develop the faith, conviction, and dependence upon Krsna that you so perfectly embodied. May I always remember your instructions and strive to assist, in whatever small way I can, in carrying forward your mission of sharing Krsna consciousness with the world.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for your boundless compassion, your sacrifices, and the priceless gift of Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Whatever appreciation I have for the great personalities of our scriptures, whatever attraction I have developed for understanding Kṛṣṇa, and whatever service I am able to

perform is only possible because of your mercy and your books. For this, I remain eternally grateful.

*Your servant,
Gopal Madhuri Dasa*



Gopi Kantha 🙏
Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

YOU ARE OUR TRUE SAVIOUR. We would have been lost in this material world with unlimited pain and suffering. You have saved millions and millions of souls. You are truly our gift from Lord Krishna.

There is nothing more worthy in Kali Yuga than

love of Godhead, which you have helped us to attain. May Lord Krishna always bless you. Hare Krishna.

*Your servant,
Gopi Kantha*



Gopika Dasi 🙏
Durban
South Africa



My dear Srila Prabhupada,

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

All glories to Your Divine Grace.

All glories to Sri Sri Radha Radhanath.

I AM NOT ADVANCED NOR INTELLIGENT, nor do I know how to put into words how I feel. All I can say to you is “Thank You!”. Thank you so much for coming to the West and spreading Krishna consciousness. You came with a heart filled with love and compassion. You helped me come to the lotus feet of Radha and Krishna.

Please bless me to surrender with sincerity and determination to your divine grace, my

spiritual master, and Radha-Krishna. Please bless me to remain fixed in the process of Krishna consciousness and to continue to chant the holy names with remembrance, attachment, and attraction to Radha-Krishna.

I am forever in your debt.

*Your servant and granddaughter,
Gopika Dasi*



Govardhana Dasi 🙏
Gauteng
South Africa



THE GIFT OF GIFTS

Dear Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my respectful obeisances.

All glories to Your Divine Grace on the holy occasion of your divine descent into this world.

All glories to your sincere followers.

All glories to your sacred institution, ISKCON, designed and established by your divine hands.

TODAY IS THE APPEARANCE DAY of Lord Narasimhadeva. Srila Prabhupada, in May 1967, over Memorial Day weekend, you became very ill with heart palpitations. When a devotee suggested that you go to a doctor, you responded emphatically, “No doctors.” But Your Divine Grace asked for three things: (1) a picture of Lord Narasimhadeva to be placed before you, (2) the devotees to chant the Narasimhadeva prayers, and (3) someone to read to you the prayers of Queen Kunti. You later explained that there are also three reasons why we worship Lord Narasimhadeva: for the protection of the devotees, the spiritual master, and ISKCON.

No doubt, your ISKCON is confronted with multiple complex issues, and we pray to you and Lord Narasimhadeva for its protection. Last year, I had a bird’s-eye view of your Movement at work and realized that your glorious gift to the world is what will sustain and protect ISKCON.

It is the gift of gifts.

Great persons have, over time, given humanity the gifts of medicine, science, and sensory delight. But your gift is a matchless gift. Nothing in this world compares to its value. Even if one were to aggregate the sum of all inventions, discoveries, and innovations, it would be dwarfed by the gift you have given the world. There is no record of anyone doing this, and it is unlikely that such generosity of spirit will ever be replicated.

Srila Prabhupada, from the depths of your pure heart and deep compassion, you have given a gift that bears the names of every person on the planet. It stands as an inheritance for all those yet to be born. By its very nature, your gift will live in the hearts of your followers for generations to come. The seeds within their hearts will sprout and be transplanted into the hearts of others.

You have changed the course of history. As a transformational, transcendental teacher, you have left a lasting impact on humanity. Your contribution is profoundly inspirational and will continue to ignite the spark of greatness in anyone who receives such a gift. You are the architect of a better world. You are the selfless servant who unconditionally gave the most precious of gifts to all of humanity.

The gift of your books and teachings will outlive many a generation and pierce the all-pervasive, gross ignorance that covers each successive generation. You started the BTG and BBT; initiated over 5,000 disciples; established the Sunday Love Feast; brought the ancient worship of Lord Jagannatha to the West; started the world’s first chain of pure vegetarian restaurants; delivered 2,200 lectures; gave us 1,300 recorded lectures; wrote over 6,000 letters and 70 books; founded farming communities and primary schools; inaugurated the Bhaktivedanta Institute; established the Bhaktivedanta Charitable Trust; introduced dioramas to explain Vedic philosophy; and guided artists to create paintings – the windows to the spiritual world. Your contribution is unmatched.

Srila Prabhupada, thank you for giving us the matchless gift of knowledge and service. All glories to Your Divine Grace on this auspicious occasion. We remain forever indebted to you. May Lord Narasimhadeva continue to protect your ISKCON. May your inspiration continue to keep us on track and dedicated to your mission’s work, without distraction.

All glories to Your Divine Grace.

*Your struggling grandson,
Govardhana Dasa*





My dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please kindly accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet on the most auspicious occasion of your Vyasa-puja celebration.

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

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

ALL GLORIES TO YOU, SRILA PRABHUPADA, and to your wonderful disciples, grand-disciples, and great-grand-disciples who are tirelessly endeavouring to spread the mission of the most magnanimous Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu.

This past year has been particularly challenging for me, and as a result, I have become acutely aware of how limited my capacity for tolerance truly is. Indeed, whatever little ability I possessed seems to have diminished further under the pressures and difficulties I have faced. During such times, my thoughts sometimes turn to your extraordinary example, and I find myself reflecting on the depth of your tolerance and spiritual fortitude.

I am reminded of your simple yet powerful instruction:

“Tolerate and continue with your duty.”

These few words contain an ocean of wisdom. Again and again, throughout your books, letters, and personal example, you taught that spiritual advancement is not dependent upon favourable circumstances, but upon our determination to continue serving Krsna despite the inevitable reversals and discomforts of material existence.

It is often said that the more one advances in spiritual life, the more one must learn to tolerate. If this is true, then how immeasurable must have been your own capacity for tolerance, especially during the pioneering years of ISKCON. The obstacles, opposition, betrayals, hardships, and uncertainties you encountered would have crushed the

determination of ordinary men. Yet you remained steadfast, unwavering in your faith and service to Sri Krsna.

What inspires me most, my dear Srila Prabhupada, is that your tolerance was never a passive resignation to circumstances. Rather, it was an active expression of profound spiritual strength. Whether confronting the seemingly endless struggles surrounding the Bombay property or speaking enthusiastically of a “good fight” against Mr. Nair, you were never intimidated, discouraged, or defeated. You viewed every challenge as an opportunity to serve Krsna more deeply and to demonstrate dependence upon Him.

I am also reminded of your early days in New York, when you resided in the Bowery with a roommate whose life revolved around intoxication and substances such as LSD. On one occasion, while suffering a severe psychotic episode, he became completely deranged and violently confronted you. Yet rather than reacting with anger or fear, you displayed remarkable composure and tolerance. Quietly leaving the building, you found yourself homeless once again. Yet your spiritual focus remained entirely undisturbed. Material hardship could not distract you from your sacred mission.

Your teachings on tolerance were as practical as they were profound. You provided your disciples with a clear and logical understanding of why tolerance is indispensable in spiritual life. You taught that internal urges, distractions, and material

desires would inevitably arise, and that genuine spiritual advancement does not come from pretending these waves do not exist, but from learning how to stand firmly while they pass. Rather than being swept away by them, one must tolerate them. In this way, you transformed what might seem like restriction into an act of empowerment.

Similarly, when tensions arose amongst devotees living together, you taught invaluable lessons about maintaining spiritual relationships. You explained that the material world is like a vast ocean and the temple is like a boat meant to carry us safely across. Naturally, when many people live closely together on a boat, they will occasionally bump into one another. Yet you famously instructed:

“You must tolerate. If you leave the boat because someone bumped into you, you will drown in the ocean.” In a similar mood, you often quoted Lord Caitanya’s instruction:

“tṛṇād api sunīcena taror iva sahiṣṇunā”

“One should be humbler than a blade of grass and more tolerant than a tree.”

You did not merely repeat this teaching—you embodied it. Through your own dealings, you showed that tolerance is not weakness but strength; not passivity but spiritual maturity. By cultivating such tolerance, devotees can remain united in service and continue progressing together toward Kṛṣṇa. The tribulations we face are examinations arranged by Kṛṣṇa Himself—tests that push us to our limits while simultaneously granting us the strength required to endure them.

My dear Srila Prabhupada, throughout your life you embodied this principle in countless ways. Again and again, you demonstrated how adversity can become a catalyst for spiritual growth when met with faith, determination, and dependence upon Kṛṣṇa. Therefore, whenever I find myself overwhelmed by difficulties, I take shelter of your example. Your life reminds me that obstacles need not be seen as misfortunes but as opportunities to deepen surrender, cultivate tolerance, and advance in Kṛṣṇa consciousness.

On this most auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja, I offer my heartfelt gratitude for this invaluable lesson. Though my own capacity for tolerance remains small, I pray for the strength to follow, even from a great distance, the glorious example you have set. By remembering your teachings and your personal conduct, I find renewed hope that even the challenges of this material world can become stepping stones on the path back to Godhead.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for teaching us that tolerance is not merely the ability to endure hardship, but the courage to remain fixed in devotional service despite it. Thank you for showing, through your own life, that every trial can become an opportunity to deepen one’s faith, strengthen one’s surrender, and draw closer to Kṛṣṇa. On this sacred day, I pray for a particle of that determination, that steadfastness, and that tolerance which shone so brilliantly in your service to your spiritual master and to the entire world.

*Your insignificant, unqualified servant,
Govardhana Sila Dasa*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept our most humble obeisances at your divine lotus feet.

All glories to Your Divine Grace, who mercifully carried the message of Lord Sri Krishna across the oceans and established the International Society for Krishna Consciousness for the upliftment of all humanity.



Govinda Prema Dasa

Nairobi

Kenya

ON THIS HISTORIC OCCASION of the 60th anniversary of ISKCON, we, the devotees and servants of ISKCON

East Africa, wish to offer our heartfelt gratitude and report at your lotus feet. By your causeless mercy, the 60th anniversary celebrations in East Africa were observed with great enthusiasm and devotional spirit. We organized major preaching programs involving interfaith communities, respected donors, well-wishers, and members of the public. These gatherings became opportunities to glorify your life, teachings, and the universal message of Krishna consciousness. During these celebrations, we also honored and appreciated devotees for their sincere services to ISKCON by presenting them with gifts and tokens of gratitude. It was inspiring to witness devotees feeling recognized and encouraged in their devotional service to your mission.

By your blessings, we have also been able to acquire several properties for the expansion and stability of ISKCON's preaching mission in East Africa. We pray that these facilities may always be utilized purely in your service and for the pleasure of Sri Sri Radha-Krishna. We are also happy to report the opening of new preaching centers in Jinja, Uganda, and Nakuru, Kenya. These centers are gradually becoming places of spiritual shelter where people can hear the holy name, study Bhagavad-gita, and engage in devotional service.

Our student outreach programs have expanded significantly. Presently, more than 60 students

are residing within our devotional communities and attending daily Bhagavad-gita classes. We are encouraged to see young people embracing spiritual discipline, devotional culture, and the principles you so compassionately taught.

Our Sunday programs for the local community have also improved. Alongside spiritual discussions and kirtan, students are now undertaking coursework training on the Bhagavad-gita offering presentations, helping them develop confidence, talents, and devotional expression in Krishna consciousness.

Srila Prabhupada, whatever little success we see is only due to your mercy, your books, your instructions, and the sacrifices you made for the conditioned souls. We remain insignificant servants trying to assist in your divine mission.

We feel greatly fortunate to be counted as members of your spiritual family and participants in this glorious movement.

We pray for the strength, humility, purity, and determination to continue serving your mission for generations to come.

Begging to remain eternally engaged in your service.

*Your insignificant servant,
Govinda Prema Dasa*



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Guna Manjari Devi Dasi
Cape Town
South Africa



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

ON THIS MOST AUSPICIOUS OCCASION of your Vyasa-puja, I offer my heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for the immeasurable sacrifice you made for all conditioned souls. Out of your causeless mercy, you crossed oceans, tolerated immense hardship, and dedicated every moment of your life to giving us the priceless gift of Krishna consciousness. Through your books, teachings, lectures, and personal

example, you opened the path of bhakti to countless souls who otherwise would have remained lost in material life. Srila Prabhupada, it is deeply inspiring to see how your presence continues to transform hearts even decades after your physical departure. Your compassion, determination, and unwavering faith in the order of your spiritual master continue to illuminate the lives of devotees throughout the

world. Your words remain alive, guiding and nourishing us daily. I feel profoundly fortunate to have received even a small connection to your teachings and mission. Whatever understanding, appreciation, or attraction I have for devotional service is simply due to your mercy.

Please help me to deepen my sincerity, humility, and steadiness in devotional life. Kindly guide me so that I may improve myself and render service with greater purity, devotion, and quality. Please remove the many shortcomings and distractions that keep me from fully dedicating my heart to Krishna and your mission.

Srila Prabhupada, I pray for your continued mercy and blessings. Please allow me to remain connected to your lotus feet birth after birth. May I always remember your instructions, serve your devotees, and contribute in some small way to the mission that you so compassionately established for the benefit of the entire world. Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for your boundless kindness, your unparalleled sacrifice, and your eternal guidance.

*Your aspiring servant,
Guna Manjari Devi Dasi*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

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

SRILA PRABHUPADA'S GLORIES are far beyond the limits of words. In my own life, I have personally experienced the extraordinary potency of his books.

During my youth, a friend and I happened to come across one of Srila Prabhupada's books, *Raja-Vidya: The King of Knowledge*. Even the title alone captured our attention so powerfully that we felt compelled to look inside. As we explored just a few of its statements, we discovered the profound spiritual wisdom we had been searching for all along. That moment became the turning point of our lives and marked the beginning of our spiritual journey.

The deep inspiration and joy we derived from reading only a small portion of that book gave us the determination to seek further association. Fortunately, the devotee who had distributed the book had also included the contact address of the ISKCON

temple, (ISKCON Temple, Ajao-Lagos, Nigeria). Motivated by what we had read, we made efforts to locate the temple, in the year 2000, eager to learn more about Krishna consciousness.

Looking back, I can clearly see that this was the mercy of Srila Prabhupada. Through the transcendental power of his books, he reached us, awakened our spiritual curiosity, and guided us toward devotional service. Such is the unparalleled potency of his literature—it has the power to transform lives and connect sincere souls with Krishna, even through a single book and a few carefully read pages.

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

*Your servant,
Hari-Nama Seva Dasa*



Hari-Nama Seva Dasa
Warri
Nigeria

Harideva Dasa
Phoenix
Mauritius



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

*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*

THIS YEAR WE ARE CELEBRATING your 130th Vyasa-puja and 60th year of your incorporating ISKCON. The incorporation of ISKCON is the most auspicious event that ever happened on earth. Your ISKCON is actually the means to attract us, lost souls and bring us back to the soothing shelter of Lord Nityananda and Lord Gauranga's lotus feet. Your ISKCON is the institution that provides us access to literatures such as Bhagavad-gita, Srimad-bhagavatam and Caitanya-caritamrta where we can know about who God is, what His activities are and read about His most relishable pastimes.

So, on this day of your Vyasa-puja is a day to meditate upon, and express my deep gratitude to you, the person who has given access to the world with these sublime teachings. You have spared no efforts for our sake. You left behind wife, children, and business to give the world what it actually needs – connection with its root – Krishna, so that life in this world can become actually meaningful. Very few people in human history have displayed such

selflessness and amongst those who have, Srila Prabhupada, you are the one who has been the most impactful and the consequences of your selfless acts will have effect for the next ten thousand years.

Every second, every minute and every day that passes is an invaluable opportunity for each one of your followers to assist you in your mission of saving humanity. This will please you most. I pray, Srila Prabhupada, I can somehow or the other be committed to serving your ISKCON to the best of my ability. I pray that I may see each and every member of your ISKCON as your dear and sincere servants and serve them with devotion.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for having agreed to come to this world for us. Who, except you, Srila Prabhupada, would have descended into hell to save us? Thank you for being our saviour and well-wisher.

Your servant,
Harideva Dasa



Heeramoney Hurrinath Shanee
Kwazulu Natal
South Africa



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

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR MERCIES ON all of us. It is because of your compassion that we have the good fortune of serving Lord Krishna. Thank you for giving us

the knowledge to chant and to hear the holy names.

On this special day, I beg for your mercies to give me and my family the inspiration and knowledge,

granting us strength to overcome all in our lives.
May we be blessed with good health and happiness.

On this auspicious day, I humbly beg you to
shower your blessings on me and make me your
humble servant in your mission.

Begging to be at your lotus feet at all times.

*Your humble servant,
Heeramoney Hurrinath Shanee*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to your divine grace.



Hemant Bhaga
Gauteng
South Africa

In 1965 AT THE BOSTON DOCK to Captain Pandia you sold your first book,
with that \$20, and a chest of the 1st Canto of the Śrīmad-Bhāgavatams you
departed on your quest.
To fulfill the order of the Lion Guru to gift the Western world a way back home.
You wondered “How will I make them understand this message of Krishna con-
sciousness?”

In 1966 with a handful of your supporters, at your first center,
that had a sign at the entrance aptly titled ‘Matchless Gifts’, you incorporated
ISKCON.
It is this movement that sparked a modern-day global spiritual revaluation,
based on the teachings of Svayam Bhagavan Sri Krishna.

It is His philosophy you unadulteratedly translated into English,
to this you added a depth of knowledge and references via your purports.
Thanks to your grace we have epics like the Śrīmad-Bhāgavatams
Caitan-ya-caritāmṛta and
Bhagavad-gītā As It Is, it is unfathomable that all this was achieved in such a
short time.

In 2026 we joyfully celebrate the 60th anniversary of ISKCON,
by your arrangements, your policies and the stalwart devotees.
By Krishna’s mercy and your endeavor, we are blessed with bhakti-yoga,
somehow or other we have understood.

*Forever in your gratitude,
Hemant Bhaga*



Hemantha Naidoo 🍁
Johannesburg
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

FIRSTLY, THANK YOU FOR BRINGING such warm, kind and beautiful pure devotees into my life. They have been a pillar of strength through my darkest moments. They have guided me and kept me positive through every situation. Thank you for allowing me to serve in the organization even though I'm not a pure devotee. Forgive me for all my mistakes in serving you and other devotees.

It has always been my intention to serve from a pure heart and to build compassion and bhakti wherever I go. The Bhagavad-gita and Srimad-bhagavatam have been healing, inspiring and uplifting through every day of my life. I feel blessed that you

allowed me the privilege of reading these beautiful scriptures which I truly believe have the energy of Lord Krishna and the Deities. Every day is a learning curve with life lessons that are sometimes easy to understand but not always easy to practice, but I am trying my best and I thank you for a new day to keep on trying. Thank you for finding me in every lifetime and helping me continue on the journey to Godhead.

*Your servant,
Hemantha Naidoo*



Hemanthi Bhaga 🍁
Johannesburg
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to you.
All glories to your missionary work and service to Guru and Gauranga.

I HAVE BEEN APPRECIATING more acutely how you have given us the book Bhāgavata and are also the person Bhāgavata. Through your being a first-class disciple of your spiritually elevated guru maharaja, Sri-la Bhakti Siddhanta Saraswati Goswami Maharaj, erudite sanskrit scholarship and realized knowledge of the Bhakti yoga process, you brought us the book Bhāgavata. Through your perfect example and following this process of Kṛṣṇa consciousness with the highest standard, you are the person Bhāgavata. How fortunate we are to be in your movement and hear this confidential knowledge from you!

In an answer to a question, you once mentioned that your books are your meditation. Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for your books through which we can share in this deep, vast and extraordinary meditation.

Dear Srila Prabhupada, when I feel a lack of love in my day, I listen to your disciples sharing their

memories of you. Hearing about your love for them, your kindness, your compassionate nature and your fatherly concern brings a radiance of love in my own heart and I can go about my day with lightness and warmth.

In this cold, harsh world, feeling warm within is so valuable. Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for your warmth and the spiritual foundation we have of knowing who we are and what the glories of the maha-mantra are.

I am so grateful for your ISKCON and the good association of devotees. The devotees are individuals and have their own personality, but the quality of helping each other on this spiritual path back home, back to Godhead, is something we can give to each other. Our connection with you gives all of us a sense of a loving family and that is very precious.

I hope that no matter what happens in my life that I can always have the friendship of the devotees

and service to the Vaishnavas.

I pray that I can follow nicely your instruction of making others fortunate as you have made us fortunate through your books. May my family and I always remain under your shelter.

*Your grand-daughter,
Hemanthi Bhaga*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Hare Krishna! Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to your divine grace.

 Hoshil Gandhi
Mombasa
Kenya

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

ON THE MOST AUSPICIOUS OCCASION of your 130th appearance day, the heart grows stronger with feelings of deep gratitude and surrender.

You've completely flipped the script of success for me. Growing up, the gold standard of success was living a life so exemplary that, after you're gone, your legacy remains an inspiration to future generations. This required being a top achiever in a chosen field and conquering all others to the path to eternal fame. My grandfather was one such individual, and growing up, I thought that even achieving an iota of what he achieved would make me a certified success. Then, out of sheer good fortune, I encountered your books. The path to success was completely the opposite of what I had been ingrained with. It knocked me off course to the right course!

Achieving eternal fame doesn't mean dominating others but in surrendering to the Supreme Personality of Godhead. It doesn't mean showing off your expertise and caliber, but humbly serving in a genuine mood with pure character. You revealed that in the countless examples of the scriptures, whether that be Arjuna, Prahalad, or Dhruva. They all exhibited one defining quality, and that was complete surrender to the will of the Lord. You became a modern-day embodiment of this quality,

and thus, your fame and legacy are ever-growing.

But just as in the mould of a pure devotee prior to you, personal fame meant nothing for you. You were only concerned with Krishna's fame being broadcast throughout the world. That was the only way to please you. Thus, I pray to remain an insignificant instrument of your vision and mission in spreading Krishna's glories and to imbibe even a drop of that surrender.

Please bless me that I may never become distracted by the desire for recognition, prestige, or personal accomplishment. Let me always remember that whatever abilities, opportunities, or successes come into my life are gifts meant to be used in your service and Krishna's service. Please allow me to remain a humble instrument in your mission, however insignificant my contribution may be.

By your mercy alone, I have been given opportunities to start an online Gita Sangha, facilitate youth programmes, and conduct courses that help others systematically study the scriptures. Whenever I see someone become inspired by Krishna consciousness, I know that it is not due to any qualification of my own. It is simply the potency of your books, your instructions, and your compassion working through an unqualified servant.

Looking toward the future, I pray for the intelligence to present the timeless wisdom of the scriptures in ways that address the challenges people face today. Please allow me to help build bridges that inspire people to approach your books and discover the treasures contained within them. May every responsibility, every relationship, every success, and every challenge in my life become an opportunity to glorify Krishna and serve your mission.

On a more personal note, I have now become a father to a sweet little daughter, and I pray at your lotus feet that I am able to carry out the fatherly duties in a manner befitting the gift Krishna has sent our way. You always highlighted the importance of caring for children born to congregation members as the highest duty, since they are “Krishna’s children”. Please bless me with the required

intelligence, compassion, and patience to guide her along the path you have illumined.

Your Divine Grace, I have no qualification to approach you, yet I continue to depend completely upon your mercy. You have become the lighthouse that guides me through the turbulent ocean of material existence. Whenever I lose direction, it is your books that illuminate the path forward. Whenever I become discouraged, it is your example that gives me hope. Whenever I become proud, it is your humility that reminds me of my true position.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for showing me what success truly means.

*Your insignificant servant,
Hoshil Gandhi*



Hrisikesa Ananda Dasa
Cape Town
South Africa



To my most dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to you on your most auspicious Vyasa-puja.

I WAS READING A DEVOTEE’S blog about how you made very serious warnings to devotees around the world of an incoming third World War which would’ve been nuclear in nature. Much of the world would’ve been wiped out. Obviously that did not happen and when devotees questioned why the third World War did not happen, you said that Krishna had changed his mind.

The blog went on explaining how the devotees in the USSR had to practice Krishna consciousness in secrecy. They had a citrus farm somewhere in the USSR where high end officials and military generals would have meetings that would affect the whole of the USSR. And when these meetings would occur, the coordinators of such assemblies would ask various farms, including the devotee citrus farm, for their finest produce. The devotees, under constant surveillance, would find a hidden spot where they would do aarti, perform kirtan and offer the citrus

fruit to Lord Krishna. This prasada would then be given to the assembly coordinators who would serve the officials and generals. This would eventually result in Mikhail Gorbachev being elected as the last leader of the USSR. The tensions between the United States of America and the USSR would begin to decrease and eventually, result in no nuclear war occurring.

Your visit to Russia, quite literally, brought about the world being saved from nuclear destruction. You have saved the world. But not only saved the world, but also left behind your books, your lectures, your devotees and your ISKCON. And left the rest of the work for us to do, to spread Krishna consciousness to every town and village in the world.

The problem with the English language is that we don’t have verbs to describe an event that has happened but also is still continuing. For example, when I say you saved the world, it sounds like an

action that already happened. But you are still continuing to save the world and it is up to us to help you.

Srila Prabhupada, I offer everything I have, my body, my mind and intelligence to further proliferate your ISKCON and bring about the realization of the Golden Age. Only through your mercy and the

mercy of your ever obedient and enthusiastic disciple, HH Bhakti Caitanya Swami, will I find my place.

*Your most fallen great grandson,
Hrisikesa Ananda Dasa*



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

FROM THIS MINUTE SOUL, a big thank you for your endless gifts, your writings, insights and reflections which remain most relevant and ever-fresh. Thank you for the association of devotees, harinam and chanting which have provided all of us an anchor in this rocky world. Thank you for the inspiration to

serve your mission and to always remember Krishna in all my activities.

*Your humble servant,
Bhakta Ian Gordon*

 Ian Gordon
Cape Town
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna presthaya bhu-tale
srimati paratha sarathi goswami iti namine
nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine*

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna presthaya bhu-tale
śrīmate bhaktisiddhānta-sarasvatīti nāmine*

ALL GLORIES TO SRI SRI RADHA RADHANATH and Caitanya Mahaprabhu!

My dearest Srila Prabhupada, as I sit down to pen my offering to you today, I would first like to give thanks to your spiritual master Bhaktisiddanta Saraswati. You met him in 1922, and he immediately saw your intellect and your Vedic knowledge. Bhaktisiddanta was an intelligent and prominent scholar. Even today a fool like me finds it very difficult

to read his writings.

His Holiness instructed you to come to the West to spread Lord Chaitanya's teachings. Thanks to him and your love to serve him, ISKCON was born 60 years ago in the USA.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for filling my life for the past 30 years with so much blissful happiness. The beautiful festivals throughout the year keep my spiritual life intact. Ratha yatra is my favorite

 Indirakshi Devi Dasi
Durban
South Africa

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and magical festival, when the Lord comes to the streets of Durban.

When I'm at my other home, Sri-Sri-Radha Radhanath, I feel this is where I belong. This is my happy place, and devotee association is the best.

Srila Prabhupada, you will always live in your

library of philosophical books. Your writings of religion and culture will live in my heart forever.

You will always have a special place in my heart.

Your grand-daughter,

Indirakshi Devi Dasi



Indulekha Gopi
Pretoria
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

All glories and obeisances to the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Lord Sri Krishna.

All glories and obeisances to the Guru Parampara, Srila Prabhupada, Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswathi Thakur, Srila Gaura Kishora Dasa Babaji, Srila Bhaktivinada Thakur, Srila Jiva Goswami, Srila Rupa Goswami and Srila Ragunath Dasa Goswami.

Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare

Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare

I AM ETERNALLY GRATEFUL to His Holiness Srila Prabhupada for leaving a legacy for the human race that can never be equalled by any leader, a legacy of spiritual upliftment and moral living to uplift our consciousness to enable us to go back to Godhead.

Your perseverance and resilience despite setbacks you encountered is evident in the magnificence of all the ISKCON temples and in the Food for Life programmes globally.

Your Holiness, your determination and focus to succeed in your endeavours are an example of fortitude and forbearance unequalled in this Kali Yuga.

Your Holiness selflessly established an abode of the highest standards according to Vaishnava principles and traditions for the whole world to be a part of. The peace and spiritual upliftment devotees enjoy is because of your tirelessly working to put in place everything as it should be to follow the Vaisnava way of life spiritually. From the very basic to the sublime requirements of what it means to be a devotee was documented via processes and procedures by you.

Srila Prabhupada, my sincere and humble

gratitude and respect to be a servant of the servant of the servant cannot be expressed through any amount of words, but I know in the depths of my heart and soul, having an association with you, my spiritual journey to be a worthy devotee in the service of the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Lord Krishna is shaped by your shastras and by association and seva. I am eternally grateful and humbled. I regard myself as a mere child deeply searching for spiritual consciousness that enables me to make the journey back, to take shelter at the divine feet of Lord Krishna.

Om Namo Bhagavate Vasudevaya

All glories and obeisances to Radhe Govinda.

All glories and obeisances to Srimati Radharani Mata.

Your humble servant of the servant of the servant. Thank you, Srila Prabhupada.

Your eternally grateful servant and devout and most humble devotee, always remembering and serving you,

Indulekha Gopi





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

 Induprabha Devi Dasi
uMhlanga
South Africa

ŚRĪLA PRABHUPĀDA, you continue to amaze me by the wonderful and visionary way in which you established ISKCON. Your foresight, structure, and deep compassion have created a spiritual home for countless souls like myself. Through your mercy, we have beautiful temples, uplifting association, and devotees who inspire, guide, encourage, and engage us in the greatest gift of all — devotional service to Śrī Śrī Rādhā and Kṛṣṇa.

Śrīla Prabhupāda, I have long desired to offer something meaningful back to you. I know how dear book distribution is to your heart. Yet today the world has changed so much. After COVID especially, people have become more disconnected from one another, and meaningful human interaction has become increasingly difficult. At the same time, many people no longer read deeply or make time for spiritual literature. These changes have created many challenges for traditional book distribution.

With this in mind, a small group of sincere devotees and aspiring devotees began a project called “Book Bhakti” about two years ago. By your mercy, it has gradually grown, and we are trying to develop three practical strategies to share your teachings.

The first is educational outreach. We are visiting schools to speak about God and Kṛṣṇa consciousness, chant the mahā-mantra, distribute prasādam, and connect with young people in ways that can genuinely uplift their lives.

The second strategy is outreach through markets and public spaces. We are trying to bring your books directly to where people gather and shop, beginning with smaller community markets and hoping eventually to enter larger malls and shopping spaces. Our desire is simply to make your books accessible to everyone without discrimination.

The third strategy is social media and digital outreach. Since so many people now spend their lives online, we are trying to create meaningful connections through social media, while also developing a website that we hope will eventually become an e-commerce platform for the distribution of your books.

Śrīla Prabhupāda, while trying to assist in this small way, I continue reading your books daily. I am currently reading the Sixth Canto of Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam and relishing it very much. We also have weekly Bhakti-saṅga classes with many of the same devotees involved in this service, and through this association I feel myself going deeper into Kṛṣṇa consciousness.

At times, spiritual advancement also feels difficult because one naturally becomes detached from many material relationships and distractions. Yet when I hear from you and read your books, I can clearly see the value, the purpose, and the opportunity of this human life. Your words give me clarity, shelter, and hope.

My only desire is that everyone becomes Kṛṣṇa conscious. When I see how many people are suffering without spiritual knowledge, it pains my heart deeply.

Śrīla Prabhupāda, thank you for ISKCON. Thank you for your books, your compassion, your sacrifice, and your unlimited mercy upon the fallen souls of this world.

I love you dearly, Śrīla Prabhupāda, and I pray that I may always remain engaged in your service.

Thank you for everything.

*Your eternal servant,
Induprabha Devi Dasi*



Isvari Gopika Devi Dasi
Durban
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet. Happy Vyasa-puja Srila Prabhupada.
All glories to the saviour of the whole world.
All glories Jagad Guru Srila Prabhupada.

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

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

YOUR DIVINE GRACE HAS BUILT a home for the entire world to live in.

On this most auspicious occasion of your appearance day, please allow me to extend my eternal gratitude on to your lotus feet.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for giving this most fallen soul who is most undeserving and unqualified to be a part of the most beautiful and generous movement the world has seen. You have allowed my unfortunate soul a chance to be a part of Lord Caitanya's mission which you have grown to such a magnitude.

They are singing the Lord's glories in every town and village and only by your mercy, overflowing knowledge and love for Lord Caitanya's movement, I am able to grasp some knowledge and play my small part in our society.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for giving us this knowledge. Please bless me with intellect to read more books and have a clear understanding, taking this knowledge, you have gifted us and becoming better devotees and doing our best in carrying out

your instructions.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for allowing us the process of initiation and for allowing us to serve in ISKCON, for it is only because of your mercy we are here to visit today.

Please bless me so that I can serve the lotus feet of your divine grace eternally, serve the Lord's devotees and never leave the shelter of your lotus feet lifetime after lifetime.

On the 9th May 2026, I was blessed to have an installation ceremony for your divine grace. After 20 years or more my dream finally became a reality when you entered my home. You are now sitting on my altar, all so glorious and divine. My heart is happy, and my soul is eternally blessed. Words won't justify my gratitude to your lotus and divine feet.

Thank you, thank you, thank you. Hare Krishna!

*Your most fallen and intellectually challenged servant of the servant,
Isvari Gopika Devi Dasi*



Jagadananda Pandit Dasa
Durban
South Africa



My dear most Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to you and to your ISKCON.

ALTHOUGH THIS YEAR MARKS the 130th Sri Vyasa-puja

festival of your divine grace, your growing glories

have really started to blossom since the advent of the sankirtan movement under your tutelage hardly some 50 years ago. With each passing year, the spiritual ecosystem continues to grow. So much so that today one could live an entire existence without having to leave the circle of devotees. I am so grateful for all that has been given to me and to this world.

The association of devotees is one of my greatest treasures. When I joined ISKCON my biological family lost its sparkle and have gradually diminished to only a few names. Yet my spiritual family grew ginormously. Everywhere in almost every country I find more and more like-minded people who are turning towards you for guidance having become frustrated and disillusioned by the razzamatazz of Maya's antics.

Your books are filled with nectar in every paragraph. You have given me everything I require Srila

Prabhupada. The holy names of the Divine couple daily echoes through the lives of every devotee. I have so much to be grateful for.

Your Divine Grace came to this miserable material world carrying the mercy of your spiritual master and that of our predecessor acaryas.

Please bless me Srila Prabhupada so I too could be a conduit of your mercy. Many many more souls are in desperate need of your mercy.

I am an insignificant beggar hankering for the nectar that emanates from your transcendental lotus touch and longing for the taste of suddha nama.

Your servant,

Jagadananda Pandit Dasa (an unworthy disciple of your Bhakti Caru Swami)



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING you have done for us - from teaching us about Krsna to teaching us how to clean. You taught us how to make things with milk, so we respect Gomata. You went to America in your old age just to deliver us.

One day I want to see you in Goloka Vrindavan.
Thank you for everything.

*Your great-granddaughter,
Jagannath Priya Moodley*



Jagannath Priya Moodley
Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my humble obeisances and all glories to you.

PRABHUPADA, ON YOUR AUSPICIOUS VYASA-PUJA, I would love to say thank you for everything that you did for us and what you left behind for us.

I have realised that nothing in life makes one happy, unless a person is not properly centred in Krishna consciousness. I had a near death

experience early in January this year, and I can say, this experience has made me understand more deeply to chant all the time because we just don't know when our calling comes and we have to be ready when that time comes. This incident has strengthened my faith and my chanting. I



Jahnavana Kripa Dasi
Ballito
South Africa

understand that what we plan may sometimes not happen and ultimately Krishna is in control. We read this all the time in your books but to actually experience it in life, has a deeper meaning.

Last year, when I was visiting Vrindavan, I was so blessed to receive your maha chanting bag. I had always desired to have one of your chanting bags and now I do. I find that using your bag, my chanting has become more better and I chant more rounds. I

feel connected to you when I use your chanting bag and I will always use your bag.

Thank you Prabhupada. Thank you for your sacrifice and for saving us all. I love you lots and miss you lots.

*Your humble grand-daughter and servant,
Jahnavana Kripa Dasi*



Jalangi Dasi 🙏
Durban
South Africa



My Dear Srila Prabhupada,

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

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

THERE ARE MANY EXAMPLES of great men according to material history and nature. Mankind defines their greatness by the contributions they have made to material existence. Recently I have been reflecting on the irony of this.

Our notion of greatness is ironically the greatest contributions to our suffering and material conditioning. Where would we have been if we had not found the shelter of your lotus feet. Everyday that passes in this limited material existence is a gift

when one can be engaged in Krishna consciousness.

You are that gift giver. I am eternally indebted to you for my spiritual master and for your books. Without them I would be another fool fumbling in material suffering.

Please allow me to continue serving ISKCON. This is the greatness of your mercy.

*Your servant,
Jalangi Dasi*



Janaki Devi Dasi 🙏
Johannesburg
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
All glories to Sri Radha Rasabihari.
All glories to our divine grandfather, His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada.

ON THIS MOST AUSPICIOUS DAY of your divine appearance, I want to take this opportunity to offer a small

dedication to your divine lotus feet.

You were more than a teacher—you were a

father of devotion, a gentle guide who showed us that love for Krishna is the highest treasure of the soul.

Across oceans you carried not only books, but the living flame of bhakti, igniting hearts that had long forgotten their eternal home.

Your smile was compassion,
your words were liberation,
your footsteps left a path of light for us to follow.

In moments of doubt, we remember your strength.

In moments of joy, we remember your laughter.
And in every chant of the holy names,
we remember your gift—the key to shelter in this material world

Begging for your mercy to continue this difficult journey.

All glories to you dear Srila Prabhupada, our eternal master.

*Your most insignificant servant,
Janaki Devi Dasi*



Hare Krishna Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your most merciful lotus feet.
All glories to you, dear Srila Prabhupada.

SRILA PRABHUPADA, I WANT TO WISH YOU a very auspicious Sri Vyasa-puja 2026 and thank you for allowing me to be part of and serve in your ISKCON family. I may not be capable to do extreme and excess service, but I remain very grateful for everything that I can currently do to serve Their Lordships, my guru maharaj and the vaisnavas.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada.

I pray that one day I will be able to serve more, and please you.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada.

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

*Your foolish servant,
Janardhan Dasa and Mala Ramkissoon*



My Dearest Param Guru, Srila Prabhupada
Please accept my most humble obeisances.
All glories unto Your Divine Self.

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

HARE KRSNA ON THIS MOST AUSPICIOUS OCCASION of your Vyasa-puja, I humbly beg for your mercy to continue serving the devotees of your wonderful ISKCON.

ISKCON is increasingly becoming the shelter in these dark and cold times when the world has no where else to turn to. Devotees are now realising

that this is the only reliable shelter, the lotus feet of Your Divine Grace.

You have given us eternal shelter of love and happiness in the holy name and devotional service.

In this home of ISKCON, we have committed ourselves to serve the devotees and assist them in their journey to eternity.



Janardhan Dasa
and Mala Ramkissoon
Durban
South Africa



Jayananda Dasa and
Govinda Nandani Devi Dasi
Johannesburg
South Africa

We have made steady progress in recent times to develop this Devotee Care program for the benefit of the devotees, and we can see by the appreciation of the devotees, this is an essential need in these times. As you have informed us, spiritual life is difficult but material life is impossible. We are now living to experience it. This is so true. Therefore, the need to be there for each other is wanted even more. We all render devotional service, but there are times, due to circumstances, we need to be served, so we can pass this phase of our life with spiritual comfort so we can continue our devotional service.

Your ISKCON is our eternal home.

Now that we have entered ISKCON, we can't

leave home. Therefore devotee care is established for the welfare of the devotees.

The Supreme Lord comes for the welfare of the devotees.

You have come for the welfare of the devotees.

Therefore, we have committed ourselves to the spirit of the welfare of the devotees in your ISKCON, a home for the devotees.

We strive to make ISKCON a happy place for all devotees.

Your servants in the service of ISKCON

Jayananda Dasa and

Govinda Nandani Devi Dasi (Grs)



Jayasri Devi Dasi
Durban
South Africa



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

THE YEAR 2025 WAS A YEAR OF CELEBRATIONS and reflections as we celebrated the 50th anniversary of your landmark visit to South Africa - a visit that would go on to become the foundation of a thriving spiritual movement across not just the country, but the continent.

By some good fortune, I too had the privilege of being in the audience at one of your public lectures in Moberi Heights, in Durban. Although still only a teenager at the time, I can still vividly picture Your Divine Grace seated on the vyasasana emanating such a beautiful and pure radiance. Attending your lecture was such an experience. Little did I know but that day would go on to change my life forever. Until your visit, I did not know what a true Guru or teacher was.

The wisdom you spoke felt like nothing I had ever heard before. It was not just me though that was impressed, it was everyone. The entire crowd too was so receptive - completely attentive and drawn to every single word that came from your mouth. It was an address unlike any other. More than any

mundane lecture, your delivery touched everyone deeply in their hearts. The entire evening felt like a presentation of a movement that anyone would eagerly want to be a part of. Now I understand that mercifully you truly came to save my fallen self, my family and so many countless persons all around the world who would otherwise have no hope.

In South Africa especially, you sowed the seeds of bhakti yoga to so many, sparking a movement that has since expanded into a dynamic network of temples, namahatta gatherings, cultural events, Food for Life programs and interfaith dialogue.

Today ISKCON South Africa stands as a testament to that vision, transcending barriers and uniting communities through spiritual practice. This recent 50th anniversary of your arrival has also served as a platform to expand ISKCON's outreach efforts. Many people locally are inspired to embrace Krishna consciousness and contribute to the movement's future growth.

The Durban Festival of Chariots has also expanded significantly. The theme "Culturally

Many, Spiritually One” brought all cultures together in appreciation for your movement. ISKCON has become even more famous for serving ‘free vegetarian meals’ (prasada) at all celebrations and all ISKCON festivals. People are finding that coming to the temple gives them so much peace and fulfillment even in just seeing the deities.

Dearest Srila Prabhupada, without your teachings I would be so lost. By your guidance I have gained some understanding with realization of the following conclusions:

1. The ability to see reality from illusion.
2. Recognition of the temporary and limited nature of material life and the possessions we otherwise thoughtlessly seek to accrue.
3. To understand the Vedic techniques of spiritual life, and to imbibe Vedic culture.
4. To make the maha-mantra as given by Lord

Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu as the foremost priority of my life.

5. To bring others to Your Divine Grace via your ISKCON and never to leave ISKCON and your shelter.

Srila Prabhupada, please bless me so that I can develop humility, tolerance and the ability to respect others, without expecting personal honour so that I can chant the holy name of the Lord without offence. This I know is the matchless gift of mercy that I so desperately need.

Please kindly forgive me for my countless offences.

*Your servant,
Jayasri Devi Dasi*



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

MY NAME IS JAYENDREN NAIDOO. I am 25 years old and I live in Zakariyya Park, Johannesburg. I love performing Food For Life service alongside my father, distributing sanctified prasada to those in need. I also deeply enjoy and appreciate attending Ratha Yatra festivals and having the fortune of pulling the chariot of Lord Jagannatha, Lord Baladeva and Subhadra Maharani.

On the 15th of May 2026, I attended the Sandton Ratha Yatra. On stage, they had incredible performers like DJ Dhoti and Shiv Shuffler. They played amazing mashups that beautifully blended spiritual

music with festival energy, which they call “Bhajans Reimagined”. Srila Prabhupada, I am sincerely trying to chant 16 rounds of the Hare Krishna maha mantra every day, but I am struggling to reach this goal. I request your merciful blessings so that I can overcome my obstacles and remain steady in my chanting.

Wishing you a very happy and blessed Vyasa-puja.

*Your humble, aspiring great grand disciple,
Jayendren Naidoo*



Jayendren Naidoo
Johannesburg
South Africa

Jayshree Gomti Maharajh 🍁
Johannesburg
South Africa



Offering Gratitude to His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada

WITH DEEP HUMILITY AND GRATITUDE, I offer my humble heartfelt obeisances unto A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, whose boundless mercy has transformed countless lives across the world.

Dear Srila Prabhupada, thank you for bringing the timeless teachings of Lord Krishna to every corner of the globe and for establishing the International Society for Krishna Consciousness as a spiritual home for all sincere seekers. Through your books, lectures, and personal example you have illuminated the path of bhakti and given us the opportunity to engage in devotional service.

Thank you for the Food For Life global Sunday Love Feast programme - which also goes beyond as an outreach on other days of the week/month to provide wholesome nutrition to those in need across our country in South Africa.

Personally, I am especially grateful for the loving association of the ISKCON family of devotees, whose friendship, encouragement and service help us grow in Krishna consciousness. Through this spiritual family, I experience the joy of kirtan /sanga, the wisdom of sastra, the blessings of prasada, and the strength that comes from serving together.

As a struggling fallen soul trying to be a devotee, in association with the wonderful East Rand

Namahatta in Gauteng (champions of book distribution in Gauteng, South Africa), I offer special thanks for the shelter and inspiration I have received through your teachings, which the East Rand Namahatta leadership disseminate to all in a warm, loving, disciplined and consistent manner. Your vision continues to unite us in devotion, empowering us to share Krishna consciousness within our homes, communities and hearts.

May I always remain a faithful servant of your mission, striving to uphold your instructions and assist in spreading the beautiful name of Shree Shree Radha Krishna. I pray for the intelligence, determination and humility to serve your lotus feet and the Vaishnavas with sincerity, enthusiasm and consistency.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for giving us Krishna as He is through the Bhagavad-gita, for giving us an ISKCON family of devotees, and for giving us one another.

Hare Krishna

With unlimited respect and admiration and deep gratitude,

*Your struggling aspiring servant
Jayshree Gomti Maharajh*



Jivananda Dasa 🍁
Johannesburg
South Africa



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

WITH TIME RUNNING OUT SO SWIFTLY, becoming Krishna conscious becomes the topmost urgency for us all. Having had a close call with death a few years ago, one would think that it would help me understand this urgency deeper. Yet, I'm still here chilling out very comfortably within this temporary body

in this world, not taking the process very seriously at all. You know all of my many faults more than anyone in this world may know, yet I still feel your loving guidance and compassion upon me. How is this possible? Srila Prabhupada, your deep love and compassion for us all (and all living entities) knows

no bounds. You're the epitome of compassion and the personification of surrender to Krishna.

By your grace, we understand Krishna to be "The Supreme Personality of Godhead". Recently, I heard a phrase in a class by your disciple HG Atma Tattva Prabhu that you, Srila Prabhupada, can be known to be "The Supreme Personality of Servitude".

You have served the instructions of Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati against all odds. Hence you have served Krishna most remarkably by bringing His mercy through the parampara to the West and

the entire planet, having travelled 14 times around this world in 12 years.

I pray for the day when I may be able to serve in perfect accordance with my own service mood. You know my heart best and know what's there. Only by your guidance and direction, can this be a success.

Patiently awaiting your mercy.

Hare Krishna

*Your insignificant servant,
Jivananda Dasa*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

SRILA PRABHUPADA, Your Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, you have provided me with so much knowledge and understanding, a guide for a perplexed man. Your writings have illuminated where there once was darkness, confusion and apathy, now it is replaced with love and a hunger to learn more at your feet and the writings by your divine hand.

Help me to be a good devotee. I know you have given not only me joy and illumination, but others too. I will endeavour to stay at your feet and cultivate the lessons and wisdom you have brought to the world.

Judah Kleinveldt



Beloved Prabhupadjee,
Dhanyavaad.
Koti koti pranaams.

WITH FOLDED HANDS AND A HEART overflowing with gratitude, I offer my deepest thanks to you. Words feel too small to express what your presence has meant in my life. You entered my journey not only as a guide, but as a light that illuminated paths I could not see on my own.

Through every joy and every storm, you have stood beside me with endless compassion and grace. In moments when I felt lost, your blessings gave me strength. In moments of doubt, your wisdom brought clarity. And in moments of pain, your love

reminded me that I was never alone.

Thank you for the countless miracles — both seen and unseen — that have transformed my life. Thank you for protecting me when I did not even realize I needed protection, for opening doors when all seemed closed, and for showering my life with hope, healing, and divine guidance.

Your presence has been my refuge through thick and thin. Every step of my spiritual journey bears the imprint of your blessings.

Thank you for walking beside me, for believing



Judah Kleinveldt
Cape Town
South Africa



Jugal Rasa Devi Dasi
Albion
Mauritius

in me, and for transforming my life in ways beyond measure.

*Your servant,
Jugal Rasa devi dasi*



Jyotirmaya Dasa
Cape Town
South Africa



Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda,
Please accept my most humble obeisances at your divine lotus feet.
All glories to Your Divine Grace.

ON THIS SACRED OCCASION OF YOUR VYĀSA-PŪJĀ, I simply want to offer my heartfelt gratitude for your unlimited mercy upon the fallen souls of this world, and especially upon me.

Śrīla Prabhupāda, before coming in contact with your teachings, I was wandering without clear direction, absorbed in temporary things and searching for happiness in places where it could never truly be found. By your causeless mercy the holy names of Kṛṣṇa entered my life. Through your books, lectures, devotees and instructions, you revealed that real happiness is found in devotional service to Śrī Kṛṣṇa.

You crossed oceans at an advanced age, tolerated unimaginable hardships and sacrificed everything simply to fulfill the order of your spiritual master and deliver conditioned souls. Because of your compassion, countless people around the world now chant Hare Kṛṣṇa, worship the Lord, honor prasāda, and hear transcendental knowledge. Your mercy continues to transform lives every single day.

I am deeply grateful for your books which are not ordinary books, but living spiritual guidance. Again and again, they bring clarity, strength, hope and remembrance of Kṛṣṇa. Even when my mind is restless or my determination weak, your words

continue to guide me back to devotional service.

Thank you for teaching us how to live simply, think deeply, chant sincerely, serve humbly, and depend fully upon Kṛṣṇa. Thank you for establishing the society of devotees where spiritual life can flourish. Thank you for showing by your own example what true surrender, determination, compassion and faith look like.

Śrīla Prabhupāda, I know I am far from qualified, and my attempts in devotional service are full of imperfections. Still, I pray for one thing only: that I may somehow become an instrument in your mission. Please allow me to always remain connected to your instructions and the association of devotees. Please help me to overcome laziness, distraction, pride and selfishness so that I may serve with sincerity.

I pray that I may never forget your sacrifice, your compassion and your desire to give Kṛṣṇa to the whole world. Whatever little faith, service, or attraction I have for spiritual life is only because of you.

*Your insignificant servant,
Jyotirmaya Dasa*



Kaishori Devi Dasi
Gauteng
South Africa



Hare Krishna dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most humble obeisances at the dust of your divine lotus feet. All glories to Your Divine Grace, the Founder-Acarya of ISKCON.

THANK YOU, DEAR SRILA PRABHUPADA, for your ISKCON movement. The devotees are so kind to give

me their association and keep me engaged in devotional service. Without this, I would be even more

lost in this material world. I have learnt that family does not necessarily have to be blood relatives; the devotees in your ISKCON are a huge support and truly family to me.

Through my Gurudev, your disciple, His Holiness Srila Bhakti Caitanya Swami Maharaja, you came into our lives in early 1997 in your Deity form. I am so grateful for your tolerance over these many years. I am able to get out of bed in the mornings knowing that I need to wake you up by mantra, and I am very grateful for that. Even though some days in this body are a struggle, you keep being so kind to me and continue tolerating me. You allow me the holy names and engagement in devotional service.

I hope that one day I can become just a little like you in not being affected by the many dualities in this material world. There is always suffering of the body, mind, and surroundings; this material world is like that. I try to live by your statement mentioned by one of your senior disciples in Srila Prabhupada Memories: “If we don’t forgive and forget, how will

we live?” There is no choice but to keep trying to move forward despite the many challenges that life keeps throwing at me in so many forms.

Thank you for your books, which I am learning to relish. It is beyond my understanding and comprehension, and always will be, to understand how you did all this, my dearest Srila Prabhupada. You went through criticism and struggles in so many ways, yet you kept preaching, establishing, tolerating, developing, growing, and guiding this movement for our benefit.

On this most auspicious occasion of your Vyasapuja, I beg at your divine lotus feet for lots of your causeless mercy to go back home, back to Godhead, at the end of this life.

Haribol

Your grateful and insignificant granddaughter
Kaishori devi Dasi
Gauteng, South Africa



Kala Rupa Dasa 🙏
Lomé
Togo



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Hare Krishna

*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*

ON THIS SPECIAL DAY OF YOUR VYASA-PUJA, I would like to express all of my profound gratitude to you. By regularly praying to you to give us the opportunity to serve better even in our conditioned state, where only very few devotees come and preach, you give me a tremendous changing association with two of your very ascetic and determined personal disciples. You send me your mercy in the form of H.H Kavican-dra Swami Guru Maharaj and H.H Bhakti Raghava

Swami Maharaj.

I have come to understand the very big subject of daiva varnasrama dharma and how important and urgent this is to save our yatra in Togo.

I stick to your mercy. Thank you!

*Your grand disciple,
Kala Rupa Dasa*



Kamala Devi Dasi 🙏
Blantyre
Malawi



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

*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*

MY ONGOING STUDY COURSE with my dearest Guru Maharaj upon the Sixth Canto of Śrīmad-Bhāga-vatam, Chapter Three—which describes Ajami-la’s story by glorifying the power of chanting the holy names—coincides with writing this offering to you. All I can think of is to genuinely thank you for accepting me into your immediate family, into the wonderful world of Krishna consciousness. It is my extreme fortune to receive your mercy, oh, most saintly person!

Your movement has everything that we need

to go back home, back to Godhead, provided that we remain fixed in our goal. May we have both the “good eye” and the “bad eye”—the good eye to see all the wonderful opportunities this movement has to offer us, and the bad eye to see all the miseries of this world, so that we may find a way to detach from it and hold tightly to you. There is so much variety in this movement, beautifully accommodating all of us with our different personalities. Most of all, there is hope in your association. That hope is found in chanting the holy names of the Lord, which is,

of course, the ultimate solution to all our miseries.
May you never give up on me.

*Your great grand disciple,
Kamala Devi Dasi*



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



Kamalaksa Dasa
Warri
Nigeria

THANK YOU SO MUCH for allowing us to be in ISKCON even though we are very much unqualified. Please forgive us for not meeting up to your divine expectations, and please bless us to remain focused on

improving our service to you and ISKCON.

*Your servant,
Kamalaksa Dasa*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,



Kamini Devi Namah (Kiran)
L'Escalier
Mauritius

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

I AM THE UNFORTUNATE DAUGHTER OF YOURS who has not personally had the opportunity to see you face to face even though I was here in Mauritius when you visited us in 1973, the fallen soul.

Listening to your classes, reading your books and hearing from your disciples make us realize our suffering in this material world, which we consider as enjoyment. In fact, this process of hearing, reading and associating soothes our lamentation.

You are in fact the living message for us sent

by Kṛṣṇa expressing the eagerness to have us back home, back to Godhead.

Thank you for what you delivered to human kind otherwise we would have always been lost in our fake enjoyment.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada and the Gurus.
Hare Kṛṣṇa.

*Your servant,
Kamini Devi*



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



Kandarpa Sundari Devi Dasi
Cape Town
South Africa

nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale

*srimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine
namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvisesa-sunyavadi-pascatya-desatarine*

SRILA PRABHUPADA, this year, all of your ISKCON centres are celebrating ISKCON's 60th anniversary. As you know, last year we celebrated the 50th anniversary of your visit to South Africa. So, it's really wonderful that often we have celebrations centered on you and your ISKCON. And as you said to Svati Dasi in a letter dated 1st January, 1972, "There are so many festivals that I can give you one for every day," which is so lovely and keeps the mind in Krishna consciousness.

Srila Prabhupada, I may have mentioned this before, Manishabhen from my Art of Living days, gave me a CD and one of the songs (bhajans) on it was Hari Hari Biphale.

I remember playing this song over and over, not realising what it meant and not even wanting to find out the meaning because it was just so heart-touching.

My mind takes me to a memory of mentioning this song to my elder sister and playing it for her really loudly in my car so that the place echoed and saying to her that it was my favourite song.

After coming to Krishna consciousness, not too long ago, I was reminded of this song by Govardhana Sila Prabhu since he had the song saved on his phone. To this day, this song brings such a comfort to me. On the days that the body is tired and I need a push to continue with some service then I play this song and it brings comfort to my mind and heart.

I came across your purport to this bhajan from September 10, 1969 Hamburg, Germany which seemed perfect to read as I believe that, through this song you pulled me towards your ISKCON.

When I read the translation of this bhajan by Narottama Dasa Thakura, I was so taken aback that unknowingly, even though I did not know and understand the words, but since my heart was so absorbed, my heart cried out and you found me and you brought me to you and your ISKCON.

In the purport you explain, "So he says, praying to Lord Krsna, "My dear Lord," hari hari, "I have simply spoiled my life." Hari hari bifale janama gonainu. Why you have spoiled your life? He says, manusya-janama paiya, "I got this human form of life," radha-krsna na bhajiya, "but I did not care to worship Radha-Krsna. Therefore I have spoiled my life." And how it is? It is exactly like one takes poison knowingly. If somebody takes poison unknowingly, there is excuse; but if somebody takes poison knowingly, it is suicidal. So he says, "I have committed suicide simply by not worshiping Radha and Krsna in this human form of life."

At that time in my life, I was involved with the Art of Living and had done many of the courses and when it came to satsang or certain meditations that required visualisation, I thought about Lord Krishna and Srimati Radharani. So, these words are so apt, that I was just spoiling my life by not worshipping the Lord.

You further explained, "...Brajendra-nandana, the son of the King of Braja. That is Krsna. Krsna is known as son of Nanda Maharaja. He was King of Brajabhumi. So brajendra-nandana jei, the same personality who was formerly the son of Nanda Maharaja has now appeared as the son of Mother Saci. Saci-suta hoilo sei. And balarama hoilo nitai. And Lord Balarama has become Nityananda. So these two brothers adventing, They are delivering all kinds of fallen souls. As many fallen souls there were within this world, They're delivering them simply by this chanting process. Hari-name uddharilo, simply by this chanting."

Being brought up in a Gujarati household, I never heard of Lord Caitanya and Lord Nityananda. And as you said Srila Prabhupada, They are delivering fallen souls through Harinaam Sankirtana.

Srila Prabhupada it is only by your unlimited mercy that you heard my heart calling and brought

me to your ISKCON and I can only continuously pray that I can develop an attraction to chanting the holy names. And then one day at the time of death, I am able to think of you and the holy names and come

to your ISKCON in the spiritual sky.

*Your foolish grandchild,
Kandarpa Sundari Devi Dasi*



My dear most loving grandfather, Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my koti koti dandavat pranams at the dust of your lotus feet.

 Kanhaiya Dasa Singh
Durban
South Africa

JAGAD-GURU SRILA PRABHUPADA ki Jai!

Savior of the whole world, Srila Prabhupada ki Jai!

The greatest religious revolutionary the world has ever seen, Srila Prabhupada ki Jai!

Thirteenth Mahajan Srila Prabhupada ki Jai!

*mūkaṁ karoti vācāraṁ
paṅguṁ laṅghayate girim
yat-kṛpā tam ahaṁ vande
sri 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.”

My dear Srila Prabhupada, this prayer is my anthem, my solace. I am the most condemned mleccha in this material world, but somehow by your indiscriminate mercy I am able to associate with devotees, sing and dance to the holy name and relish the glories of Guru, Gauranga and Govinda.

My dear Srila Prabhupada, being a teenager I often see how my fellow peers simply love partaking in all kinds of sinful activities. They love going to parties, they love dancing to all kinds of disgraceful music and they absolutely love satiating their senses by eating all kinds of abominable foods and drinks. Srila Prabhupada, if it wasn't for your mercy I am certain that my life would have followed the same trajectory. You emphatically stated, “All happiness in the material world has a beginning and an end, but happiness in Krishna is unlimited.” (Raja-Vidya:

The King of Knowledge, Chapter 4)

Srila Prabhupada, even though I am an incompetent and foolish rascal and even though I have no taste for the holy name, I can grasp that just by going to the mandir, just by associating with devotees, and just by honoring Sri Krishna Prasadam, we acquire a type of happiness, joy and contentment that no amount of material sense enjoyment can bring. This path of attaining eternal happiness and pure love of Sri Krishna has been set out by you. I can confidently say, Srila Prabhupada, that this entire planet Earth would be doomed if it was not for your divine grace!

Due to your sacrifices, Srila Prabhupada, the fallen souls of this age are given an opportunity to overcome this samsara cycle and attain pure love of Godhead. You are the boatman who helps us cross the ocean of suffering and nescience. Srila Prabhupada, I often think that currently, there are so many different kinds of spiritualists who are all trying to preach in the West and around the world. But you, Srila Prabhupada, did what no one else could, in a land which was not only foreign geographically, but where the thought of spirituality and love of God was even more foreign.

My dear Srila Prabhupada, we know that Mahatmas are most merciful on their appearance and disappearance days. On this most auspicious occasion of your 130th Vyasa-puja, I beg of you one thing: please guide me closer to your lotus feet. My only desire is to make you proud. Since grandfathers love making their grandchildren happy, please

fulfill my desire. Even though I have not physically met you, Srila Prabhupada, I feel your divine presence with me at every moment. Please don't ever leave me, and please bless me that I never leave you.

My dear Srila Prabhupada, you are my hero!

*Your rascal grandson,
Kanhaiya Dasa Singh*



Kartik Naidoo
Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.

THANK YOU. Thank you for allowing me to experience love for Godhead and to be able to appreciate you and the Lord. You are an inspiration and mentor in my life and I am so thankful for your teachings. I hope to one day devote my whole life to Krishna just

like you did. Thank you for all your mercy that you have given me and my family. Hare Krishna!

*Your servant
Bhakta Kartik Naidoo*



Kartikeya Dasa
Cape Town
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most humble obeisances in the dust of your divine lotus feet.
All glories to you Srila Prabhupada.

OH MOST BELOVED LORD AND MASTER, you have given this world everything, and more. You sacrificed everything for us. And you are still giving. Oh Revealer of the Dham, you are present in your disciples, your books and all the temples around the globe. Your spirit vibrates in the hearts of every sincere soul chanting the holy name and preaching this message.

you. Please allow me to be of some use – no matter how useless I am. I give my everything to serve my spiritual master in this grand mission of yours. Please guide me. Please make sure I give it my all.

I love you Srila Prabhupada.

*Forever your most fallen grandson,
Kartikeya Dasa*

Words cannot describe how indebted I am to



Karuna Radhika Devi Dasi
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 A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada.

THIS MAKES 60 YEARS OF ISKCON; looking back on the history of ISKCON, it made me realize how much you have done for us. During my studies of Leadership, Warren Bennis said, "Leadership is the

capacity to translate vision into reality." When I looked at your leadership style the first thing that came to mind was servant leadership. Srila Prabhupada, you demonstrated many characteristics of

servant leadership. A servant leader is someone that prioritizes the needs, growth, and well-being of others before their own interests. You have dedicated this life to serving others by sharing spiritual knowledge and helping people develop their relationship with Krishna.

At a young age you started your own Ratha Yatra to share the joy of Krsna with the neighbours. You led by example, living a simple and disciplined life, and personally guided, taught and encouraged your disciples. The first thing that comes to mind is how you taught Yamuna Devi Dasi to cook and she taught many other devotees to cook.

A significant aspect of your leadership Srila Prabhupada was your unwavering dedication to fulfilling the instruction of your spiritual master, Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakura. In 1922, Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati instructed you to spread the teachings of Lord Krishna in the English language throughout the Western world. Srila Prabhupada, you accepted this instruction as the mission of your life and spent decades preparing yourself to carry it out.

When you eventually traveled to America in 1965, you did so not for personal recognition or achievement, but to faithfully serve the desire of your guru. This demonstrates one of the greatest qualities of servant leadership: the willingness to serve a higher purpose with humility and dedication. Srila Prabhupada, you often stated that any success you achieved was due to the blessings of your spiritual master, showing that true leadership is rooted in gratitude, obedience, and service rather than personal ambition.

Srila Prabhupada, you listened to the needs of the devotees, provided mentorship, and empowered them to take responsibility for spreading Krishna consciousness worldwide and then started to go to every corner of the global to spread Krsna consciousness. Through your humility, compassion, and commitment to serving others, you built the Inter

national Society for Krishna Consciousness into a global movement, reflecting the core principles of servant leadership.

In Srimad Bhagavatam 1.13.31, Maharaja Yudhis-thira was the most pious king because he personally practiced daily the pious duties for the householders. When I look at your timeline, you had so little time to rest. You focused on translating your books so we could read them, finding solutions to everyone's problems, and then distributing the books so more people could find solutions to their problems and find their way onto your ship, back home, back to Godhead. It's been a tough journey, but no matter what we will never give up the shelter of your books.

Srila Prabhupada your leadership reflects the ideals of servant leadership found throughout the Srimad Bhagavatam. Like Yudhishtira, who led by example and compassion, through humility, service and spiritual vision you created ISKCON into a global movement and demonstrated that true leadership means serving others for their growth and well-being.

I would love to express my sincere gratitude to you, Srila Prabhupada for this extraordinary leadership and selfless service. By carrying out your guru's mission with determination, humility and compassion, Srila Prabhupada, you demonstrated that the greatest leaders are those who serve others while remaining faithful to their spiritual principles.

Through your vision, determination and devotion to Krishna, you have inspired millions of people around the world to embrace Krishna consciousness. Your servant leadership demonstrated your personal sacrifices, compassionate guidance, and commitment to the spiritual growth of others. By establishing ISKCON and providing timeless teachings through your books, lectures and personal example, Srila Prabhupada, you created a legacy that continues to guide and inspire devotees today. I am deeply thankful for your leadership, which has helped me and countless people find purpose, faith

and spiritual direction in our lives.
Hare Krishna.

*Your servant of the servant,
Karuna Radhika Devi Dasi*



Karuna Sindhu Devi Dasi
Gauteng
South Africa



To my dear grand spiritual master,
Jagad Guru Srila Prabhupada,
All glories unto you.

DEAR SRILA PRABHUPADA, in today's society we are faced with challenges due to this big war between Iran and U.S.A. Food, oil, gas prices etc. are increasing due to inflation. I just pray to our Lordships that this war will come to a standstill.

When I rise up in the mornings then sometimes during Brahma muhurta time I do my japa and assist my prabhuji with service in our mandir. When we have Ratha Yatras then my prabhu cooks halava for the devotees. All of our food for life team members join in and assist him. I really enjoy engaging in devotional service and reading your books, Srila Prabhupada.

My daughter can sketch, sing and when it comes to writing information, she is talented and I am very proud of her. I admire the devotees who are serving Sri Sri Nitai Gaura Hari. These devotees are serving the Deities very nicely. I am grateful that I am serving our Lordships and I am grateful for you because without you there would be no Krishna consciousness and we would still be in Maya.

I wish you a very happy Vyasa-puja.

*From your grand disciple,
Karuna Sindhu Devi Dasi*



Kaunteya Dasa
Rose Belle
Mauritius



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

ON THIS AUSPICIOUS DAY OF YOUR VYASA-PUJA, I offer my deepest gratitude and praise to you, who came as the messenger of the Supreme Lord to illuminate a world darkened by materialism.

This year carries a profound historical significance that fills our hearts with immense wonder and gratitude, as the global community marks the 60th anniversary of the incorporation of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness. Six decades ago, carrying nothing but a trunk of your translations, a pair of kartala, and an unshakeable faith in the instruction of your spiritual master, you single-handedly legally bound your divine vision into an institution designed to shelter the entire

world. What began as a humble spark in a tiny storefront in New York has blossomed into a global home for millions of souls. Every holy name chanted on the streets, every book distributed across continents, and every plate of prasad served to the hungry is a direct testament to your boundless compassion, structural genius, and pure devotion. We stand in absolute awe of the spiritual legacy you have gifted humanity, a legacy that continues to breathe life into our daily practices sixty years later.

Inspired by your tirelessness and your frequent reminder that our love for you is shown through our cooperation to expand this mission, we are preparing to place a new offering at your lotus feet: the

launch of the Bhagavad Gita Centre Project. Our deepest desire is to establish a vibrant sanctuary completely dedicated to the systematic study, practice, and dissemination of the teachings of Bhagavad-gita As It Is. We envision this center as a beacon of light, education, and genuine spiritual shelter—a place where the community can encounter the timeless wisdom of Lord Krishna exactly as you presented it, free from speculation.

Yet, as we stand at the threshold of this major undertaking, we are acutely aware of our own insignificance and limitations. We know with absolute certainty that no amount of material planning, financial resources, or organizational strategy can bear fruit without your divine grace. Therefore, on this sacred day, we lay the entire vision of the

Bhagavad Gita Centre Project at your lotus feet and beg for your empowerment. Please grant us the purity and intelligence to execute this project in strict alignment with your instructions. Bless us with a genuine spirit of unity and cooperation so that we may cast aside our egos to serve your higher purpose, and endow us with the resilience to overcome whatever obstacles lay ahead. Please look kindly upon our meager efforts, accept this project as our humble offering of love, and allow us to remain forever useful instruments in your glorious mission.

Begging to remain always a servant of your servants,

*Your aspiring servant,
Kaunteya Dasa*



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

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

ON THIS MOST SACRED OCCASION, we offer our unlimited obeisances at the lotus feet of His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, the savior of the fallen souls of this age.

O Srila Prabhupada, you are the embodiment of divine courage and compassion. At an advanced age, with no money, no followers, and no material support, you crossed the vast ocean to the West, simply to fulfill the order of your spiritual master. With nothing but the holy name and unshakeable faith in Krishna, you changed the destiny of the world.

You entered a foreign land where people were lost in confusion and materialism, yet by your purity and determination, you transformed so many

- turning hippies into happies, guiding them from darkness to the light of Krishna consciousness. You did not see their external condition; you saw their soul and their potential to serve Krishna.

You sacrificed everything - your comfort, your health, your rest - just to give Krishna to others. Day and night you translated scriptures, established temples, guided disciples, and built a spiritual home for the entire world to live in, a movement where anyone, regardless of background, can come and take shelter of Krishna.

As stated in the Bhagavad Gita (18.68–69):
“For one who explains this supreme secret to the devotees, devotional service is guaranteed, and at the



Kesari – raj
and Keshnee Anjana Priya Maharaj
Bluff
South Africa

end he will come back to Me. There is no servant in this world more dear to Me than he.”

Srila Prabhupada, you perfectly embodied this instruction. You gave Krishna to the world without hesitation, without compromise, and without fear. You are most dear to the Lord because you made Him known to millions.

Your life is the greatest example of surrender, determination, and pure devotion. Because of you, the holy name is now resounding in every corner of the world. Because of you, countless souls have found meaning, purpose, and the path back

to Godhead.

We pray that we may always remain under your shelter, following your instructions, and serving your mission with sincerity.

All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

All glories to your divine service.

With eternal gratitude,

Hare Krishna.

Your insignificant servants, of the servant of the servant,

Kesari – raj and Keshnee Anjana Priya Maharaj



Kesava Priya Dasi
and Kesava Dasa
Accra
Ghana



Dear Beloved Srila Prabhupada,

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

YOUR EXCLUSIVE DEVOTION TO KRISHNA continues to penetrate the hearts of all who have had the immeasurable good fortune to come in contact with your books, and your sincere followers.

In Ghana, West Africa, where we currently live, book distribution also continues to slowly expand. It really is a book distributors dream. Everyone believes in God, yet many have been repeatedly let down and disappointed by the abundance of self proclaimed “prophets” and “apostles”.

People thirst for both truth and knowledge, which they recognize in your books - seeing eternal spiritual truths and principles laid out before them.

Many pastors have approached our book table, and often leave with a few tucked under their arm. It has been rumored that some of these pastors manage to share with their congregation some details they may have garnered from your books.

His Holiness Bhakti Tirtha Swami had a bold vision for Ghana which is gradually being realized, including a school and a self-sufficient farm which is developing under the able guidance of His Grace Srivas dasa Vanacari. An ongoing supply of water has to be established before the full potential of the

farm can be realised.

Lord Krishna’s Academy School beside the temple has one hundred and ten students who come for deity greetings and your guru puja, which they lead with great enthusiasm. Everyone knows the kirtans in Ghana are exceptionally sweet and always well attended by people of all ages.

Our GBC, His Holiness Kavichandra Swami, has always stressed the importance of both harinama and book distribution. He has ensured that the temple has a healthy stock of books, and recently made arrangements for the Kumasi temple to get a bus to transport harinama devotees.

Srila Prabhupada, we pray to you for the strength and determination to carry out your instructions. We remain eternally grateful and indebted to you for the privilege of serving your mission in Ghana in the association of your dedicated and sincere servants.

*Your eternal servants,
Kesava Priya Dasi and
Kesava Dasa*



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

 Kesavapriti Devi Dasi
Durban
South Africa

THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME SOMETHING that money cannot buy. I cannot imagine my life without being in Krishna consciousness. Everyday is so structured. There is no time to feel lonely or bored. With Lord Krishna's mercy you have given the world at large a reason to live a dharmic and Krishna conscious

life. I remain eternally indebted to you. Thank you, Srila Prabhupada.

Wishing you a blessed Sri Vyasa-puja.

*Your servant,
Kesavapriti Devi Dasi*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

 Keshav Krpa
Pretoria
South Africa

HE CHOSE THE CHARIOTEER over the army,

He chose solitude over fellowship.

Unblinded by the fog, clear in his vision

He chose absolute perfection.

He chose Her recipes to nourish our souls,

He chose composition over ambition.

Rising far above the mud of the world

He chose absolute perfection.

Now, all horizons bow before him.

Now, the ancient shadows fade.

He chose to strip away the mask of truth

He chose absolute perfection.

For he has crossed the quiet border,

Transcendent, unmade, and still.

He chose absolute perfection.

*Your servant,
Keshav Krpa*



Kesi Ghat Dasa
Durban
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humblest obeisances unto your divine lotus feet on this blessed occasion of your Vyasa-puja.

HOW MAGNANIMOUS YOU ARE that you cast aside all personal difficulties and challenges at such an old age and humbly travelled on the Jaluduta to America to deliver lost souls in the West who were unknowingly waiting for your mercy. In England a person of outstanding character is knighted by the Queen with the title “Sir” - Your Divine Grace has achieved far more than this by selflessly imparting spiritual wealth to the world.

Quote, “Our spiritual master is the ocean of mercy and the friend of the poor,” - how befitting this is. In the corporate world no one extends themselves voluntarily to ordinary people but exploits them in every way possible. It is comforting to be reassured by Your Divine Grace being the friend of the poor. Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for your

unlimited kindness - you are truly the ambassador of the spiritual world.

I feel challenged in the company of intellectuals, because in this material world if one is not privileged to be part of an elite group but just an ordinary person, then one is seen as a lowly outcast - the effects of Kalil Yuga in action. Please bless me to gain strength and conviction to remain committed to your ISKCON and stay in the boat no matter what difficulties are yet to come.

Aspiring to always serve in your mission and one day become a worthy recipient of your mercy,

*Your servant,
Kesi Ghat Dasa*



Kesi Ghata Dasa,
Syama Rati Devi Dasi
and Raghunath
Durban
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
All glories to your divine grace.
All glories to Sri Sri Radha Radhanatha, Sriman Mahaprabhu, Sri Giriraj.

WORDS CANNOT DO JUSTICE to the gratitude we owe you, As we endure and try to cope with daily calamities, our only hope of sanity is your ISKCON mission. Endless dangers everywhere, wars, hijacking, human trafficking, power struggles at workplaces,

dangers kids are faced at school. We are struggling, Srila Prabhupada.

Yet your soldiers are persevering daily. Amidst all obstacles to reach out to bring others to your lotus feet so you and help them return back home.

Srila Prabhupada, kindly pray for our spiritual strength for us all, so we can survive this hellish Kali-yuga.

*Your servants,
Kesi Ghata Dasa, Syama Rati Devi Dasi and
Raghunath*



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

A BLESSED VYASA-PUJA Srila Prabhupada.

Srila Prabhupada, with each passing year, I come to appreciate even more the value of all you have left behind as a blessing to the world ... temples, books, service opportunities, your good example as well your disciples and all other devotees who act as instruments of the mercy coming down the Guru parampara. You poured your heart into imparting the wisdom of sanathana dharma and building the foundation on which ISKCON could stand strong. I am very grateful to be connected to these great blessings you have left behind. The values of the world have changed so much over the years, and it is mentioned in sastra to become more degraded as the Age of Kali unfolds. Thankfully there are these blessings to remind us about why we are here in this world, and for us to hold onto, to ensure our consciousness rises above the temporary things of this world.

Srila Prabhupada, generally if a small insect crawls on us, we feel uncomfortable. While I was dressing you, I noticed an insect crawling on you. I

don't know how long it was there or how many times this has happened. We may notice this sometimes on Sri Murthy as well. The Lord and His instruments consider all living entities to be part and parcels of the Lord Himself; therefore, the Lord treats everyone with equal vision—Bhagavad Gita 9.29. Similarly, due to my past vasanas and impurities, I am also troubling you... but you are tolerating me so much. By your mercy and your grand disciples association and guidance, I will be able to become stronger in my sadhana and practice bhakti more sincerely, in the mood of servant of the servant, and thereby increase my taste for the holy name.

I pray to you and the entire parampara for guidance always, and blessings and mercy so that I can follow the guidance. My most heartfelt prayer is to always be connected to the grace that flows down the Guru parampara, which I know is the most fulfilling thing to be desired.

*Your servants,
Kishore Krsna Dasa and Syamakanta Dasi*



Kishore Krsna Dasa
and Syamakanta Dasi
Durban
South Africa



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

ON THIS MOST SACRED AND AUSPICIOUS OCCASION of your Vyasa-puja, I wish to offer my heartfelt gratitude for the immeasurable mercy you have given to the entire world, and especially to souls like

myself who would otherwise remain lost without your guidance.

Srila Prabhupada, because of your mercy, I have been given the opportunity to know Krishna, chant



Kribashni Reddy
Durban
South Africa

His holy names, associate with devotees and understand that real happiness lies in devotional service.

There are many moments in life when I feel weak, distracted or overwhelmed by the challenges of this material world, yet your teachings always bring me back to hope and purpose. Through your books, lectures and the example of your own life, you continue to guide me even today. Your words have brought comfort during difficult times, clarity during confusion, and inspiration when my spiritual strength felt low.

I am especially grateful for the devotee community and spiritual family you created through ISKCON. The opportunity to serve devotees, attend kirtans, hear Hari katha and engage in devotional activities is only possible because of your mercy and vision. Sometimes I reflect on where my life would have been without your teachings, and it fills my heart with gratitude knowing that Krishna arranged for your mercy to reach even me.

Srila Prabhupada, although I have so many shortcomings and inconsistencies in my devotional service, I pray that one day I may develop even a fraction of the sincerity, humility and dedication you embodied. Please bless me to remain steady in Krishna consciousness, to always remember your instructions, and to serve your mission with sincerity and gratitude.

Thank you for giving the world the holy name of Krishna. Thank you for your books, your teachings, your devotees, your compassion, and your endless patience with fallen souls like us. Everything meaningful in my spiritual life is because of your mercy.

On this Vyasa-puja day, I offer my repeated obeisances unto your lotus feet and pray to remain eternally connected to your service birth after birth.

*Your insignificant servant,
Kribashni Reddy*

Kripa Tirtha Dasa
Johannesburg
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
I offer my respectful obeisances to your divine lotus feet.

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

HOW DO I EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE to you, Srila Prabhupada, as I become speechless and cannot even imagine how to offer immense and sincere gratitude to you? No amount of words can even express your greatness and what you have achieved single-handedly throughout the world. Your heartfelt dedication to your books and teachings has awakened many individuals worldwide and has shown a spiritual path that we can continue to cultivate.

Your humbleness and humility have touched

many worldwide, and you are a true and great leader who continues to inspire. I am indebted to you and my spiritual master, and I pray that you can deliver this most fallen servant and give me the guidance to continue in my spiritual life and grow my service to humanity and continue to serve in your mission to the best of my ability.

*Your most fallen servant,
Kripa Tirtha Dasa*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

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

All glories to your loving Divine Grace.



Kripamaya Chaitanya Dasi

Lomé

Togo

THANK YOU FOR BEING OBEDIENT to your spiritual master and spreading Krishna consciousness to the world.

Today is the day where we can beg even more for your causeless mercy. What you did and accomplished was just unbelievable. We thought we were living “normally”. But in reality, most of us were struggling, until we joined ISKCON. And this is the real opportunity to show my gratitude to you.

Without you, I would still be wandering aimlessly through this world, unsure of which direction to take in life. In your final moments, you reiterated that the remaining 50% of your mission consists of establishing Varnasrama Dharma. And in my daily life, I am dedicated to making that a reality.

There are many wonderful devotees within the movement who inspire me with their wholehearted devotion to spreading the holy name and to propagating and establishing Varnasrama Dharma with pure intention. I pray that I may imbibe the qualities

and mindset of these wonderful Vaishnavas.

My connection to you is through my spiritual master, His Holiness Bhakti Raghava Swami Maharaj, your disciple and a sincere follower of your ISKCON society.

Dear Srila Prabhupada, we are forever indebted. Whatever offerings we make, be it temples, chanting, book distribution, or prasada, it is all only by your grace. Please bless us to remain your loyal servants. Please empower us to keep your mission alive wherever we will be; to spread Krishna consciousness to every corner here in Togo and beyond.

I please ask you to protect us and give us more energy and blessings to continue this mission which is yours.

I remain your ever loyal eternally indebted granddaughter.

Your servant of your servants,

Kripamaya Chaitanya Dasi



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

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



Kripamaya Dasa

Durban

South Africa

MY GRATEFULNESS TO ALWAYS keeping you in my heart. My thoughts that entered my consciousness on the

day of your disappearance day anniversary...

FROM DUST TO DUST

I, the dust insignificant,

To oblivion, you must go!

Amongst the castaways

Swept aside and left for dead.

Who cares for such dust.
Who would look for such a smut.
To the dust moths, ye must go...
Upon the dusty heaps we lay,
Dark places, cold and alone.
Alas! across the globe you came,
A prophecy of a divine mood,
let the ordeal of the old man and the treacherous sea be retold,
Reclaimer of the lost and dusty souls.
Insane! one may say,
I heard them echo,
'You didn't need to come.'
'You didn't need to come '
'You didn't need to come '
But an instruction engraved in your heart you vowed to keep.
A treasure box of literary hope you did bring,
Foraging through those icy winds, Tortured by blizzards of white and gray.
With tweezer sharp precision,
I the unworthy speck you resuscitate,
Ancient secrets you doth reveal,
A certain mystical chant and dust of the wonderland would unfold;

Dust of Vrindavan!
Dust of the Vaishnavas!
Dust from the feet of the divine masters
Dust of the gopis!
Rolling in the Dust!
O! that Golden Dust!
Thus, I found my relevance,
At my masters feet, I will dance.
Now! take up the books,
And find the forbidden dust.
I rejoice, entranced...
At my masters feet, I will dance.
Now! take up the books,
And find the forbidden dust.

*Your servant,
Kripamoya Dasa*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Happy Vyasa-puja! Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to you on this auspicious day.



Krishangi Dasi Naidu
Cape Town
South Africa

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

EACH YEAR, I STRUGGLE WITH WORDS OF GLORIFICATION that I could possibly give you, after all who could

even attempt to describe your mercy and compassion to so many in this world in this age of quarrel and corruption. Your dedication, surrender and pure love to your spiritual master, Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakura, and to Mahaprabhu constantly inspire me, especially in times of difficulty. You had so many transcendental challenges, yet the few minor challenges I experience make me feel like my world is ending.

Srila Prabhupada, this year I am trying to read more of your books, and I came across this verse from Srimad Bhagavatam 7.5.23-24. Prahlad Maharaj was asked by his father, Hiranyakasipu, what he had learned from his gurukul teachers, Sanda and Amarka, and this is what he replied with.

*sri prahlada uvaca
sravanam kirtanam vishnu
smaranam pada-sevanam
arcanam vandanam dasyam
sakhyam atma-nivedanam*

*iti pumsarpita vishnu
bhaktis cen nava-laksana
kriyeta bhagavatya addha*

tan manye 'dhitam uttamam

He says hearing and chanting about the transcendental holy name, form, qualities, paraphernalia and the pastimes of Lord Vishnu, remembering them, serving them, offering the 16 upacharas, offering prayers to the Lord, becoming his servant, considering the Lord to be one's best friend and surrendering everything unto Him - these 9 processes are accepted as pure devotional service. I often used to struggle with these processes of bhakti but reading this verse, I see how easy it is to get our desired goal of Sri Krsna Prema – just one step at a time.

Thank you for giving us the simple yet profound process of chanting the Hare Krsna maha-mantra and for showing by your own example what it means to be fully dedicated to serving the Lord. Your determination, humility and compassion are deeply inspiring.

Praying to always remain in your service birth after birth.

*Your forever grateful granddaughter,
Krishangi Dasi Naidu*



Krishna Balarama Dasa
Johannesburg
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to you on this most sacred day.

I HAVE BEEN REFLECTING DEEPLY on my service to you, wondering whether I am truly contributing in a meaningful and substantial way. You have given us everything, far beyond what we can ever comprehend, and because of that, it feels essential that I offer something back, however small. In my role as a leader, I pray that I am reciprocating even a fraction of what you have given. My duty is simply to uphold and extend your gifts, yet even that feels challenging. Help me, Srila Prabhupada.

As part of the international leadership training,

we are being encouraged to think differently. Much of this thinking exists in the secular world, but now it is being contextualised for ISKCON. It moves us away from rigid, dogmatic leadership patterns and invites us to empower our yatras to make thoughtful, meaningful changes. These shifts challenge long held paradigms, but they are necessary if we want ISKCON to move forward with strength and integrity. As leaders, we must envision the future of your movement, what your ISKCON should look like in the years to come. You yourself embodied this vision.

I am reminded of your meeting with the New York subway conductor in 1965. When he asked how you would survive alone without temples or followers, you replied with complete conviction, “I have many temples and devotees, only time is separating me from them.”

I pray for that same clarity of vision, to think beyond my limitations, beyond my comfort, and in ways that genuinely please you. Help me, Srila Prabhupada.

I am fortunate to have senior devotees who guide me by their example. Their association has shaped me, challenged me, and often forced me to re-examine my own assumptions. Sometimes I have shifted my perspective entirely because of their wisdom. I am grateful for relationships that keep me honest. I pray that I always have people who challenge my thinking, broaden my understanding, and remind me when I am being selfish, envious, or narrow minded. In your final days in Vrindavan, you asked Giriraj Swami, “Do you think this movement will go on after I leave?” When he replied that

it would, if devotees chant their rounds and follow the regulative principles, you softly gave your final, profound instruction, “Intelligence and organization.” Help me, Srila Prabhupada.

Management in Krishna consciousness is dangerous. You often warned us about the double-edged sword, how leadership can uplift or destroy. I do not fear physical danger, I fear the subtle dangers of maya, prestige, adoration, position. I have seen many fall prey to these illusions. You taught us to maintain a healthy fear of maya, and over the years I have come to understand the depth of that instruction. Please keep me grounded. Allow me to remain a servant, not a collector of followers, not someone who exploits others’ sincerity, but someone who serves with humility and integrity. Help me, Srila Prabhupada.

More than ever, I need your blessings. Please be kind to me.

*I beg to remain your servant,
Krishna Balarama Dasa*



Our dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our humble obeisances at your divine lotus feet.
All glories to you and your Sankirtana movement.

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

“I offer my respectful obeisances unto His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, who is very dear to Lord Krishna, having taken shelter at His lotus feet. Our respectful obeisances are unto you, O spiritual master, servant of Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Goswami. You are kindly preaching the message of Lord Chaitanya deva and delivering the Western countries, which are filled with impersonalism and voidism.”

Srila Prabhupada, you are the greatest friend of all the devotees. We never invited you in our lives but you came by your causeless mercy, in our dirty heart. By your sublime voice you have changed our lifestyle, our steel-framed hearts. Your vani has guided so many materially engrossed and abandoned souls to the spiritual realm. Your books saved the lives of so many people who were on the verge to commit suicide. Your nectarian kirtan in the



Krishna Keshav Dasa
and Suniti Devi Dasi
Central Flacq
Mauritius

magical tune gives solace to all the souls by showing them light in distress. You came from the spiritual world to teach how to cry for Krishna. We are so fortunate to have you as our great-grandfather in our life.

Thank you Prabhupada for giving us Bhagavad-gita As It Is, Srimad-Bhagavatam, and Caitanya-caritamṛta. Thank you Prabhupada for showing us the goal of human life.

Thank you Prabhupada for showing us the process to attain our goal. Please help us to be steady

in the bhakti process. We are toddlers, we are completely dependent on you to navigate us back home. You are so magnanimous that you filled our heart with spiritual values. You gave us the most valuable gift of association of devotees. You gave yourself to humanity. If we take the ocean as ink and make land into sheets of paper, still it would not be enough to write your glories.

*Your menial servants of the servants,
Krishna Keshav Dasa and Suniti Devi Dasi*



Krishna Kripa Dasa
Beijing
China



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
All glories to Your Divine Grace.

MAY YOUR DIVINE GLANCE fall gently upon me,
bestowing drops of boundless mercy.

O giver of compassion and protector of fallen souls,
your kindness shines beyond this world.

You are a divine soul whose mercy knows no limit.

Please bless me with even a single drop
of your gentle kindness and grace.

*With love and reverence,
Your grandson,
Krishna Kripa Dasa*



Krishna Prem Dasa
and Shyama Manjari Devi Dasi
Port Elizabeth
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our humble obeisances at your divine lotus feet.
All glories to you, savior of the fallen souls and founder of the Kṛṣṇa consciousness movement throughout the world.

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

nama om visnu-padaya kṛṣṇa-presthaya bhu-tale

*srimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine
namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvisesa-sunyavadi-pascatya-desatarine*

IN CAITANYA-CARITAMRTA, Adi-lila 1.35, purport, it is said:

“There is no difference between the spiritual master’s instructions and the spiritual master himself.”

Continuing the guru-parampara, now, Srila Prabhupada, you are the guru for us, transferring the knowledge of Sri Krsna to the devotees. You are the guide for our spiritual activities. Srila Prabhupada, your writings and lectures are the finest spiritual knowledge for all.

Srila Prabhupada, you worked very hard and always worked for the benefit of others. You went to America to satisfy your guru’s desire, not for your personal need. You spread Krsna consciousness all over the world as desired by your guru. It was

not easy, but you made many Krsna devotees and opened 108 temples at that time.

Once, with a globe in your hand, you asked some devotees to go around different countries and open up preaching centers. They had no idea or courage that it could be done, but by your mercy, temples were built and opened around the world and Krsna consciousness spread.

O spiritual master, help us to improve our sadhana, service, kirtana, and Vaishnava etiquette, for we are poor in all.

Begging to remain under the shelter of your lotus feet at all times and to be the servant of your servants,

Krishna Prem Dasa and Shyama Manjari Devi Dasi



My dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet.

THIS YEAR WE ARE CELEBRATING the 60th anniversary of ISKCON. I hereby express my gratitude to you for giving us this wonderful movement. By your causeless mercy, ISKCON is now present in most parts of the world, such that the sun never sets on the ISKCON world.

In Caitanya-mangala, compiled by Srila Lochana Dasa Thakura, there is mention of someone:

*yadi papi chadi dharma dure dese yaya
mora senapati-bhakta yaibe tathaya*

If some sinful people escape and giving up religious principles go to far off countries, then my

Senapati Bhakta will come at that time to give them Krsna consciousness.

So, there is no doubt, you are the chosen commander-in-chief who has spread Mahaprabhu’s sankirtana movement all around the world.

Srila Prabhupada, you are now officially recognized as the Vishva Guru.

On the most auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja, please shower your causeless mercy upon me so that I can continue to serve your movement in whatever capacity I can.

*The servant of your servants,
Krishna Sakha Dasa*



Krishna Sakha Dasa
Lalmatie
Mauritius

Krishnachandra Dasa
Prema-Vanya Devi Dasi,
and Bhakta Gambhira-Caitanya
Durban
South Africa



Hare Krishna, dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our humble obeisances.
All glories to Your Divine Grace.

EACH DAY BRINGS A NEW PERSPECTIVE and gratitude for the greatest benediction Your Divine Grace has afforded us by giving us the gift and privilege of being a part of your glorious ISKCON.

A life of luxury, fame, and all other temporary accomplishments are merely thorns when compared to the multiple spiritual facets that your ISKCON has provided to the genuine seeker. Life is filled with many perils and elusive goals that keep us trapped in material consciousness. The material energy is far too strong for anyone to confidently face, no matter how fixed we may think we are. Gradually I am realizing that the open secret is to depend on Guru and Gauranga, and thus the path across material existence becomes easier to traverse. The more I tend to depend on my limited and flawed abilities, the more unhappiness and distress I run into. I keep reminding myself that I am of no real significance and that my true value lies in wholeheartedly embracing that I am the servant...of the servant. This ego and estimation of myself is the true enemy in my spiritual life. This ego and these anarthas keep me from chanting with sincerity and keep me trapped in mundane consciousness. There are days when I am able to have a transient moment that is filled with some semblance of spiritual value or a fleeting spiritual thought that captures my heart – I consider these moments my greatest good fortune, and I am grateful that some great soul such as yourself has favoured me with this meaningful event.

I guess what I am trying to say is that the material world is a harsh and relentless place with anxiety permeating its atmosphere, and our only solace is to tightly grab hold of the lotus feet of Guru. You

are such a powerful guru who can liberate the entire world with your glance. I read recently how the first person you glanced at when you arrived at Boston Harbour became a devotee and a sannyasi years later. You are empowered by Lord Caitanya, and you have His power of authority and potency to change the hearts of any living entity. You can inject spiritual potency into anyone at any time at your discretion. I am most grateful that I can offer you some praise and worship daily, and that in my small manner of operating a prasadam place I can contribute towards the spread of your Krishna consciousness movement. I am of no real significance, but by being of small use towards your desire to give Krishna to others, I am able to have a small place in your spiritual society. What other way can we repay you than to make some contribution towards your preaching legacy? This preaching legacy is so expansive and unbelievable that no one can come even close to accomplishing what you have for the eternal spiritual welfare of all creations on Earth. Just as one can glorify the Supreme Lord unlimitedly, similarly one cannot recount all of your achievements and your magnanimity.

Your pastimes continue to delight, inspire, and amaze all who are fortunate to take darshan of your lotus face and hear the transcendental sound emanating from your lotus mouth.

All glories to Your Divine Grace.
All glories to your ISKCON.

*Your servants,
Krishnachandra Dasa, Prema-Vanya Devi Dasi,
and Bhakta Gambhira-Caitanya*





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

 Krsangi Radhe Dasi
Durban
South Africa

I SIT TO WRITE THIS OFFERING at quite the last minute, as submissions are closing soon. Although I had the honour to run this campaign to share some inspiration with devotees in South Africa to pen their homages, I find myself pondering over how I say thank you. I have so much to say and so much to share – I have written to you so often in my head, and now it is time to put this to paper. Perhaps I will miss out something and not offer the perfect glorification, but it is a mere attempt to honour our founder-acharya of the illustrious society for Krishna consciousness.

The past year has been one of transition in my own life. It was a time of deep thought and questions – where I asked what exactly would I like to do within the next few years. I found myself going back to my childhood, going through moments of reflection that recounted the most meaningful moments of my life thus far. Most, if not all, were highlighted by my roots in Krishna consciousness. All of that is due to your glorious voyage to the West to pass on the knowledge from the East.

This year, as we celebrate the sixtieth anniversary of the incorporation of ISKCON – I think about how best we can glorify you. Last year, through your mercy, we led a strong campaign across South Africa to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of your visit to South Africa. There was a gala dinner, an academic conference, and all festivals throughout the year were billed as a Srila Prabhupada 50 festival. Being in the planning of it all – I spent much time and thought in meditation of your glories whilst you were in South Africa. This year, as we plan for the sixtieth anniversary – my thought now focuses on the global impact that you have had on the world.

Being a former social science and history teacher – I feel that your glories need to be sung in the classroom. History books need to have notes on ‘that great voyage of the acharya from the East’. I have

often shared the story of this great voyage and the impact that it had on the world with my learners. Some of them came from poverty and battle to conceptualise the lines of latitude and longitude, the different oceans that form part of the mapwork, and how continents are divided. However, what they do understand is the universal language of love, kindness, and compassion – the words of non-discrimination and togetherness, the powerful truths that you have fostered through your action of bringing people of this world closer together rather than enhancing difference.

Earlier this year, on my visit to Sridham Mayapur (having travelled to Mayapur Dham after several years) – I offered obeisances at your pushpa-samadhi with deeper reverence. Walking through the dioramas that depicted your voyage to the West, I felt that energy – having visited some of the landmark places in your early travel. The depth of your sacrifice will never be fully understood; all we can do is continue to strive to push on your legacy.

In a world that is war-torn, where there is more division than unity, I bow down to your mission – taking the words of the thousands of purports to heart. The world is a heavy place filled with anger, pain, and hurt. Your books offer the greatest benefit to society – providing the formula where all senses are to be regulated, and with that, there will be peace and love.

Bhagavad-gita 2.14 teaches us the state of equanimity – through hot or cold, happiness or sadness, and all things in-between. That verse in itself encapsulates that we have to tolerate the wrath of this world, but never forget our true identity, and that is being the spirit soul. Once we have the remembrance that all things work out by divine intervention – we are able to tolerate all the calamities that we face. It is through your purports and deep philosophical discussions that we are able to understand

our true purpose in this world.

Having recently graduated from the GBC College of Leadership – my strategic place was to strengthen and enhance the Vaishnavi Ministry in Africa. There is so much work that needs to be done in this regard. Having completed the modules that thoroughly presented leadership, I have to appreciate your thorough vision for this society – where accountability, financial management, safety, and security were all components of a holistic organisational function that was systematically set up. Srila Prabhupada, you were thorough and you had a vision. Your seven purposes of ISKCON, as established sixty years ago, live on every day through your centres, book distribution, and worship that is meticulous and ongoing. Standards that you have set in worship, leadership, governance, and community cannot be touched by others. This is the power only a bona fide acharya carries, someone

who has deep benediction and who is certainly extraordinary.

Today, I pray (a little more deeply) that I may be able to offer you some service that is worthy of your glance. I beg for your shelter, your protection, and your grace so that the wisdom of your words, the stature of your actions, and the conviction in your heart – just a minute bit of that can be etched in my heart. I beg to remain at your lotus feet, where this is my only shelter, and pray that you give me the knowledge and intelligence to serve you – as such a master deserves only the best.

With a heart filled with gratitude and longing to remain in your shelter,

*Your servant,
Krsangi Radhe Dasi*



Krsna Kesava Dasa
and Madhavi Devi Dasi
Durban
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our most humble obeisances. All glories to Your Divine Grace.
All glories to your ISKCON movement.

THE FOLLOWING VERSE IN SRIMAD-BHAGAVATAM clearly defines your position.

*acaryam mam vijaniyan
navamanyeta karhicit
na martya-buddhyasuyeta
sarva-deva-mayo guruh*

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

With this understanding in mind, dear Srila Prabhupada, we approach you not merely as a great scholarly spiritual leader, but as the transparent via medium of the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Lord Sri Krishna.

You did not simply teach philosophy but taught us a way of life and the process to realize it. You taught us how to chant the holy names, how to serve with humility, how to live in purity, and most importantly, how to love Sri Sri Radha and Krishna.

Through your establishment of ISKCON, you created a spiritual family united in devotion. You have dedicated your entire life to spreading this highest dharma, ananya-bhakti, pure devotional service throughout the world.

In an age of misconception and spiritual decline, you appeared as a divine messenger, carrying the timeless wisdom of the Vedic scriptures globally. At an advanced age, with no material support, you journeyed from India to the West, driven only by your unshakable faith in your spiritual master and your unlimited compassion for all living beings.

Today, by your mercy and guidance, your ISKCON movement has borne the fruits of such wondrous achievements in the form of your many advanced disciples, magnificent temples, amazing festivals, grand-scale prasadam distribution, Vedic schools, and Krishna conscious communities, only to mention a few.

On this auspicious occasion, we offer our heartfelt gratitude and obeisance to you, Srila Prabhupada, and pray that we can become instruments of your great compassion.

*Your unworthy servants,
Krsna Kesava Dasa and Madhavi Devi Dasi*



My dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my koti koti pranams.

 Krsni Devi Dasi
Durban
South Africa

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

ANOTHER YEAR HAS PASSED BY, while the world now obsesses with AI. But your books are timeless treasures, incomparable by any measures.

The recipe for a successful life you taught is bhakti-yoga – which can't be bought. But so many are proud of their material gain, which ironically brings further pain.

When will they realise they have fool's gold, and turn to your teachings – logical and bold? Who is Lord Caitanya and what was His mission? Only you could describe, with such precision.

The path to Godhead can be simple and clear; you urge – surrender to Krsna, have no fear. You gave perfect answers in your talks, and how profound

were those morning walks!

In you we trust that Krsna is Supreme; attaining Him is not just a spiritual dream. Thank you for presenting this way of life, and your ISKCON that removes pain and strife.

Thank you for your sacrifices that left a legacy so great; may we continue to serve with unflinching faith. Please keep us sheltered at your lotus feet, until someday – we hopefully meet.

*With sincere gratitude and love,
An insignificant struggling soul,
Krsni Devi Dasi*



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

 Kulasekhara Dasa
Durban
South Africa

SRILA PRABHUPADA, on this day I would like to give a report on how your mission and your servants are progressing in Gauteng. HH Bhakti Caitanya Swami Maharaja, HH Partha Sarathi Dasa Goswami Maharaja, and HH Rama Govinda Swami Maharaja are

keeping the devotees strong by their example and the knowledge which they share with us. Govardhana Prabhu, a kind and dedicated grandson of yours, is lovingly guiding the management of ISKCON worldwide.

We are blessed to have so many of your devotees in our association who inspire us by their love and dedication towards you and your mission. Nanda Kumar Prabhu, your dear son, established a centre in Sandton, and by his efforts, along with a strong team of your devotees, things are expanding nicely. Sandton hosts one of the best Ratha-yatras in South Africa, thanks to Vibhu Caitanya Prabhu and his team.

Narasimhananda Prabhu and Madri Devi Dasi are deeply studying your books and teaching them to us. This devoted couple established ISKCON Midrand, which is developing so nicely.

Maha Prabhu Dasa and Mother Malini are preaching so lovingly in Soweto that they are attracting so many devotees who take to Krsna consciousness seriously.

Your dear grandsons Jivananda Prabhu, Subal Prabhu, and Sri Vrndavan Prabhu, who distributed your books on a daily basis, established a centre in

Pretoria, giving locals an opportunity to learn and practice Krsna consciousness.

We are blessed to have Sri Sri Nitai-Gaurahari in Lenasia. By the expert management of Gangesh Prabhu, so many improvements have been made for the service of our Lordships.

Seeing the loving and caring mood of Sri Sri Nitai-Gaurahari's servants brings joy to the heart.

Prabhupada Priya Prabhu is doing amazing service in Mpumalanga. Ratha-yatra is being held in major cities under his leadership.

Srila Prabhupada, I beg you to please bless us to care for each other and together follow in your footsteps to show compassion to all. Please bless me to never leave the association of your devotees.

I beg to remain a servant of your sincere servants.

*Your unworthy grandson,
Kulasekhara Dasa*



Kumaresan Oveshlin Govender
Cape Town
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada
Please accept my most humble obeisances at your lotus feet.
All glories unto you on this most auspicious Vyasa-puja celebration.

THANK YOU FOR BEING AN INSPIRATION to devotees all around the world, including myself. Through your unlimited mercy, countless souls have received the opportunity to know and serve Lord Krishna. Your compassion crossed oceans, languages, cultures, and barriers simply to give conditioned souls the gift of Krishna consciousness.

Because of your sacrifices, your books continue to illuminate the hearts of millions and guide us back to our eternal relationship with Lord Krishna. Every evening I enjoy reading your wonderful

books as a family.

Srila Prabhupada, your determination, humility, purity, and unwavering faith in Lord Krishna remain a shining example for all generations.

I pray for the strength to always remain connected to your instructions.

Thank you for giving us Lord Krishna, for giving us hope.

*Your aspiring servant,
Kumaresan Oveshlin Govender*





Dear Srila Prabhupada,



Kunti Dasi
KwaZulu-Natal
South Africa

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

ON THIS MOST AUSPICIOUS DAY, we want to offer our gratitude, appreciation and thankfulness for making devotional service accessible to all.

This day gives us the opportunity to glorify you apart from our daily guru puja prayers.

As the years go by, your divine presence has become an integral part of our daily lives.

Your guidance, your teachings/instructions and your disciples give us strength to continue in our practice of Krishna consciousness.

With so many years since your departure, ISKCON, still brings in new and fresh experiences. For me personally, you are more present now than before. Participating in all aspects of devotional service which you so nicely designed, helps us to stay on the spiritual path.

Being in Krishna consciousness helps me navigate through life with a purpose, which your movement so very nicely propounding in West. Life with

your ISKCON makes life easier to manage in this material chaotic world.

Generations, almost four with the fifth one upcoming, have been inspired to take this process, wanting to find a way to satisfy the soul. They have been lost and finally you have brought relief to the suffering souls.

You continue to provide shelter for all the “homeless” souls who are bereft of spiritual knowledge and for the want of going back “Home” to their father, Lord Krishna.

Your love/compassion continues to save so many souls.

Our saviour continues to live, and we continue in his service.

Our prayers and love.

*Your servant of the servants,
Kunti Dasi*



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



Kushi Sanjana Hnzry
Chemin Grenier
Mauritius

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

ON THIS MOST AUSPICIOUS OCCASION of your Vyasa-puja in 2026, I offer these words with a grateful heart. Though I possess no qualification to glorify a pure

devotee of the Lord, still I pray that by your mercy these words may carry sincerity.

Srila Prabhupada, you crossed oceans at an

advanced age with nothing but complete faith in Lord Krishna and the order of your spiritual master. Through unimaginable determination, compassion, and surrender, you brought the holy names of Krishna to every corner of the world. Millions of souls who were lost in darkness found hope through your teachings, your books, your kirtans, and your divine example.

You transformed lives not through force, but through love, wisdom, and transcendental truth. You taught humanity how to truly live — not merely for temporary pleasures, but for eternal service to Sri Sri Radha-Golokananda. Through your mercy, even ordinary souls like myself have been given a chance to hear the Bhagavad-gita, chant the holy names, and walk on the path of bhakti.

Your words continue to illuminate hearts generation after generation. Your books are not ordinary literature; they are living manifestations of your compassion. Whenever confusion arises, your teachings guide us back to Krishna consciousness

with clarity and strength.

Srila Prabhupada, I pray for the ability to serve your mission with sincerity, humility, and steadiness. Please help me overcome laziness, pride, and distraction so that I may become even a tiny instrument in spreading the holy name. Let my thoughts, words, and actions gradually become pleasing to you. Thank you for giving the world the gift of the maha-mantra:

*Hare Kṛṣṇa, Hare Kṛṣṇa, Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa, Hare Hare
Hare Rāma, Hare Rāma, Rāma Rāma, Hare Hare*

On this sacred Vyasa-puja celebration, I bow again and again to your lotus feet with deep gratitude. Whatever little devotion awakens within my heart is only because of your mercy. All glories to A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada.

*Your servant,
Kushi Sanjana Hnzry*



Kusum Sarovara Dasi 🙏
Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

THANK YOU for saving me. I am forever indebted to you.

*Your servant,
Kusum Sarovara Dasi*



Lakshmi Priya Devi Dasi 🙏
Cape Town
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

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

ON THE MOST BLESSED OCCASION of your Vyasa-puja, I

write these few words of appreciation to you. As your

grand-disciple, I feel truly blessed to have access to the most valuable books which you have written. For your Vyasa-puja last year, I shared with you my desire to be able to read your books more regularly, and I can only appreciate how you have showered me with abundant blessings to be able to access the most ultimate knowledge through your books.

While in the last three years I lived some very uncomfortable experiences in my spiritual life, I was still blessed to have access to the Bhakti-shastri course to keep me growing on my journey back to Godhead. It was a real eye-opener in my Krishna consciousness journey, and I received answers to the many hundreds of questions which were swirling around my mind. I have found more calmness after the storm in my mind, and it is all thanks to Krishna's mercy and the foundational knowledge which you have given through your books to the ISKCON family and the whole world.

I am eternally grateful to you for this ultimate blessing, since it is helping me to remove the anarthas from my heart. Srila Rupa Gosvami talks about the nine stages of bhakti in the Bhakti-rasamrita-sindhu, and thanks to you, we have access to the

book in the form of the Nectar of Devotion. It allows me to judge how I am progressing through the different stages. While I have a strong foundation in my shraddha, and I have the mercy of Krishna to help me with the anarthas, I realise that I have a long way to go to even be a good devotee at the sadhu-sanga and bhajana-kriya stages.

The understanding of these different stages and how I am working on them has been extremely helpful in guiding me on my spiritual journey. I pray for your blessings, Srila Prabhupada, so that I can do better at these different stages, hoping that one day I can attain complete purification. I see the need for it, since I look forward to being at the nishtha stage where I will not be easily distracted by this material world, and that will hopefully help me to go through the different remaining stages until my soul is able to attain prema for the Supreme Lord Krishna. Please keep guiding me, Srila Prabhupada, and thank you for all your blessings.

*Your humble servant,
Lakshmi Priya Devi Dasi*



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most respectful and humble obeisances at your divine lotus feet, which are the abode of pure devotional service.
All glories to Your Divine Grace.



Lalita Kunda Devi Dasi
Johannesburg
South Africa

YOU BEGAN ISKCON as a device to engage devotees continuously in the loving service of the Lord, and to also change our destiny by giving us the means of higher perfection, which is Krishna-prema.

My eternal gratitude to you, Srila Prabhupada, for how could an ordinary living entity, conditioned by material nature, ever begin to contemplate the mellows of devotional service? One can see that the whole world is in distress through so many calamities and most miserable conditions, which turn into wonderful opportunities to serve... This is due to your most wonderful sons and daughters who

have stretched their wings to preach the message of Krishna consciousness.

Dear Srila Prabhupada, though we say that we wish to greet you a happy appearance day, actually, on the contrary, it is you who is bestowing your kind blessings upon us. You, being our spiritual grandfather, gave us knowledge and mercy to prove to the world that you are Lord Krishna's very own nearest and dearest agent.

Attachment to your lotus feet is the highest perfection by which all spiritual desires are fulfilled.

Today I too humbly beg for blessings to continue

to my last station with humility and respect.

*Your useless granddaughter,
Lalita Kunda Devi Dasi*



Laura
Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.

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

I AM ETERNALLY GRATEFUL TO YOU, Srila Prabhupada, for all the sacrifices you have made to give us the greatest of privileges, Krishna consciousness. If you hadn't come into this world, what would our lives be like? We would be drowning in the ocean of material existence and be tortured by the miseries of the Age of Kali. You are indeed the true saviour of the world and the yuga-acharya.

I am forever grateful to you for bestowing your causeless mercy upon us, by giving us the greatest wisdom in your books, introducing the chanting of the Hare Krishna maha-mantra throughout the

world, and building beautiful temples with extravagant Deity worship, which gives us the good fortune of rendering service to the Lordships, which keeps us occupied in remembrance of the Lord, which will help purify our lives and thereby make us eligible to go back to the spiritual world. Therefore, you are the most merciful; there can never be anyone as merciful and magnanimous as you in this age.

Jai Srila Prabhupada!

*Your insignificant servant,
Laura*



Loka Manohara Giridhari Dasa
Johannesburg
South Africa



Hare Krishna, dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances at your divine lotus feet.
All glories, all glories, all glories to Your Divine Grace!

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srimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine
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YOUR APPEARANCE, SRILA PRABHUPADA, is most significant in the lives of us, your followers. History will show that your contribution to the world has been seismic and continues to grow exponentially. You appeared on the request of your beloved Lord

Krishna. Sometimes the Lord appears Himself, and sometimes He sends His very dear and confidential devotee to carry out His orders for the benefit of all His parts and parcels. Your life is an example of devotion to Krishna. Srila Prabhupada, you

are a walking, talking Srimad-Bhagavatam, and just by studying your life one can become Krishna conscious.

Your qualities are too many to mention: compassion, tolerance, humbleness, determination, loyalty, perfect servant and perfect spiritual master, realization of scripture, and love for Krishna. Srila Prabhupada, your love and devotion for Krishna are so deep, so pure, so strong, and so contagious that whoever comes into contact with Your Divine Grace cannot help but chant the holy name of Krishna. Your eternal spiritual master, HDG Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakura, ordered you to preach Krishna consciousness in the West and to print books if you ever got monies. Your determination to carry out these orders never diminished, despite so many obstacles. Who would even attempt such an impossible task, let alone establish a worldwide revolution which has rescued so many of us and will benefit so many for generations to come? Srila Prabhupada, you fulfilled the predictions and desires of the previous acharyas and Lord Caitanya because you are directly empowered by them to do this most important work, and because of your surrender to your spiritual master's instructions.

Srila Prabhupada, you tolerated so much in preparing yourself to come to the West: no friends, no money, no disciples, no help from God-brothers, only unwavering faith in your spiritual master's words and in Krishna's holy name. You left Sri Vrindavan Dham to come for us. Srila Prabhupada, you again tolerated so many hardships in establishing your movement in the West and in India; even up till today, Srila Prabhupada, you tolerate so much. You are the Krishna conscious glue that keeps us engaged in devotional service; if it weren't for you, Srila Prabhupada, I hate to think where I would be. A special and truly unique devotee of Krishna like

yourself, Srila Prabhupada, need not be physically present to take the conditioned living entities back home to Krishna; those who are in knowledge understand and accept this fact. Through your vani you have connected so many souls to Krishna, starting their spiritual lives.

Personally, Srila Prabhupada, I know you are always with me, looking after, guiding, protecting, and inspiring me. It is only because of you that I can do the little service I do. I don't have any devotional qualities, nor do I have any taste for chanting Hare Krishna. It is stated in Srimad-Bhagavatam 6.7.23:

"By the mercy of the guru, even a dumb man can become the greatest orator, and even a lame man can cross mountains. As advised by Lord Brahma, one should remember this shastric injunction if one desires success in his life."

So by your mercy, Srila Prabhupada, anything is possible. I wish to assist you in spreading your great mission; if you desire, Srila Prabhupada, please use me to do this. We will continue and try to increase the distribution of your books, Srila Prabhupada. When someone receives your book, they are directly in contact with you, and when this happens, their relationship with Krishna is reawakened.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for everything that you have done and everything that you do for all of us on a daily basis. We can never repay the debt we owe you, Srila Prabhupada. Mere words don't constitute an offering; I hope that one day I can act in a way that makes you proud of me, Srila Prabhupada. Till then, I will keep trying...

*Your undeserving servant,
Loka Manohara Giridhari Dasa (naradhama)*



Loka-drsti Dasi 🙏
Johannesburg
South Africa



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

HOW DO WE EVER THANK YOU for bringing Kṛṣṇa consciousness and my guru maharaja into my life? I shudder to think what life would have been like had I remained in the midst of this world with no shelter of Guru and Gaurāṅga. I am still new in my lifetime as an aspiring devotee, but I pray that you keep me

under your shelter and use me as a tool to help promote your mission.

*Your servant,
Loka-drsti Dasi*



Madan Gopal Dasa 🙏
Port Louis
Mauritius



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

IT IS ALWAYS A PLEASURE on the occasion of your Vyasa-puja to reflect on your glories and your mercy.

Our Mauritian Yatra is flourishing by your mercy. The number of Kṛṣṇa conscious activities has been increasing over the past years, and leaders are trying to start new centres in various places around Mauritius. We are currently going through a transition: some five years back we had only two main temples in Mauritius with a few small centres. Now the centres have grown in size, and half a dozen new centres have cropped up.

As the head of the Preaching Development Unit of Mauritius, the challenge is now to ensure that all the centres are following the standards set by Your Divine Grace. With third-generation devotees, and

because of changes which have occurred over the years – communication technology and societal changes – there are many interpretations of your instructions. There is danger that the purity you set may be diluted because of misinterpretations if no action is taken.

This is necessitating more thorough study of your books and instructions – which is greatly purifying. It seems that your remark that Mauritius may become the first Kṛṣṇa conscious country in the world is taking shape. However, we need your blessing and guidance to manage our yatra.

*Servant of your servants,
Madan Gopal Dasa*



Madhava Dasa 🙏
Midrand
South Africa



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

ON THIS BIRTHDAY of your appearance, I am overcome by the wisdom of your groundless mercy.

Thank you for giving us your inspiring, unconditional teachings via your books, the holy name,

the beautiful deities, and this wonderful ISKCON family. Your words act as a daily presentation in my life, reminding me of my eternal position as a servant of Lord Kṛṣṇa.

This past year, I have tried to apply your instructions by focusing on consistent chanting. Despite my many faults, conditioning, and lack of qualifications, your instructions give me hope. I pray for the strength to overcome my material attachments.

Srila Prabhupada, please bless me so that I may

remain fixed in this sublime movement, and never lose shelter of your lotus feet.

*Your insignificant servant,
Madhava Dasa*



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

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srimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine
namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvisesa-sunyavadi-pascaty-a-des-a-tarine*

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

DEAR SRILA PRABHUPADA, on this auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja, I would like to take this opportunity to thank His Divine Grace for giving us shelter by creating this ISKCON movement and saving us fallen souls.

I feel extremely fortunate that I am somehow connected to you and this Krishna conscious movement.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for your mercy, your books, your lectures, your instructions, guidance, and protection. We really appreciate

everything you have done for us fallen souls.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for giving me the greatest gift in the form of a spiritual master.

On this occasion of your Vyasa-puja, I beg for mercy at your lotus feet to bless and give me strength, intelligence, inspiration, and guidance to always follow your instruction and grow in my sadhana-bhakti.

*Your insignificant servant,
Madhavi Lila Devi Dasi*



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

YOUR GLORIES ARE UNLIMITED. I am not qualified to speak about you, but I will speak for my own purification.

First of all, I would like to thank you for giving

me the wonderful gift of Krishna consciousness.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for always being our well-wisher, and through your books allowing us to grow spiritually. Thank you for setting that



Madhavi Lila Devi Dasi
Durban
South Africa



Madhupati Dasa
Port Elizabeth
South Africa

example of how to be a pure servant of the Lord and how to make our way back home to Godhead in a practical manner. You are most inspirational, and many times when faced with a situation I say, “What would Srila Prabhupada have said or done?” You have covered every concern that I have had thus far in your morning-walk classes and discourses, and when all else fails – chant, chant, chant. Words could never do justice to the gratitude I feel for the role that you have played in our family’s life. You brought Lord Krishna into our home, not just as a Deity, but as a life-changing understanding

that we are the servants of the Lord and that the sweetness is in the service. Your example of service, relationships with others, and worship have been etched into my mind, and as a fallen soul I strive to someday be able to perform some service in a fraction of that mood.

Please continue to guide me and give me the wisdom to do what is best in service for the Lord.

*Your most humble servant,
Madhupati Dasa*



Madhuri Radha Devi Dasi
Port Elizabeth
South Africa



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

SRILA PRABHUPADA, I did not have the good fortune of meeting you at the time of your being on this earthly planet, and I wish I could have, so that I could have had your darshan and received the mercy of your vapu. However, I have the good fortune of being able to follow all the vani you have left behind. For this I am eternally grateful.

In a letter in 1969 sent to a disciple, you clearly stated: “But always remember I am always with you. As you are always thinking of me, I am always thinking of you also. Although physically we are not together, we are not separated spiritually. So, we should be concerned only with this spiritual connection.”

In this letter you have given us the solace and comfort that you live on eternally, as the relationship between you and us is a spiritual one and not a material one.

You have left behind for us a legacy of instructions in the form of your books and other literature. I feel so enlivened spiritually when I drink in the ambrosia of Krishna and His pastimes, associates, and personality that you have so nicely presented for us in your books and lectures. The nectar is so

vast that every time I read and study the scripture I feel like I am delving into an ocean of depth and beauty of the spiritual world and Lord Krishna as the Supreme Personality of Godhead.

You personally have shown us what a good devotee engaged in devotional service should be like. Just in the manner you cooked, planned events, worshipped the Lord, and sang at kirtan, the list goes on. Srila Prabhupada, you have been the example to show us how it should be done, and you have not only talked the talk but you have walked the walk, for any layman like me to follow in your footsteps, so that I can immerse myself in serving the devotees of the Lord and the Lord Himself.

You have endeared so many devotees by the kind and loving way you have spoken to them and taken care of them. This was your way to reciprocate with the Paramatma within you. Your love for the disciples and just about anyone and everyone you met showed us your deep love and appreciation for Krishna.

On this auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja, I bow down and beg for your mercy.

Srila Prabhupada, please bless me so that I may

be a servant even if in the slightest way possible.
Please bless this fallen soul.

*Your servant,
Madhuri Radha Devi Dasi*



My dear Srila Prabhupada,

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

DURING THE LATTER PART of January this year, I lost my mum, who was very close and dear to me. The night before, when I visited her at hospital, and after I was chanting Hare Krsna by her bedside, I told her, “Mum, you must also chant, especially when you are in pain and feeling scared and alone.”

Her immediate response was, “I always chant, but the moment I see the nurses coming towards my bed, I say, Krsna, please don’t let them give me an injection.”

During the early hours of the next morning, I received the worst news ever... mum is no more.

When I looked at her body at the mortuary, she was so peaceful and calm. She even had a smile on her face. And I knew that the Vishnudutas had come and had taken her soul away. And, it’s all because of

you, my dear Srila Prabhupada.

You gave us this Krsna consciousness. Mum always chanted Hare Krsna, and she would cook and offer bhoga to the Lord as well. At the time of death, even if mum didn’t remember Lord Krsna, Lord Krsna remembered her. Thank you so much for your causeless mercy, Srila Prabhupada. Please take care of mum wherever she is, and please grab her hand and take her directly to Lord Krsna (if you haven’t done so yet).

Happy Vyasa-puja, Srila Prabhupada. I am eternally indebted to you.

*Your most fallen servant,
Mahaprabhu Dasa*



My dearest Prabhupada,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to you on this most auspicious day of yours.

I bow at your lotus feet with great gratitude and appreciation.

WORDS CANNOT FULLY EXPRESS how much you have given us. You travelled across the world and endured so much difficulty so that we could get love for Krsna. Before receiving your teachings, many of us did not know much.

Through your books, your lectures, and your

example, we opened our eyes to the spiritual life of Krsna consciousness. Personally, my life has been touched and transformed by your mercy.

Today I offer my heartfelt love for every sacrifice you have made. Please bless me that I could always remember your teachings, remain humble



Mahaprabhu Dasa
Phoenix
South Africa



Maithili Devi Dasi
Durban
South Africa

in your service, and sincerely become your instrument in your mission.

*Your grateful servant, with love,
Hare Krsna,
Maithili Devi Dasi*



Maliga Bissessur
Phoenix, Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

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

MY OFFERING COMES WITH so much gratitude and love from the very core of my soul. It is a great honour and fortune that I touched and opened Bhagavad-gita As It Is around 2020 – a book that was in my possession for maybe 20 years and which I never thought of opening before. Divine time was definitely at play. The day I opened and started to read this sacred scripture has been a wondrous, inquisitive, and divine schooling of my new approach to life.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for your mercy, guidance, and teachings of spiritual life. As I was reading, I was simultaneously putting into practice whatever I picked up from the very detailed purports. First and foremost, I immediately surrendered to Srila Prabhupada and to Sri Krsna. Without anyone telling me, I assumed the role of Arjuna. Thus I have been on a deep spiritual journey ever since. All necessities were provided by the Supreme Lord, and I kept going. Currently I am almost completing the Bhakti-shastri degree with ISKCON. I attend regular programmes at the Hare Krsna temple, and I absorb the teachings of all devotees who hold the classes. As I have been learning, I have also simultaneously been sharing with others. I have

lived my life following all the principles of Vedic culture without knowing it. I simply wanted to always do good and be good, and God will take care of everything else. Today I am so grateful that that was “living a purposeful life.”

I understand that I have actually been living in Krsna consciousness, and so great events have unfolded over the last five to six years.

Srila Prabhupada, by your grace and mercy and detailed purports, I have also been graced to serve a bigger purpose to humanity. I am working on that project; please give me guidance on making a difference to others’ lives for the betterment of humanity. I am a member of a highly cultured, religious family who have been serving God for generations, and this tradition of classical music, classical dance, classical vocalists, scriptural drama, study of scriptures, and knowledge has been a part of my life since childhood. However, I am the first to have taken to Krsna consciousness.

*Your sincere servant,
Maliga Bissessur*





My beloved saviour Srila Prabhupada,

I AM ALWAYS WONDERING where and what I would be doing without your books, which have enlightened my life on earth (it feels like heaven on earth). Thank you, my father, for following your guru maharaja by uplifting so many fallen and lost souls – your power to guide your disciples in life so that the movement

could continue and grow. Yes, the world is blasting with the ISKCON movement through many, many different cultures.

*Your ever-indebted follower,
Mandarin Mahima Devi Dasi*



Mandarin Mahima Devi Dasi
Durban
South Africa



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

AS I WRITE THIS OFFERING, I reflect deeply on your spiritual contributions to the whole world – from your tireless efforts in translating scriptures, spreading and growing Krishna consciousness globally, and the impact your books have made on all our lives. You brought Vedic wisdom to all walks of life with no money and no followers. As I delve deeper into your legacy – a humbled, determined servant – I see how you profoundly impacted a new way of life and transformed the world. Srila Prabhupada, your journey is transcendental and most remarkable.

Upon introspection of my own life, I am full of faults. I acknowledge my abundant spiritual shortcomings. When I feel my mind dwindling, I am, by your mercy, reminded of your heartfelt prayers written aboard the Jaladuta:

“I do not know why You have brought me here. Now You can do whatever You like with me. But I guess You have some business here, otherwise why would You bring me to this terrible place?” — Srila

Prabhupada, Jaladuta Diary.

Your prayers reflect a deep surrender to the will of the Supreme Lord – a firm reminder to me to have unflinching and constant faith despite the circumstances. I am grateful for the opportunity I have to live under your shelter and learn from the many sincere devotees who have realized Krishna by your mercy. I know you have some plan for me. I pray to you, dear Srila Prabhupada, to please guide me to be spiritually awake, destroy my pride and illusion, and help me become more fixed and fearless in my own path of Krishna consciousness. Please shower your mercy on me so that I may endeavour to serve You, guru, and the Supreme Lordships sincerely and to the best of my abilities.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada.

*Your insignificant servant,
Manjuali Devi Dasi*



Manjuali Devi Dasi
Pietermaritzburg
South Africa



Manjumedā Devī Dāśī
Durban
South Africa



Dear Śrīla Prabhupada,
Please accept my respectful obeisances.
All glories to Your Divine Grace, dear Śrīla Prabhupada.

THANK YOU SO MUCH for this opportunity to write an offering for you. I will always be eternally grateful to you, dear Śrīla Prabhupada, for the beautiful home you built for us so that we can serve you, the Deities, and the devotees.

Despite the various challenges I had to face when I relocated from Pietermaritzburg to Durban, your causeless mercy helped me to start serving in the Deity department, cooking *raja-bhoga* for their Lordships Śrī Śrī Rādhā-Rādhānāth every Monday morning. It is a really intensive and tiring service, but I really feel so blissful when I serve with my God-family. I also take my Prabhū, who is not a practicing devotee, to the temple for various programmes and also for the Sunday Love Feast programme. In Pietermaritzburg my Prabhū never wanted to attend any of the programmes at the temple. He only attended when I gave class during

the Sunday Love Feast programme.

When I'm chanting the holy names of the Lord, my Prabhū sits beside me and listens to me chanting. I pray that, with your mercy, dear Śrīla Prabhupada, he will become purified and want to chant as well while he's still on this planet.

I'm going through so many challenges in my life right now, dear Śrīla Prabhupada, but serving as a devotee keeps me sane and blissful. This wouldn't have been possible if it weren't for you and everything you did for us, dear Śrīla Prabhupada. Therefore, dear Śrīla Prabhupada, I'll remain eternally grateful to you.

*With love and great respect from your worthless
grand-disciple, servant of the servant,
Manjumedā Devī Dāśī*



Martin Booysen
Port Elizabeth
South Africa



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

I WOULD LIKE TO OFFER MY GRATITUDE to Lord Kṛṣṇa for empowering you, His servant A. C. Bhaktivedānta Swami, to journey to the West. I also thank Him for granting you the intelligence and divine inspiration to translate the sacred Sanskrit texts into English, thereby enabling imperfect souls like me to receive even a glimpse of the profound wisdom of the Vedas.

Reflecting on this causeless mercy brings me back to the seventies, when — by some divine arrangement — I found a copy of *The Science of Self-Realization* in my home in a neglected township in South Africa. The discussions and arguments in that book stirred my curiosity and inspired me to

explore further. This led me to your extraordinary work, *Bhagavad-gītā As It Is*, which I regard as the most incredible book of all time.

Through it, I came to understand my true position and my relationship with the Supreme Lord, and what is required for spiritual elevation. One of the first things that deeply struck me was that in this scripture, God speaks directly in the first person. This realization was astonishing to me. Furthermore, it was the first religious text I encountered that fully resonated with me, presenting a philosophy that harmonizes the apparent paradox of God being both all-powerful and all-merciful — something I had not found reconciled elsewhere.

I humbly acknowledge that the material energy (māyā) has often overwhelmed me, and that I have not been strong enough to resist its influences. Yet it appears that even the small amount of wisdom I have gained from your divinely inspired books has been sufficient to sustain me through this difficult material existence, and to keep me from falling further into illusion.

I also beg forgiveness for not having fully taken advantage of the opportunities that have come

my way since first encountering Krishna consciousness. I remain a fallen soul, yet an eternal friend of the devotees, with the hope that in time I may become qualified to come within the shelter of your influence and be elevated by your merciful consciousness.

Until then, I remain,

*Your humble servant,
Martin Booysen*



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

WHEN WE LOOK AT OUR LIFE compared to others, we are so grateful you have given us a real life to live in devotional service.

Srila Prabhupada, we humbly pray to you to forever keep us under your lotus feet and bless us that we become sincere devotees.

We thank you for all you have done.

*Your most fallen servants,
Mathura Mohan Dasa, Mathura Mohini Devi Dasi,
Prahlaḍ, and Jagannath Soma*



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

WORDS ARE INADEQUATE when attempting to express my gratitude for the immeasurable gifts you have given to this world. Although I was born after your manifested pastimes on this earth, I am still able to see and experience your mercy through your wonderful disciples, books, programs, and temples. Every step I take in my spiritual life is only possible because of the path you so carefully paved and the legacy you have left. You have taken so much pain to carefully create all facilities for my spiritual growth; may I always remember and remain grateful for this.

On this sacred day, I pray for the strength to become a more faithful follower of your instructions.

Please help me develop greater sincerity, humility, and devotion so that I may serve my spiritual master in a way that's pleasing to my Gurudev and to Your Divine Grace.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for all your sacrifices, your kindness, your compassion, and your love. Thank you for your books and teachings, your guidance, and your disciples. Thank you for the temples, Their Lordships, and for devotional service. Thank you for creating a house that gives us all shelter from the pains of the material world. Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for our spiritual family, and for accepting this ignorant fool as your own.



Mathura Mohan Dasa,
Mathura Mohini Devi Dasi,
Prahlaḍ,
and Jagannath Soma
Sandton, South Africa



Mathura Shyam Dasa
Durban
South Africa

Despite my many shortcomings and weaknesses, I remain hopeful because of your mercy. I pray that Your Divine Grace may remain my eternal master, and that one day I may become worthy of being

called your servant.

*Your unworthy aspiring servant,
Mathura Shyam Dasa*



Mayapur Chandra Dasa 🌸
Durban
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most humble obeisances at the dust of your divine lotus feet.
All glories to Your Divine Grace on this most auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja. All glories to Sri Sri Radha-Radhanath.

IT IS THAT TIME OF THE YEAR when we try to find some suitable words to properly glorify an exalted and wonderful personality like you.

I am but a neophyte devotee, so all I can do is to tell you what you are to me in the words of Visvanatha Cakravarti Thakura:

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

Therefore I offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of such a spiritual master, who is a bona fide representative of Sri Hari (Krsna).”

You live through your books, which nourish me daily. Thank you for your mercy; thank you for giving us ISKCON; thank you for giving me shelter at your lotus feet.

*Your forever grateful grandson,
Mayapur Chandra Dasa*



Meetkumar Naginbhai Prajapati 🌸
Nairobi
Kenya



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

ON THIS MOST AUSPICIOUS DAY of your Vyasa-puja, I would like to offer my heartfelt gratitude for the greatest gift you have given us—your transcendental books.

Srila Prabhupada, through your books, you continue to speak directly to the hearts of conditioned souls. Your words carry Krishna’s mercy, and they have the power to transform lives forever. I feel extremely fortunate that somehow, I have received the opportunity to participate in your book distribution mission.

Every time I go out for book distribution, I remember that I am simply carrying your mercy to others. Even when challenges come, thinking about your determination and sacrifice gives me

inspiration to continue. You travelled across the world at an advanced age, faced so many difficulties, and still tirelessly distributed Krishna consciousness for the benefit of all living beings. Compared to your sacrifice, my service is very small, but I pray that one day I may develop even a drop of your compassion.

Srila Prabhupada, book distribution has helped me become closer to you. It has taught me dependence on Krishna, humility, patience, and faith in the holy name. The happiness that comes when someone accepts one of your books is something very special because I know their spiritual journey has begun through your mercy.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for allowing

fallen souls like me to participate in your mission. Please bless me that I may always remain enthusiastic in distributing your books, serving the devotees, and helping spread the holy names all over the world.

I pray that I may always remember that this

mission belongs to you and that I can remain a small servant in your worldwide sankirtan movement, birth after birth.

*Your insignificant servant,
Bhakta Meetkumar Naginbhai Prajapati*



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

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

ON THIS MOST AUSPICIOUS DAY of your Vyasa-puja, I want to offer my sincere, heartfelt gratitude at your divine lotus feet. Words cannot adequately express how indebted I feel to you for all that you have given us.

Out of your causeless mercy, you carried the teachings of Lord Krishna across the world and have made them available to people like me, who would otherwise have remained lost in the sea of ignorance. You gave us Krishna. You gave us the holy name, His teachings, His devotees and His service. Through your books, your instructions and your unlimited compassion, countless souls have been given the opportunity to reconnect with Krishna.

You established ISKCON as a spiritual home where people from all backgrounds can learn, grow and engage in devotional service. Every temple, every kirtan session, every plate of prasadam

distributed, all devotee association and every opportunity to hear about Krishna is a direct gift that has come through your sacrifice and dedication. I pray that I may always remember your instructions, develop genuine appreciation for your service and become even just a small instrument in helping fulfil your mission. Please bless me so that I may remain connected to Krishna consciousness and continue trying to serve your movement with sincerity and humility.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for everything you have given me. Thank you for giving me Krishna. Thank you for giving us ISKCON. Thank you for showing us the path back home, back to Godhead.

*Your insignificant servant,
Mellissa Munsami*

 Mellissa Munsami
Durban
South Africa



Mihir Maistry 🌸
Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

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nirvisesa-sunyavadi-pascatya-desat-tarine*

THERE ARE NO WORDS I can say to express my gratitude towards you, Prabhupada. You have been so merciful towards all of us for giving us this movement, Prabhupada, and no amount of words will ever show how truly grateful we are to have you in our lives. Because of all your efforts, I am where I am today.

You sacrificed so much to spread this movement and efforts to make sure that the holy name would be chanted in every town and village. I wouldn't be here today if it weren't for you opening my eyes to the truth.

om ajnana timirandhasya jnananjana salakaya,

caksur unmilitam yena tasmai sri gurave namah

You have opened my eyes from the darkness of ignorance, Prabhupada and saved my life from illusion and false association. I'm so grateful for all that you have done for me, and especially grateful to you for creating this movement because without you, Prabhupada, my life would definitely be filled with endless misery and a lot of ignorance. Thank you for everything you have done for me, Prabhupada. I am who I am today all because of you.

*Your servant,
Mihir Maistry*



Mukunda Dasa 🌸
Johannesburg
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

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

All glories to you Srila Prabhupada on your divine and auspicious Vyasa-puja celebration.

I OFFER MY PRAYERS at your divine lotus feet: Sri Gopal Kathamritam, Sri Gurudev Prity Padam, Sri Guru Caranamritam, Sri Gopal Sukhapadam.

Srila Prabhupada, so much is currently going on in this world. It seems like almost some sort of madness is engulfing this entire globe. Incessant wars, climate destruction, economic meltdowns, families being displaced, constant suffering, anxiety and uncertainty rule the day. Such has become the norm regarding the news of our daily planet.

Srila Prabhupada, when I turn and withdraw from these thoughts and simply focus on you, I feel a sense of warmth which overcomes my heart, a

warmth which is filled with gratitude and praise.

Amidst all the insanity that is going on all around us, you have so lovingly set a path for us, strewn with the nine processes of bhakti, which are lifting us out of this darkness and illuminating our path back home, back to Godhead.

That warmth is like the light that brightens up our day and gives us the strength, both materially and spiritually, to be conscious of our daily existence and understand the true and real purpose of our existence.

That warmth that comes from the guidance of your divine hand through words and actions and

by those who have taken shelter in you (your disciples) who regularly remind us of how to keep your spirit and mood ever-flowing for the benefit of the three worlds.

Appreciating the rarity of your divine presence and your causeless mercy, I pray that I can somehow at least attain the level of sincerity in my continuation of serving you and attempt to be of some value

to your ISKCON mission.

I pray, Srila Prabhupada, that you continue to nourish ISKCON so that the spiritual health of ISKCON can continue to flourish.

*Your most unappreciative recipient of good fortune,
Mukunda Dasa*



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

 Mukunda Datta Dasa
Cape Town
South Africa

A LOT IS HAPPENING in the world today, and also in this movement that you have so lovingly created for all humanity to take shelter.

People sometimes criticise you, your followers, and this movement also. I pray that I can always keep in my heart an appreciation for your efforts and struggle to give anyone and everyone the opportunity to take to Krsna consciousness. It is the most rare and precious gift.

When we read your life story in the Lilamrita and understand about your unwavering determination, the great struggle and difficulty you went through to fulfil the prophecy of Lord Chaitanya and the order of your Guru Maharaja, Om Visnupada Paramahansa Parivrajakacarya Astottara-sata Sri Srimad His Divine Grace Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakura Maharaja Srila Prabhupada - we get a glimpse of your greatness and love: love for Lord Krsna and compassion for the suffering souls who are struggling in this world absorbed completely in Maya.

We did not even know that we were in Maya, simply living life in careless pursuit of sense gratification, thinking this to be happiness.

Somehow, due to good fortune (which you have created for us) by creating this ISKCON - The International Society for Krishna Consciousness, we are being saved from immense suffering - not only in

this life, but we've been protected from the ongoing struggle of samsara (repeated birth and death) - life after life, doing the same thing - punah punas carvananam - chewing the chewed.

It's easy to give up - throw it away. (This practice of Krsna consciousness). As precious as it is. Still, I am careless and negligent in my practice of devotional life.

I fail to realise or accept that practising bhakti is the only important practice in my life. Sometimes, due to over-familiarity, I take everything for granted, forgetting where I've come from and where I need to focus on reaching - the goal or final destination (Goloka Vrindavan, the spiritual world).

It is undoubtedly a high goal or destination, but this is the gift and opportunity which you have shared with everyone equally - no one is excluded and that's the best part.

What we put in is what we get out. I pray for sincerity, that I can be able to respect all living beings, and act properly as an initiated granddisciple, a follower of ISKCON.

It's difficult to tolerate, but tolerance is required in keeping the balance of spiritual and material life intact and in order.

Someday we will return, back home, back to Godhead. In this life or the lives to come, but undoubtedly the path has been shown by you and

your sincere followers.

Thank you for giving me a chance. A chance which I definitely did not deserve, but a chance nonetheless.

I pray that I can love and appreciate all the devotees near and far and assist my spiritual master and all of your followers in whatever way I can, even if it is insignificant. I pray that I can remain true to the practice of Kṛṣṇa consciousness till the very end of

my life and beyond.

It's been a great experience practising Kṛṣṇa consciousness and I am very thankful to have been accepted and allowed to be a part of this glorious sankirtan movement of Lord Caitanya.

I remain forever in your debt.

*An insignificant living entity, trying to be of service,
Mukunda Datta Dasa*



Murali Krishna Dasa
Bethal
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my most humble obeisances. All glories to Your Divine Grace on the auspicious occasion of your Vyasa-puja. All glories to Sri Guru and Gauranga. All glories to the assembled Vaisnavas and to all the revered guru maharajas in the ISKCON family.

HARE KṚṢṆA.

Words cannot adequately express the gratitude we feel toward you. We are eternally indebted to your causeless mercy. Had you not undertaken the arduous journey to America, solely to fulfil the order of your beloved spiritual master, His Divine Grace Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī Ṭhākura, we would have remained hopelessly lost in the darkness of material existence, tightly bound by the illusory energy of māyā.

Out of your boundless compassion, you travelled to deliver the timeless message of Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa and Lord Caitanya Mahāprabhu. Through your books, teachings, and personal example, you have given us access to the most sublime treasure—the process of pure devotional service.

You have provided a perfect and flawless spiritual process by which even the most fallen souls can awaken their dormant love for Kṛṣṇa. Your dear disciple, His Holiness Bhakti Charu Swami Mahārāja, would often glorify this process, stating that if

there were a purer or more effective path to attain Kṛṣṇa, he would readily accept the challenge of finding it. Such was his complete faith in the process you so mercifully gave to the world.

Śrīla Prabhupāda, you will forever remain the Jagad-guru, the spiritual master of the entire world. Through your teachings, countless conditioned souls have found meaning, purpose, and the path back home, back to Godhead.

On this sacred day of your appearance as the representative of Lord Vyāsadeva, I humbly pray for the strength to become an instrument of your mission and to develop even a fraction of the devotion, determination, humility, and surrender that you so perfectly exemplified.

Begging for a particle of dust from your lotus feet, I remain,

*Your insignificant and fallen servant and grandson,
Murali Krishna Dasa*





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



Nadiya Devi Dasi
Johannesburg
South Africa

THIS YEAR, THE THEME OF SEPARATION IS STRONG, and devotees have described this period as the “decade of tears”.

Even though it is inevitable, we cannot prepare adequately for the loss... and the loss is considerable. I'm reminded of the phases of a tidal wave.

During your manifest pastimes, your disciples describe an era of awakening, followed by the Krsna explosion, a high tide of activity, bliss and transformation. But when you left, there was an ebb, the loss was significant.

Your sincere followers picked up your desire and pushed on fervently and created a second wave that swept us up in the current of mercy and joy, flooding every corner of the globe with Krsna's holy names. We rode the crest wave and believed that it would never end... But all waves eventually crash onto the shore, and as the waves ebb and withdraw, we are left in despair. But even that despair of

separation gives us a tiny glimpse of the separation of the Vrajavasis. Maybe, just maybe, a fraction of a particle of union in separation will mildly or fleetingly dawn on us, who knows... but without a doubt it will be by your mercy and grace.

I am reminded that you, Prabhupada, and Lord Caitanya are personally guiding ISKCON, and the waves of mercy will again rise and flood the world with bliss. That is your inconceivable potency. As long as we try to follow your instructions, your mercy will guide us.

On this day of your Vyasa-puja, I beg with folded hands and humbly pray for shelter at your lotus feet to weather the storm of separation. Please protect us and guide us more so now than ever before.

*Your struggling granddaughter,
Nadiya Devi Dasi*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our humble obeisances at your lotus feet on your Vyasa-puja.
All glories to Your Divine Grace!



Nalinikanta Dasa
and Hemavati Radhika Dasi
Gauteng
South Africa

WE STAND HERE TODAY in your ISKCON by your causeless mercy and we are so grateful for your grace; we are nothing without it. Lord Caitanya sent you to spread Krishna consciousness, which you did on the order of your Guru Maharaja so successfully. You had so many challenges but never gave up. Your mood of surrender and determination with implicit faith in the Holy Name revolutionized the world.

Your Divine Grace is the acharya of an international movement for all time, constantly growing. Srila Prabhupada, we are so proud of you and eternally grateful to you. You give us hope in these dark times by your teachings and especially your

books, the treasure house of knowledge about the absolute truth.

We value and love Your Divine Grace very much and really want to serve your mission, so kindly engage us as you desire; we are your servants of your servants and wish to remain so eternally.

Thank you for giving us everything in the most perfect way and loving us despite our countless offences. Please bless us to deepen our relationship with the Holy Name, always serve the deities and devotees with all the love in our hearts, remaining in your eternal service and returning back to your lotus feet in the spiritual sky at the end of this life.

Thank you very much, our beloved Srila Prabhupada.

*Your grandchildren and servants of your servants,
Nalinikanta Dasa and Hemavati Radhika Dasi*



Nama-srestha Dasa 🌸
Edenvale, Johannesburg
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to you, the eternal spiritual master.

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

BY YOUR MERCY, I have been given the opportunity to serve in BBT Africa and the Global Property Office. Though my efforts are small and imperfect, I pray that they may be pleasing to you, as they are but attempts to assist in maintaining and expanding the mission you so compassionately established.

In my BBTA service, I see how the printing and distribution of your books continue to change the lives of everyone who encounters them and how this aligns with our desire to spread Krishna consciousness. Each task, whether administrative, operational or financial, reminds me that this is not mundane work, but sacred service meant to protect and sustain your movement for generations to come.

Srila Prabhupada, I know that without your mercy, I have no qualification. My only prayer is that you allow me to continue serving in these capacities with sincerity, humility, and steadiness. May my work always be guided by your instructions, free from selfish motives, and dedicated to the expansion of your mission.

Thank you for giving me the chance to serve. Please bless me that I may never forget that all service is meant for your pleasure and the pleasure of Sri Guru and Gauranga.

*Your insignificant servant,
Nama-srestha Dasa*



Nandanandini Devi Dasi 🌸
Port Elizabeth
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your divine lotus feet. All glories to you on this most auspicious occasion of your appearance! All glories to my spiritual master, Srila Bhakti Caitanya Swami!

SRILA PRABHUPADA, last year we celebrated your 50-year arrival in South Africa and this year we celebrated the 60th anniversary of your ISKCON. I also turned 60 years old this year. I realise these milestones are an important time to reflect. This morning I was able to watch the sunrise, which was so amazingly beautiful. I realised that there are so many things we just take for granted, e.g.,

the sunrise, sunsets, and the different seasons. The summer fruits in South Africa are the best; we just know that they are coming and then, just like that, they're gone and citrus fruits are back! Life is like that - so fleeting - here today and gone tomorrow!

These phenomena around us make me think of you, Srila Prabhupada. Those of us following in your divine footsteps have lots to be always grateful

for - grateful to you. We refer to you as the ocean of mercy! All our sunrises, sunsets and the different seasons are just like our acaryas who have all flooded us with knowledge. You, Srila Prabhupada, are the summer fruits! Just like when the parrots bite into a fruit, the fruit becomes sweeter; just like that, we received the transcendental nectar from your mouth. That nectar enters our hearts, and our sweet Lord is revealed and our constitutional position becomes clearer. My realisation is that even if we have all the knowledge, but without the spiritual master's mercy, we cannot attain the Supreme Lord.

Srila Prabhupada, the 8th stanza in Gurvastakam:

“yasya prasada bhagavat-prasado, yasya prasadan na gatih kuto pi, dhyayan stuvams tasya yasas tri-sandhyam, vande guroh sri-caranaravindam”

Translation: “By the mercy of the spiritual master, one receives the benediction of Krsna. 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”.

Srila Prabhupada, this stanza came to mind as I wrote this offering to you. It clearly describes you - the patita (fallen) pavan (deliverer). I am praying to you to accept this offering by me, the most patita - the most fallen of all fallen.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for all that you gave us. The value of what you have given us is something we can never repay. On this special day, please bless us so that we can at least attempt to repay you in some small way.

*Your servant always,
Nandanandini Devi Dasi*



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

MANY YEARS AGO, when I heard about all the calamities predicted in Srimad Bhagavatam, I took it for granted that I would have left the planet by then. Little did I realise that Kali yuga would advance at such high velocity and intensify so soon. I'm indeed grateful that you've given us the knowledge of how to deal with the endless problems of the world.

Our chanting and spiritual practices help give us an inner strength to cope with the reversals that occur. Your infinite mercy and that of guru is the impetus that helps us push on. Thank you so much.

*Your spiritual granddaughter,
Nandimukhi Dasi*



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

BY YOUR CAUSELESS MERCY, the holy names of Sri Sri Radha and Krishna have spread throughout the world, illuminating the hearts of countless

conditioned souls lost in the darkness of material existence. You compassionately carried the message of Lord Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu across the



Nandimukhi Dasi
Asherville, Durban
South Africa



Nandini Rooplal
Durban
South Africa

oceans, tolerating immense hardship only to fulfil the desire of your spiritual master and deliver fallen souls like myself.

Srila Prabhupada, I am eternally indebted to you. Through your transcendental books, instructions, and pure example of unalloyed devotional service, you have opened the doorway to Krishna consciousness for all humanity. Your teachings continue to guide, inspire, and purify my heart, teaching me the true meaning of surrender, humility, and loving service to the Supreme Personality of Godhead.

Although I am filled with many shortcomings and anarthas, I pray for your mercy so that I may develop steadiness in my devotional service

and become an instrument in your divine mission. Please bless me with the intelligence and sincerity to always remember your instructions, faithfully chant the holy names, and render service pleasing to guru and Gauranga.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for your unlimited compassion, sacrifice, and divine love. May I always remain sheltered at your lotus feet and spend my life striving to serve your mission with gratitude, sincerity, and devotion.

*Your humble servant at your lotus feet,
Nandini Rooplal*



Nara Narayana Dasa, 
Matangi Devi Dasi,
Savitri Devi Dasi,
Prema Manjari
and Hari Prashad
Chamouny
Mauritius



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

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

THIRTY YEARS AGO, your unparalleled compassion flowing through the pages of your transcendental books enabled this most degraded soul to drop that last cigarette and hold a bell. Thirty years later, I am still ringing it for your transcendental pleasure in the service of Sri Sri Radha Golokananda.

In our daily worship, when we ring the bell, the sacred texts remind us of its profound significance:

*sarva-vadya-mayi ghante deva-devasya vallabhe
tvam vina naiva sarvesam subham bhavati sobhane*

O beautiful bell, so dear to Sri Krsna, the God of gods, you embody the sweet sound of all music. Without you, there is no auspiciousness for anyone.

In humble reflection, these very words, offered at your lotus feet, seem equally to reveal your own

glories:

O merciful Srila Prabhupada, so dear to Sri Krsna, the God of gods, you embody the sweet compassion of all sages. Without you, there is no auspiciousness for anyone.

This description indeed captures what Your Divine Grace represents to all the fallen souls who have lost all spiritual direction. Whoever has taken shelter at your lotus feet is always showered by auspiciousness. Just as the ringing of the bell dissipates all inauspiciousness, so too does your vani dispel the ignorance of people from all walks of life.

Srila Prabhupada, on this most auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja, I can only beg at your lotus feet to be, in turn, the one who will pass the bell to other fortunate souls—through the training of pujaris, the nurturing of young devotees, and the sharing

of your vani in every way this fallen servant is able.

*Nara Narayana Dasa, Matangi Devi Dasi, Savitri
Devi Dasi, Prema Manjari and Hari Prashad*

Begging to remain your humble servants,



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
All glories to Sri Guru & Sri Gauranga. All Glories to His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada.
Please accept our humble obeisances.



Narahari Dasa
and Family
Durban
South Africa

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

DANDAVATS AND COUNTLESS PRANAM at the dust of your divine lotus feet on your very auspicious and glorious Vyasa-puja. I'm no expert nor qualified enough to glorify such a pure devotee of the Lord as yourself, but it behooves me to offer my gratitude and sincere appreciation for you gracing this country, South Africa, with the holy name. Thank you kindly for even thinking of us, fallen, insignificant souls and rescuing us all from the clutches of maya.

Just as Lord Krishna entered the home of the Pandavas as if it were His own but did not take care of the home of Duryodhana, similarly, dearest Srila Prabhupada, by your compassion and grace, you have mercifully set your divine lotus feet on our shores, what to speak of our homes and livelihood. You have meticulously woven out a plan; only you had the vision to rescue us fallen souls from further degradation.

Thank you again for opening our eyes with the torch of knowledge by the many volumes of literature and topical lectures, which are the foundation of the ethos of ISKCON. We cannot even fathom what our silly lives would be without your caring and selfless sacrifices you endured just to save the

whole of mankind... What to speak of us silly fools.

You have painstakingly built a home, ISKCON, for the whole of mankind to live in peace and harmony, if not by your standards, then by dharma.

Please forgive us fallen souls for not being so enthusiastic, proactive and in maintaining your impeccable high standards in our day-to-day activities and sankirtan in your ISKCON movement. Our daily prayer to you, Srila Prabhupada, is to please allow us all to take shelter at the dust of your divine lotus feet, albeit all our trivial misgivings and faults.

Please guide us to also stay focused on our sadhana and sankirtan; thus, we are always begging in anticipation for your divine and compassionate mercy from hereon and still remaining in your service!

Happy 2026 Vyasa-puja, dearest Jagat Guru.

Srila Prabhupada Ki Jai!

*From your most struggling, fallen and degraded
servant of the servants,
Narahari Dasa and Family*



Nashvin Gangaram 🙏
Durban
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Hare Krsna. Please accept my humble obeisances in the dust of your lotus feet.
All glories to your Divine Grace!

THANK YOU FOR EVERYTHING you have given me. Please know that even though this offering is very meagre, you mean everything to me. Without you, my life would have no real purpose at all.

I find myself very busy with work and various services, which I am very grateful for. Please

empower me to do whatever you would like me to do.

Please continue bestowing your favour upon me even though I do not deserve it.

*An aspiring servant of your loyal followers,
Nashvin Gangaram*



Nikunja Seva Dasi 🙏
Durban
South Africa



My dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most humble obeisances at the shade of your lotus feet.
All glories to your most auspicious appearance day.

QUOTE: “In determining whether a person is empowered by God, the main consideration is the quality of his work.” In C.C the scholar Vallabh says to Lord Caitanya,

“The fact that you have spread Krishna consciousness all over the world proves that you have Krsna shakti, transcendental power from Lord Krsna”.

After Srila Prabhupada’s passing away in 1977, his senior Godbrother B. R. Sridhar Maharaja quoted this same Krsna-shakti verse and applied it to Prabhupada. “Unless he had been empowered by Krsna, he could not have spread Krishna consciousness as he did”. Introduction, Srila Prabhupada Lilamrta, Satswarup Das Goswami.

Srila Prabhupada, you were empowered by Lord Krsna, you were a Senapati Guru, but you never took any credit for all that you did to give Krishna consciousness so freely to the entire nation. In the early days, you single-handedly started the publication of

Back to Godhead magazines and you also distributed it, at an age that had no bounds.

When I think of myself in trying to go out and give Krishna consciousness to the people, it’s most difficult, yet in today’s day and age it’s so much easier; we have the books, we have vehicles, we have devotees and the training on how to go out there and deliver this Krishna consciousness. But still, we find so many excuses.

Today, Srila Prabhupada, your mercy is more easily accessible. I pray at your lotus feet that you may please empower me to read and understand this philosophy of Krishna consciousness, to properly practice it, live it and also share it with others and bring them to the shelter of your lotus feet.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for saving me and giving me a home in which we all can live as one big family, as the rainbow nation.

*Your unworthy granddaughter,
Nikunja Seva Dasi*





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



Nimai Mistry
Johannesburg
South Africa

I LIKE HOW YOU DISTRIBUTED Krsna consciousness all over the world and all the beautiful stories from the Krsna book from the 10th Canto of the Srimad Bhagavatam. I also like kachories like you do.

I enjoyed the story of Dvividha the Gorilla because it showed how some people in the material world behave because they don't have spiritual guidance and are not fortunate like us to have received your spiritual guidance, Srila Prabhupada. You gave us the books, stories and inspiration to build temples. When I'm older, I would like to serve you by helping to build lots of temples, where people can come to worship the Deities and learn about Krsna consciousness too.

We are currently in the second week of the Purushottam month. I like the Caurastakam song because it describes how Lord Krsna is the original, eternal, supreme and transcendental thief of everything, like the milk and butter from the Gopis. I like these two verses of the Caurastakam because they describe how Lord Krsna most importantly steals the sins of his devotees. This means that the Lord is very kind to his devotees and helps them to become better devotees.

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*vraje prasiddham navanita-cauram
gopangananam ca dukula-cauram
aneka-janmarjita-papa-cauram*

cauragraganyam purusham namami

I offer pranams to that foremost of thieves – who is famous in Vraja as the butter thief and He who steals the gopis' clothes, and who, for those who take shelter of Him, steals the sins which have accrued over many lifetimes.

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*shri radhikaya hridayasya cauram
navambuda-shyamala-kanti-cauram
padashritanam ca samasta-cauram
cauragraganyam purusham namami*

I offer pranams to the foremost of thieves – who steals Shrimati Radhika's heart, who steals the dark luster of a fresh raincloud, and who steals all the sins and sufferings of those who take shelter of His feet.

Please help me chant lots more. Currently, I am chanting six rounds of japa every day and helping to do arati at home, plus I enjoy playing kartals in the kirtan.

Thank you for everything, Srila Prabhupada.

*Your humble servant,
Nimai Mistry (10 years old)*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Respected Srila Prabhupada, please accept my respectful obeisance at your lotus feet.
Hare Krishna.



Nimmi Moodley
Pietermaritzburg
South Africa

IT IS BECAUSE OF SRILA PRABHUPADA that we have access to the transcendental Vedic knowledge

through the various spiritual books written by Your Divine Grace.

I wish to express my gratitude and appreciation to Srila Prabhupada for enlightening me further on Vaisnava principles, encouragement to study the books and emphasizing Sri Krishna's mercy.

On this special day, I remember your mercy and always remember not to forget my first duty to keep in contact with the Supreme Personality of Godhead.

May Srila Prabhupada's literature be

distributed throughout the world for many, many decades ahead. May the Krishna Conscious movement continue to spread globally.

My most humble gratitude and appreciation to His Divine Grace Srila Prabhupada.

Your grateful servant,

Nimmi Moodley



Nitai Dasa 
and Nikunja Lila Devi Dasi
Pietermaritzburg
South Africa



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

ON THIS MOST AUSPICIOUS OCCASION of your Vya-sa-puja, we wish to offer our heartfelt gratitude and prayers unto you.

Srila Prabhupada, it is impossible to measure your mercy upon this world. At an age when most people retire from active life, you crossed the ocean alone, carrying only your unshakable faith in Sri Krsna, the order of your spiritual master, and the priceless treasure of the Holy Name. Because of your compassion, millions of conditioned souls across the world have heard and chanted the maha-mantra:

*Hare Kṛṣṇa, Hare Kṛṣṇa, Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa, Hare Hare
Hare Rāma, Hare Rāma, Rāma Rāma, Hare Hare*

You transformed hearts, homes, cities, and lives by teaching the simple yet profound process of devotional service. Through your books, lectures, temples, devotees, and personal example, you showed us that real happiness is found in loving service to Sri Sri Radha and Krsna.

Before meeting your teachings, many of us wandered without direction, searching for meaning in a confusing world. But through your mercy, we have received transcendental knowledge, the association of devotees, the opportunity to serve, and most

importantly, the chanting of the Holy Names. You taught us not only philosophy but how to live with humility, compassion, determination, and devotion.

Your sacrifice is beyond comprehension. You tolerated so many hardships simply so fallen souls like us could have a chance to reconnect with Krsna. Every kirtan sung, every Bhagavad-gita distributed, every offering made to the Lord, and every devotee inspired in bhakti is a living testimony to your boundless mercy.

Srila Prabhupada, please bless us that we may never forget that whatever little devotion we possess has come only through your causeless mercy. Kindly help us to chant sincerely, serve selflessly, and remain faithful to your instructions throughout our lives.

May we always remember that you gave the world the greatest gift — the holy name of Krsna — and taught humanity that true peace and joy are found in loving devotional service to the Supreme Lord.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for giving us Krsna.

Your insignificant servants,

Nitai Dasa and Nikunja Lila Devi Dasi





Dearest Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept our most humble and prostrated obeisances at the dust of your divine lotus feet on this most blessed day of your Vyasa-puja.

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

ON THIS AUSPICIOUS OCCASION, we come before you as a family to express our deepest, most heartfelt gratitude for the immeasurable gift you have bestowed upon us. In a world often clouded by temporary pursuits and shifting truths, your books have been our unwavering anchor.

We are eternally grateful for the eternal knowledge you have painstakingly translated and explained. Through your Bhaktivedanta purports, the complex wisdom of the Vedas has become accessible, practical, and deeply personal to us. You have given us more than just information; you have given us the eyes to see the world in relation to the Supreme and the realization of our true, eternal identities.

Your books are the heart of our home. They

provide us with the guidance to navigate our lives with purpose and the inspiration to grow together in our spiritual journey. We recognize that every word you wrote was an act of pure compassion, intended to wake us from the sleep of material life.

Srila Prabhupada, thank you for being our eternal preceptor. We pray that we may always keep your teachings at the center of our lives and that our home may always be a place where your vani (instructions) are honored and practiced.

Please continue to bless us with your mercy, that we may remain steady in our service and always remain tucked under the shelter of your lotus feet.

Your humble servants,

Nityakrishna Dasa and Srutakirti Devi Dasi



Hare Krsna Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my humble obeisances unto your divine lotus feet.

AS I REFLECT upon reaching the age of 60, and the many challenges this body presents, I often think about the incredible journey you undertook across the vast ocean to deliver the conditioned souls of this material world. I cannot begin to imagine the determination, faith, and surrender required for such a mission. Surely, you were fully empowered by the Lord to carry out His divine plan.

Srila Prabhupada, without your mercy, I would not have found the path of Krsna consciousness. You opened my eyes and gave meaning, shelter, and

hope to my life. I must have performed some pious activity or good karma in previous lives to have become connected to you and your movement. I remain forever indebted to you for your compassion and sacrifice.

Through your mercy, I have also had the opportunity to go on parikrams and visit holy places I never imagined I would see. These experiences have deeply touched my heart and strengthened my faith and appreciation for devotional life.

You truly created a home for the whole world



Nityakrishna Dasa

and Srutakirti Devi Dasi

Vacoas

Mauritius



Nityarupini Madhavi Devi Dasi

Auckland

New Zealand

to live in—a spiritual family where people from all backgrounds can come together to chant, serve, and remember Kṛṣṇa. For this, I am deeply grateful.

In my own small way, I endeavour to honour your instructions by reading your books daily and trying to distribute them to others so they too may receive your mercy.

Thank you, Srīla Prabhupada, for everything you have given us. I pray for the strength to continue serving your mission with sincerity and gratitude.

*Your insignificant servant,
Nityarupini Madhavi Devi Dasi*



Noleen Durgapersadh
Durban
South Africa



Dearest Srīla Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Their Lordships, Srī Srī Rādhā Rādhānāth. All glories to Srī Caitanya Mahāprabhu. All glories to Srī Gīrī Govardhana. All glories unto Your Divine Grace.

YOUR GLORIES RESONATE all over the world. Your mercy and compassion permeate the whole world.

Thank you so much for sending your disciples to South Africa in the 1970s to establish ISKCON here to save all of us.

Your compassion was extended to my family and me via your devotees in magnanimous ways this year and helped us overcome huge challenges. I remain forever grateful to you and your ISKCON.

Please bless me so I may always be an instrument in your service, helping to spread and distribute the glories of The Holy Names and your life-transforming wisdom texts to as many people as possible. This, together with sadhu sangha are the only real refuge for humanity.

*With eternal gratitude unto you always,
Noleen Durgapersadh*



Padmanabha Dasa,
Havishmati Devi Dasi,
Parashakti Devi Dasi
and Devki Nandani
Lenasia
South Africa



Dear Srīla Prabhupada,
All glories to Srīla Prabhupada. All glories to Jagad Guru. Please accept my obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet.

WE ARE SO INDEBTED TO YOU for giving us shelter of the holy name in this world of voidism, materialism, and in this age of hypocrisy. We as a family try to follow the principles that you have established and the standards that you have set. The whole society is forever indebted to you for giving us the opportunity to receive the shelter of the Supreme Lord Kṛṣṇa and granting us Kṛṣṇa consciousness. By your mercy, we must make it our goal in life to become Kṛṣṇa

conscious as you have always reminded us. Think of the Lord, hear about the Lord and engage in devotional service. Thank you, a million times, for this golden opportunity you have blessed us with and for your divine association in your books and lectures.

*Your insignificant servants,
Padmanabha Dasa, Havishmati Devi Dasi,
Parashakti Devi Dasi and Devki Nandani*





Dear Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept our humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet. All glories to Sri Sri Radha Radhanath. All glories to Sri Sri Gaura Nitai Hari. All glories to Your Divine Grace. All glories to Your Divine Grace, A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Srila Prabhupada.

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

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

LET ME OFFER MY RESPECTFUL OBEISANCES unto Your Divine Grace, Srila Prabhupada, the spiritual master of this age, who, out of his great compassion for those materialists who struggle to cross over the darkest regions of material existence, spoke this most confidential Vedic knowledge, after having personally assimilated it by experience.

How can I say thank you and show gratitude to such a great acharya as yourself, whose mercy is bringing thousands of people to this Krishna consciousness movement of yours. This year, 2026, we celebrate 60 years of you establishing your institution, ISKCON.

As I think of you sitting in the hot sun outside Sumati Morajee's office for 8 hours just to get a ticket so that you could travel on a cargo ship to America - it breaks my heart and I keep on crying for the compassion and love you had for us by taking the instruction of your spiritual master to spread

the message and teachings of Lord Caitanya to the Western countries.

As I look at myself and ponder what I would have been if I had not received the association and mercy of your devotees who have given me shelter and protection by engaging me in some service in this wonderful house and institution called ISKCON, which you built for all of us to live in, I would probably be enjoying myself like the animals - eating, sleeping, defending and mating.

All I can say is "thank you", a million times and more as I bow down and pay my obeisances at your lotus feet.

I pray that I continue serving you, your devotees and your ISKCON as long as I am in this body.

Your loving grand disciples,

Padmanabha Dasa and Padmavati Dasi



Padmanabha Dasa
and Padmavati Dasi
Johannesburg
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,

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

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Padmavati Devi Dasi
Vacoas
Mauritius

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.

You are the saviour of the fallen souls. Without your mercy, we would have been plunged into the deepest darkness of the material world. You have taught us how to make the most of this material existence by engaging in devotional service.

At the age when everyone retires, you gave up all your comfort and travelled to the West to fulfil the instructions of your spiritual master. You took those instructions to heart. You struggled so hard and today this struggle has paid off. Your ISKCON, our ISKCON, is the most wonderful place to be. Indeed, you created the house in which the whole

world can live.

My heart aches and my eyes fill up with tears when I think about all the pain you underwent to publish and distribute books. You used every cent you had to publish books. You even suffered from heat stroke. While on the Jaladutta, you suffered a heart attack. Had you not done all the sacrifices, we wouldn't have known the value of this human life and would have wasted it in material indulgence.

Srila Prabhupada, I beg you to always keep me under your shelter. Please give me the strength to keep chanting the holy names. Please give me the willingness to carry on devotional service. Please give me the blessings to remain humble. Please use this most undeserving servant as an instrument for your cause and let me serve as the lowest of the servants of your servants.

Thank you for everything, Srila Prabhupada.

*Your insignificant servant,
Padmavati Devi Dasi*

Padyavali Devi Dasi
Durban
South Africa



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

IT'S A MIRACLE. . . what you have accomplished, just to save the fallen conditioned souls. And you are still continuing to guide this movement, in even more miraculous ways. . . various innovative methods of preaching, etc.

I am deeply grateful for so many things I learnt through reading your books, etc. Mainly, I am grateful for the Maha Mantra . . . a priceless gem, without which I could not continue in this horrible material world.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for everything, a

debt I will never be able to repay.

Please bless me, Srila Prabhupada, to please my spiritual master, not to the same degree as you did, but to some extent.

Please forgive me for known and unknown offences.

Please keep me at the shade of your divine lotus feet at all times.

*Your worthless granddaughter,
Padyavali Devi Dasi*



My dear Srila Prabhupada,
Hare Krishna.



Parama Karuna Dasa
Johannesburg
South Africa

THANK YOU for all your mercy. Every month we go to the market. We sell lots of books.

Last month was the Sandton Ratha Yatra, we had a book stall and sold lots of books.

In November, we are going to India. Please help

me go and come back safely.

Thank you very much.

Your humble servant,

Parama Karuna Dasa



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



Paramatma Dasa
Durban
South Africa

ON THIS SACRED VYASA-PUJA, I offer my heartfelt gratitude for your immeasurable mercy upon the fallen souls of this world. By your compassion, the holy names of Krsna have spread across oceans and continents, entering hearts that had long forgotten their eternal relationship with the Supreme Lord.

Before receiving your teachings, so many of us wandered through life without clear purpose, searching endlessly for happiness in temporary things. Through your books, lectures, prayers, and the example of your pure devotion, you opened the door to Krsna consciousness and showed us the true path home—back to Godhead.

You taught us that chanting the holy names is the greatest treasure:

*Hare Krsna Hare Krsna
Krsna Krsna Hare Hare
Hare Rama Hare Rama
Rama Rama Hare Hare*

Because of your sacrifice, we now have access to Bhagavad-gita, Srimad-Bhagavatam, devotional association, kirtana, prasadam, and the opportunity to engage in loving service to Sri Krsna. You travelled tirelessly, endured hardship without complaint, and dedicated every breath to fulfilling the

order of your spiritual master. Your determination transformed countless lives and continues to illuminate the world generation after generation.

Srila Prabhupada, thank you for bringing us closer to Krsna. Thank you for teaching us that devotional service is the real wealth of life. Thank you for showing by your own example what humility, surrender, purity, and compassion truly mean.

I would also like to sincerely thank the gurus and senior devotees whose guidance, encouragement, and personal example continue to help us progress in Krsna consciousness. Through their care, instruction, and dedication to your mission, many devotees are receiving strength and inspiration to continue on the devotional path.

I also offer heartfelt appreciation to ISKCON Durban for their continued support, guidance, and dedication in helping carry forward your mission. Through their service, preaching, programs, and care for devotees and newcomers alike, they continue to inspire many souls to take shelter of Krsna consciousness and your teachings.

Although we are full of imperfections, we pray for the strength to serve your mission sincerely and to become instruments of your mercy. May we always remember your instructions, study your books carefully, chant attentively, and help others

receive the same priceless gift that you so selflessly gave to us.

On this auspicious day, we pray to remain forever sheltered at your lotus feet.

*Your insignificant servant,
Paramatma Dasa*



Paramisvara Dasa 
and Paramisvari Devi Dasi
King Williams Town
South Africa



Hare Krishna, dearest Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept our humble obeisances as we bow down to the dust at your divine lotus feet on your most auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja.

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

ALL GLORIES TO YOUR DIVINE GRACE, who is so loving and compassionate to us fallen souls. You have come from the ever-blissful spiritual world just to show us the way home, back to Godhead. Your love and sweetness are boundless and you appeared in this world only for us.

Touching everyone who made contact with you, whether directly or indirectly, you showered them with your divine love. Even though you left this material world to return to that ever-blissful spiritual world, you still continue to touch all with your divine love.

Your instructions in your books will continue to reach out to millions in this material world. You have always stressed book distribution, because you so much wanted your love to continue being spread throughout this material world. You have trusted and depended on those that had a taste of your love to continue distributing your divine love. After tasting the sweetness of your divine love, who will not want to share that sweetness with others?

Your books have taught us how to offer prayers to Krishna to please Him. Our prayers were always asking for God's favour, and you taught us that we are only servants who should be offering our service to the Lord. Nothing else. We have to be totally dependent on the Lord.

Attaining the beautiful spiritual world and serving Krishna unconditionally should be our only goal in life.

Thank you so much for everything dear Srila Prabhupada.

We offer our most sincere love to you and offer our most heartfelt wishes to you on this most auspicious event of your Vyasa-puja.

Happy Vyasa-puja to you, dearest Srila Prabhupada.

Hare Krishna.

*Your very insignificant servants of your servants,
Paramisvara Dasa and Paramisvari Devi Dasi*



Patita Pavana Dasa 
Cape Town
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

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

*namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvisesa-sunyavadi-pascatyadesa-tarine*

I USED TO LOOK AT YOUR FACE on the cover of the silver Science of Self Realization for about 10 years, long ago at my parents' old home. It was next to their old dialling phone. Little did I know, then, that I would get to know you well and be initiated as your granddisciple and that I would be distributing many books of the Bhaktivedanta Book Trust, from 1994 onwards. This is loving service in our ISKCON, which gives the world access to Krishna and to your grace as well. I was extremely fortunate to have seen and heard you in 1975. By your mercy, I also met Ksudhi Prabhu in 1972 or 1973.

In 32 years, I have had some overwhelming karma problems. One of these has required me to really work on that anartha. One in particular almost spiritually killed me. I now see that by your mercy from Krishna, I am still here in ISKCON following

all regs, chanting more, serving, reading, hearing and distributing sastra.

You painstakingly translated sastra for the benefit of the world. Thank you so much!!! My gratitude is deep and is expressed as serving, chanting more, sastra distribution. Thank you for my spiritual master, His Holiness Bhakti Caitanya Swami.

I tried many different dry husks, yet you, Guru and Krishna pulled me back to sadhana in ISKCON. I surrender to you fully for life! This means following strictly and lovingly.

All glories to you on this day made auspicious by your appearance with celebrations – for now and evermore.

*Your servant of the servants,
Patita Pavana Dasa*



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,

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namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvisesa-sunyavadi-pascatyadesa-tarine*

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEGENDARY LITERARY and spiritual contributions in their multifarious forms. We marvel with profound appreciation at your linguistic prowess in translating from Sanskrit to English. When I read the Srimad Bhagavatam with rapt attention, I behold a spiritual genius at work. Your unparalleled spiritual conscientizing, presented in meaningful and measured ways, is truly soul-elevating.

Your books serve as catalysts, uplifting humanity from the quagmire of material suffering and guiding countless souls toward divine consciousness.

Through your writings, you have illuminated the timeless wisdom of Lord Krishna for people across all nations, cultures, and generations. Your words do not merely inform the intellect; they awaken the heart and inspire sincere spiritual transformation.

With every page, one feels your deep compassion, unwavering devotion, and extraordinary dedication to spreading Krishna consciousness throughout the world. Your translations and purports have become a beacon of hope and enlightenment for humanity, continuing to nourish the spiritual lives



Peri Govindasamy Govender
Cape Town
South Africa

of millions.

All glories to A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, whose divine literary legacy shall continue to guide sincere seekers for generations to come.

*Your humble admirer,
Peri Govindasamy Govender*



Prabha Durgapersadh
Durban
South Africa



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

SRILA PRABHUPADA, I am nothing but an insignificant fool, surrounded by your most knowledgeable and elevated devotees.

Every day, I endeavour to ensure that I uphold and implement the principles of Krishna consciousness that you so selflessly taught and put into writing in your countless books.

By your mercy and arrangement, I participate to the best of my ability to perform Sankirtan (book distribution) and if a person does not take a book, it hurts me to know that they are refusing the priceless knowledge and wisdom that you painstakingly wrote. However, by your mercy and intervention, I persevere.

My mum recently left her body, and despite my understanding that it is the soul that left and I should not be attached to having bid farewell to my mum, I am not transcendently elevated not

to miss her.

At my mum's third day memorial, as a tribute to my mum and your remarkable wisdom, I placed a copy of Science of Self Realization into each of my family's homes, knowing that sooner or later, although they are not Krishna conscious now, you will arrange for them to read your words of wisdom and they will surrender to our Supreme Lord.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for your priceless and most remarkable spiritual knowledge and teachings and for making a most treasured change in my life due to your books and the association of devotees.

I only pray that I may continue to be a servant of the servant in your beautiful movement.

*Your aspiring servant,
Prabha Durgapersadh*



Prabhanu Dasa
Durban
South Africa



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

ON THIS MOST AUSPICIOUS OCCASION of your Vyasa-puja, I wish to offer my heartfelt gratitude for the inconceivable mercy you have extended to the fallen souls of this world. It is only by your causeless compassion that one such as myself has been given the opportunity to hear the holy name, understand the purpose of life, and attempt, however imperfectly,

to walk the path of Krsna consciousness.

Srila Prabhupada, your life is the perfect example of surrender to the order of the spiritual master. Crossing the ocean at an advanced age, with no material support, you carried the priceless treasure of Lord Caitanya's mission to every corner of the world. Today, because of your sacrifice, millions

have access to the teachings of Srimad-Bhagavatam, Bhagavad-gita As It Is, and the holy name of Kṛṣṇa.

Personally, I am deeply grateful for your books, which serve as my guiding light in both my spiritual and professional life. Your instructions on integrity, discipline, and devotion continue to inspire me to align my actions with higher principles, even amidst the complexities of modern life.

Srila Prabhupada, I pray for the strength to remain steady in sadhana, to serve your mission

with sincerity, and to contribute in whatever small way I can to the upliftment of others. Please bless me to always remember that I am your servant, dependent on your mercy at every step.

Thank you for giving us Kṛṣṇa. Thank you for giving us hope. Thank you for giving us direction.

*Your insignificant servant,
Prabhanu Dasa*



Our dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our most humble obeisances at your divine lotus feet.
All glories to Your Divine Grace. All glories to your transcendental Vyasa-puja celebration.

I ON THIS MOST AUSPICIOUS OCCASION, we find ourselves wholly incapable of properly glorifying Your Divine Grace. The greatness of a pure devotee can never be fully understood by conditioned souls such as ourselves. Nevertheless, out of deep gratitude and affection, we humbly attempt to offer a few words in appreciation of our eternal indebtedness to you.

In Srimad-Bhagavatam (9.4.68), Lord Krishna declares:

*sādhavo hṛdayam mahyam
sādhūnām hṛdayam tv aham
mad-anya te na jñanti
nāhaṁ tebhyo manāg api*

“The devotees are always in My heart, and I am always in the hearts of the devotees. The devotee does not know anything beyond Me, and I also cannot forget the devotee. There is a very intimate relationship between Me and the pure devotees. Pure devotees in full knowledge are never out of spiritual touch, and therefore they are very much dear to Me.”

This verse beautifully describes Your Divine Grace. Your historic journey to the Western world, despite advanced age, ill health, uncertainty, and innumerable obstacles, demonstrated your

unwavering faith in the order of your spiritual master and your complete dependence upon Lord Sri Kṛṣṇa. Free from all personal ambition, you sought only to fulfil the desire of your Guru Maharaṇa. In response to your pure devotion and surrender, Lord Kṛṣṇa empowered you to accomplish what no one thought possible. Within a remarkably short time, the holy names of Kṛṣṇa spread throughout the world, and millions of conditioned souls were given the opportunity to revive their forgotten relationship with the Supreme Personality of Godhead.

By your causeless mercy, countless fallen souls, including ourselves, have received shelter at the lotus feet of Kṛṣṇa-Balarama. As your insignificant servants, we pray for the strength to remain enthusiastic, sincere, and steadfast in your service. Kindly bless us so that we may always remain humble instruments in your mission of spreading the congregational chanting of the holy names to every town and village, just as you so earnestly desired.

By your mercy and blessings, we have been granted the opportunity to assist in the preaching efforts of ISKCON Mpumalanga, serving throughout various towns in Mpumalanga, Northern Natal, and even Mozambique. Through these preaching activities, we continuously witness the transformative

 Prabhupada Priya Dasa
and Lila Mohini Devi Dasi
Ermelo
South Africa

power of your teachings and the enduring influence of your mercy upon the hearts of sincere souls.

By your causeless mercy, we have also been blessed with opportunities to assist in organising and participating in Ratha-yatra festivals within these communities. Each Ratha-yatra reminds us of your heartfelt desire to bring Lord Jagannatha out from the temple and into the streets so that everyone, regardless of background, culture, or qualification, may receive the Lord's mercy. Witnessing people chant the holy names, dance in ecstasy, honour prasadam, and behold the beautiful forms of Lord Jagannatha, Lord Baladeva, and Srimati Subhadra Devi fills our hearts with gratitude for the priceless gift you have bestowed upon the world.

These festivals also afford us the precious opportunity to serve your mission more deeply and to feel your continued presence through service. We pray that we may always remain humble instruments in helping to expand these festivals and thereby assist, in some small way, in fulfilling your desire that the holy names of Lord Kṛiṣṇa be heard in every town and village throughout the world.

We possess no qualifications of our own. Whatever service we are able to render is solely due to your causeless mercy and the mercy of our spiritual master. Our earnest prayer is that we may always remain sheltered beneath your lotus feet and become instruments through whom even a

small spark of devotional service may be kindled within the hearts of others. If, by your mercy, someone takes up the chanting of the holy names and advances even one step toward Krishna consciousness, then our lives will have attained some measure of success.

Although many decades have passed since your physical departure from this world, your books, teachings, instructions, and mission continue to transform hearts and awaken devotion in countless souls. Through your vani, your presence remains ever fresh, ever relevant, and ever powerful.

Srila Prabhupada, we offer our heartfelt gratitude for allowing us to serve, however imperfectly, in your mission. We can never repay the debt we owe you for bringing the light of Krishna consciousness to a world enveloped in ignorance.

On this sacred day of your Vyasa-puja, we humbly beg for a drop of your causeless mercy. Kindly bless us that we may always remain servants of your servants, faithful to your instructions, fixed in devotional service, and dedicated to assisting your mission birth after birth.

Praying to always remain under the shelter of your divine lotus feet.

Your most fallen, unworthy, and insignificant servants.

Prabhupada Priya Dasa and Lila Mohini Devi Dasi



Pradyumna Mishra Dasa
Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

JAI SRILA PRABHUPADA. Hare Krishna. I am at your feet, Prabhupada. Thank you for giving us Krishna consciousness. We are really benefitting from your books and teachings. We will be ever grateful to you

forever. Hare Krishna.

*Your servant,
Pradyumna Mishra Dasa*





Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble respectful obeisances at your divine lotus feet. Happy Vyasa-puja.
All glories to you on this most auspicious appearance day of Your Divine Grace.

 Pranayini Radhika Devi Dasi
Durban
South Africa

AS A REPRESENTATIVE of Srila Vyasadeva, you have explained the original teachings of Srila Vyasadeva in your Bhaktivedanta purports for the benefit of all conditioned souls. Your purports make the most difficult philosophy easy to understand even for the common man. I am very fortunate that, above all, you entered my life and heart. Often, I think of where I would be without you, your disciples, and

preaching centres.

Thank you for your austere and sacrificial life.
Thank you for your dedication to follow your spiritual master.

*Your insignificant servant,
Pranayini Radhika Devi Dasi*



My dearest Srila Prabhupada,

 Prema Datri Devi Dasi
Johannesburg
South Africa

I TRUST YOU ARE WELL and as always focused on serving our Supreme Lord Krishna. I look back at my life and think how you have transformed me to be a little better than I was. These major changes in my consciousness and behaviour make me shudder when I think back and happy to know that just by your association through your instructions, listening to your lectures and most of all your chanting of the maha mantra has done this transformation to me.

I applaud you. Your soothing voice brings comfort and the feeling of security to me and my boys. I have so much to be thankful for because of your mercy and a simple thank you is not enough. Thank you, Srila Prabhupada and Jai Shree Krishna, for all you have given me and more especially my boys. Please always keep us focused on taking shelter at your lotus feet and to diligently follow your instructions and four regulative principles.

Always direct us to render service to new souls and to always follow the instructions of Maha

Prabhu in giving the Holy Names through your books and prasadam to every soul we meet and thank you for always taking care of us by repeating that we should watch what we eat and how much we should eat and how much sleep is necessary. I am trying to follow this instruction, and I do feel a difference. Please help me to continue so I can keep good health and continue with my services to you and your devotees.

Also, thanks for remembrance and so many other things. You know me so well and I can only say thank you for your continued true love and support and being our ever well-wisher because no one genuinely loves and cares like you always do Srila Prabhupada. I place myself and my boys at your lotus feet always. We love you too, Srila Prabhupada.

Hare Krishna.

*Your struggling, thankful servant,
Prema Datri Devi Dasi*



Prema Kishori Devi Dasi 🌸
Newcastle
South Africa



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

I HAVE LEARNT A LOT in Krishna consciousness through you. Thank you, my father. Through your teachings, I have learned the importance of offering prasadam to fallen souls, honouring the remnants of Krishna's prasadam, performing devotional service, supporting Food for Life and becoming a strong

devotee of Lord Sri Krishna. Thank you, my father, Srila Prabhupada. I love you!

*Your fallen soul,
Prema Kishori Devi Dasi*



Prema Madhuraya Devi Dasi 🌸
Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate bhaktivedanta-swamin iti namine*

I OFFER MY HUMBLE OBEISANCES unto His Divine Grace Prabhupada A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami, who is very dear to Lord Krishna.

Thank you for opening the doors of ISKCON to us and for spreading the word of Krishna to our ears. If not for you, then we would never have started our spiritual journey on the path of Krishna Consciousness. We would never have known that we are not this body and that our purpose in this life is to build a relationship with the Supreme Lord and go back

home, back to Godhead. This realization is thanks only to our dear Srila Prabhupada, who built a house the whole world could live in.

I pray at your lotus feet for the strength and intelligence to take maximum advantage of the above and to constantly serve you for the pleasure of their Lordships.

*Your servant,
Prema Madhuraya Devi Dasi*



Prema Manjari Devi Dasi 🌸
Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

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

om ajnana timirandhasya jnananjana salakaya,

caksur unmilitam yena tasmai sri gurave namah

WHAT WOULD HAVE BEEN my position and that of many others had you not appeared in this material world to deliver us, fallen souls? What would I have been doing and where would I have been? It is stated that, by the mercy of the spiritual master and Sri Krishna one receives the seed of bhakti. Your books have inspired me tremendously. Thank you for accepting

me into this Krishna consciousness movement. I pray and hope that one day I can be saved from this ocean of misery and be placed eternally at your lotus feet.

*Your servant of the servants of your grace,
Prema Manjari Devi Dasi*



My dearest Srila Prabhupada,
All glories to you Srila Prabhupada. All glories to Your Divine Grace. All glories to the assembled Vaishnavas.
Please accept my most humble obeisances at your lotus feet.



Prema Sindhu Dasa
Johannesburg
South Africa

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

ON THIS AUSPICIOUS OCCASION of your Vyasa-puja, I wish to offer my deepest gratitude for rescuing me from a life spent seeking permanence in an impermanent world. By your causeless mercy, you opened my eyes to our true constitutional position.

jīvera svarūpa haya kṛṣṇera nitya-dāsa - we are the eternal servants of Kṛṣṇa.

The timeless philosophy written by the Goswamis, illuminated by Bhaktivinoda Thakura, and protected by Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakura was brought across the ocean by you and placed directly into our hands.

You transformed profound Sanskrit texts into practical rules for daily life and made an inaccessible spiritual realm walkable for ordinary souls. Whenever I study your books, or the writings of Sri Rupa Gosvami, I realize that without you, these treasures would have remained forever hidden from me. You are the ultimate bridge to our lineage.

When I read Sri Rupa Gosvami's verses yearning for millions of tongues and ears to experience the sweetness of the Holy Name, I am reminded entirely

of you. Through your pure desire and your historic, courageous journey aboard the Jaladuta, millions across the globe are now chanting and hearing. You carried the sacred wealth of Mahaprabhu with complete dependence on Kṛṣṇa and distributed it freely.

Srila Prabhupada, you gave us more than books - you gave us belonging. You taught us that the goal of life is not to be extraordinary, but to be sincere. You condensed the entirety of Goloka into the simple instruction, "Just chant Hare Kṛṣṇa."

On this sacred day, I pray for only one blessing: may I never lose appreciation for your monumental sacrifice. Please allow me to remain anchored to the Holy Name and the Vaishnavas. Help me remember that I am not this body and that my daily chanting is an invitation for the Holy Name to become the permanent resident in the courtyard of my heart. Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for your books, your sacrifice, and for bringing us home.

*Your insignificant servant,
Prema Sindhu Dasa*



Premalila Devi Dasii 🌺
and Syamananda Kṛṣṇa Dasa
Cape Town
South Africa



Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda,
Please accept our humble obeisances at your lotus feet.
All glories to Your Divine Grace on the auspicious occasion of your Vyāsa-pūjā.

THE GIFT THAT YOUR DIVINE GRACE has offered to this world is unsurpassed and will always remain unsurpassed.

Śrīla Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvatī Goswami expresses this gift so beautifully:

“There has not been, there will not be, such benefactors of the highest merit as [Chaitanya] Mahāprabhu and His devotees have been. The offer of other benefits is only a deception; it is rather a great harm, whereas the benefit done by Him and His followers is the truest and greatest eternal benefit... This benefit is not for one particular country causing mischief to another; but it benefits the whole universe... The kindness that Śrī Chaitanya Mahāprabhu has shown to jīvas absolves them eternally from all wants, from all inconveniences and from all the distresses... That kindness does not produce any evil, and the jīvas who have it will not be the victims of the evils of the world.”

Your followers can easily detect your presence in this beautiful expression of the munificence of Śrī Chaitanya Mahāprabhu and His devotees. There is great urgency in distributing the benefits so eloquently expressed in these words. Anyone who is even slightly familiar with your mission, both in spoken and written word, will know of the urgency you always expressed in spreading the message of Śrī Chaitanya Mahāprabhu. Your beloved spiritual master expressed this to you at your very first meeting.

“Abhay and Naren, having both been raised in Vaiṣṇava families, immediately offered prostrated obeisances at the sight of the revered sannyasi. While the two young men were still rising and preparing to sit, before any preliminary formalities of conversation had begun, Śrīla Bhaktisiddhanta immediately said to them, ‘You are educated young

men. Why don’t you preach Lord Caitanya Mahāprabhu’s message throughout the whole world?’”

After some initial doubt Śrīla Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvatī convinced you – the message of Śrī Chaitanya Mahāprabhu is so important that it surpasses the need for anything else. The truth of this simple statement has never been more apparent than at this present time. Now more than ever, the great need for mankind to accept this gift becomes apparent day by day.

Led by materialistic leaders, this planet has been brought to the very brink of disaster. Mankind has forgotten that resources are limited, that the so-called economic growth every nation on earth pursues so avidly is based on the resources provided by material nature. We are busy raping the planet and now we are surrounded on every side by the results of our actions, which threaten every aspect of life and our environment. Never has the urgency been greater to do as you have done - boldly preach the message of Śrī Chaitanya Mahāprabhu in every town and village.

In commenting on The Tree of Devotional Service in the Ninth Chapter of *Adi-līla* in Caitanya Caritamṛta you write:

“At present, for want of Kṛṣṇa consciousness, or God consciousness, the entire world is in darkness, having been covered by the four principles of sinful life—meat-eating, illicit sex, gambling and intoxication. Therefore there is a need for vigorous propaganda to educate people to refrain from sinful activities. This will bring peace and prosperity; the rogues, thieves and debauchees will naturally decrease in number, and all of human society will be God conscious.” (CC *Adi-līla* 9:41 Purport)

We humbly request Your Divine Grace to be able to do something to assist the mission of Śrī

Caitanya Mahaprabhu and ISKCON in spreading the sankirtana movement to others.

*Your humble servants,
Premalila Devi Dasi and Syamananda Krsna Dasa*



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



Premavilas Dasa
Bon Accueil
Mauritius

THIS YEAR MARKS 60 YEARS since you founded the International Society for Krsna consciousness in New York in 1966. However, your efforts to spread Krsna consciousness did not start in that year but much earlier.

In a lecture dated December 13, 1973, on the disappearance day of your spiritual master, Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakura, you spoke about how he took up the business of Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakura and Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu.

And Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakura took up his affair, business, and he wanted first of all. So every student, any disciple, especially those who are competent, he requested that “You take up this mission of Caitanya Mahaprabhu and preach in the Western countries”

You met your spiritual master for the first time in 1922, and later on, you began helping his disciples preach and build temples. Then you became the competent student who took on the business. The rest is history.

“I was obliged to come to this movement to take up this very seriously. And I was dreaming that “Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakura is calling me, ‘Please come out with me!’ “So I was sometimes horrified, “Oh, what is this? I have to give up my family life? Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakura is calling me? I have to take sannyasa?” Oh, I was horrified. But I saw several times, calling me. So anyway, it is by his grace I was forced to give up my family life and so-called business life. And he brought me some way or other in preaching his gospel.”

You accepted this mission following the order of your spiritual master and carried it out so diligently,

sometimes facing many days of lonely struggles along the way. In Delhi, you would write, edit, take your magazine for printing, and then distribute it by yourself in the streets.

In a morning walk in Bombay on February 19, 1974, you spoke about the struggle of not having sufficient money upon landing in the West in 1965.

“Prabhupada: Anapekṣaḥ, just see. When I went to Europe, America, I went with forty rupees. Sumati Morarji gave me a ticket, and I had only forty rupees. That forty rupees could not be spent there. Then, when I was getting down, I asked the captain, “Captain Pandia,” that “I have not a single dollar with me. So you purchase one set of my books.” “So what is... Swami, what is your price?” “Sixteen dollar.” He paid me twenty dollars. With that twenty dollars, I dropped.”

And yet despite the difficult times, you didn’t give up.

“Prabhupāda: Yes, subhasubha. When I was in Boston, I was thinking that “I have come here. How they will receive me? As soon as I’ll say that ‘No meat-eating, no illicit sex, and no gambling and no intoxication,’ immediately they will say, ‘Please go home. Don’t preach here.’ All right.” So for one year there was no success, you see? And I was going to the shipping company. “When your next ship is coming to return back?” So the manager was telling, “Swamiji, you are always inquiring, but you never go.” [all laugh] I said, “Yes, when I am too much frustrated, I come here to ask you. Then again I go back. ‘Let me see two months more.’ “ It was going like that. Nobody was there with me.”

These were just a few of the difficulties that you

surpassed in order to distribute Kṛṣṇa consciousness to relieve the sufferings of humanity. In the purport to verse 5.25 of Bhagavad-gītā As It Is, you write:

“When a person is actually in the knowledge that Kṛṣṇa is the fountainhead of everything, then when he acts in that spirit, he acts for everyone. The sufferings of humanity are due to forgetfulness of Kṛṣṇa as the supreme enjoyer, the supreme proprietor, and the supreme friend. Therefore, to act to revive this consciousness within the entire human society is the highest welfare work.”

Dear Srīla Prabhupāda, I can only thank you for reviving my consciousness by giving me knowledge about Kṛṣṇa. I will remain forever grateful to you for connecting me with my Spiritual Master, with loving devotees, with the holy scriptures, with the nectarean holy name, with the wonderful pastimes places and holy dhāmas, with divine Kṛṣṇa prasādam, and everything else.

In the purport to Śrīmad Bhagavatam 10.2.37, you write:

“One should engage in practical service to the Lord. In our Kṛṣṇa consciousness movement, all our activities are concentrated upon distributing Kṛṣṇa literature. This is very important. One may approach any person and induce him to read Kṛṣṇa literature so that in the future he also may become a devotee. Such activities are recommended in this verse. Such activities will always remind the devotees of the Lord’s lotus feet. By fully concentrating on distributing books for Kṛṣṇa, one is fully absorbed in Kṛṣṇa. This is samādhi.”

Above all else, I am thankful to you for guiding and inspiring me in distributing Kṛṣṇa literature and thus saving me. You have given me a way to always stay connected to you. I wish to never forget the hardships you underwent, and may this remembrance keep me diligent in my insignificant service of distributing transcendental literature beyond boundaries.

*Your undeserving servant,
Premavilas Dasa*



Premika Devi Dasi
Gauteng
South Africa



To my dearest grand spiritual master Jagad Guru Srīla Prabhupāda,
All glories unto you.

DEAR SRILA PRABHUPADA, I have a desire to visit Sri Vrindavan Dham. But sadly, I cannot, due to health issues and also, I don’t have enough laxmi. I am also unable to work because of my health issues. Currently in today’s world we have a big war between the U.S.A and Iran and the main person who is causing this war is the U.S.A’s President Donald Trump. There is no peace between these two nations. I wish for them to come to a ceasefire. In today’s age of Kaliyuga so many people are engaged in their material lives and intoxicating themselves with alcohol and drugs. Whenever I see that, it saddens me. I like

to go on harinams, Ratha Yatra, Food for Life, cook, do deity worship, art and play musical instruments like the guitar, piano and the mrdanga and harmonium. It would really be nice if more people in this world could come together to become Vaishnavas. We will engage them in service and take them back to Godhead. I wish you a very happy Vyasa-puja dear Srīla Prabhupāda.

*From your grand disciple
Premika Devi Dasi*





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

 Priya Darsini Devi Dasi
Durban
South Africa

ON THIS MOST AUSPICIOUS OCCASION of your Vyasa-puja, I offer my heartfelt gratitude for your unlimited mercy upon the fallen souls of this world, including myself. By your divine intervention, I somehow had the opportunity to read my very first book Science of Self-Realization and my journey into Krishna consciousness began. A few years later, I met my spiritual master, and I was blessed with many spiritual opportunities.

By your compassion, the holy name of Krsna has spread to every corner of the globe, giving hope and spiritual direction to countless conditioned souls like myself. Your books are my constant guide and shelter. Through your teachings, I am learning the true purpose of life — to revive my forgotten

relationship with Sri Krsna through devotional service. Your determination, purity, humility, and complete surrender to the order of your spiritual master continue to inspire generations.

Although I possess many shortcomings and little qualification, I pray for the strength to follow your instructions sincerely, chant the holy names attentively, serve the Vaiṣṇavas, and assist in your mission according to my capacity. Thank you for giving us the priceless gift of Krsna consciousness. Please bless me that I may always remain connected to your lotus feet and never forget your instructions.

*Your insignificant servant,
Priya Darsini Devi Dasi*



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

 Priya Malini Devi Dasi
Midrand
South Africa

IT IS YOU WHO IS CONSTANTLY reminding me that:

Krsna is my strength.
Krsna is my hope.
Krsna is my friend.
Krsna is my family.
Krsna is my home.

You are freely giving Krsna, the greatest treasure. There is nothing of value that I can give to you in return except to offer you my gratitude, respect and admiration. Thank you for being present in my life. I am blessed by your presence. Hare Krsna.

*Your grand-servant,
Priya Malini Devi Dasi*



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

 Pundarik Dasa
Kisumu
Kenya

ON THIS MOST AUSPICIOUS OCCASION of your Vyasa-puja, I would like to offer my deepest gratitude

and heartfelt obeisances unto you.
Before receiving your mercy, I was wandering

aimlessly in this material world, without direction, purpose, or true understanding of life. By your unlimited compassion, you picked me up from ignorance and blessed me with the eternal gift of Krishna consciousness. You opened my eyes to the path of devotional service and gave my life true meaning.

Whatever little devotion, faith, or service I possess today is only because of your causeless mercy. You gave the world the priceless treasure of the holy name and taught us how to live in the service of Lord Krishna. Your books, teachings, and example continue to guide countless souls across generations.

Words are not sufficient to express my gratitude

for all that you have given me. You transformed my life by connecting me to guru and Krishna, and for this eternal blessing, I shall always remain indebted to you.

Please bless me so that I may remain humble, sincere, and steady in devotional service, and that I may always remember your instructions and serve your mission according to my small capacity. Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for your sacrifice, compassion, and boundless mercy upon fallen souls like me.

*Your insignificant servant,
Pundarik Dasa*



Pundarika Vidyanidhi Dasa
Durban
South Africa



Our revered and beloved Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most humble obeisances at your divine lotus feet. All glories to your divine grace. All glories to our illustrious parampara. All glories to the unlimited vaishnavas.

AS WE NAVIGATE MOMENTS in our twilight years, we have time to reflect on our endeavours and the missed opportunities in service to your divine grace and ultimately, Lord Caitanya's mission. If only I had known then what I have realized now, I would have used my time more efficiently. But what can be done - procrastination and lethargy teamed up to defeat my intelligence, preventing me from working harder and doing more for you. Now, more than ever, I feel remorse, regret and great disappointment at not serving your divine grace with the zest and zeal when it was possible, and I was more able.

Nevertheless, I am truly grateful to you for all that your divine grace has done and sacrificed, to make Krishna consciousness available to the entire creation – affording every living entity the greatest

chance to go back home, back to Godhead! You have provided the ideal correctional environment (ISKCON) for the conditioned soul to become purified and eligible.

Undoubtedly, 'going back' is the most arduous task for any conditioned soul, tainted with unlimited desire, lust, envy, and greed. However, disqualified or flawed we may be, your wish to save us is far, far greater than any disqualification, and thus your desire will prevail! This is our only hope.

Dearest Srila Prabhupada, please continue to inspire, guide, and most of all, protect us from ourselves on this path.

*I beg to remain always your servant,
Pundarika Vidyanidhi Dasa*



Purnendu Krishna Dasa
and Family
Johannesburg
South Africa



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

ON THIS MOST SACRED OCCASION of your Vyasa-puja, I offer my fallen and unqualified heart at your lotus feet. I have no real qualification, purity, or strength, yet I pray that you may kindly accept my burning desire to serve your mission.

Srila Prabhupada, you gave the world the greatest treasure, the holy name of Krishna, the teachings of Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu, your books, your movement, your temples, your prasadam, and the opportunity for fallen souls like me to somehow be connected to devotional service. Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, I love you.

As a grihastha, I pray to follow your instructions sincerely. Please bless my home to become a place of Krishna consciousness, where your books are honored, the holy name is chanted, prasadam is respected, devotees are welcomed and my family learns to live in service to Krishna in the correct mood.

Please bless my children to become sincere devotees and servants of your mission. May they grow with love for Krishna, respect for the Vaishnavas, attachment to the holy name and the courage to preach. May they not be lost in materialistic life but become instruments to help push forward Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu's sankirtana movement.

Srila Prabhupada, please use me. Let my home, business, money, words, intelligence, family and future be instruments for your sankirtana mission.

I also beg for your mercy to start and grow honest businesses and brands. Please remove greed, pride, laziness, fear and selfishness from my heart. Let me never think that lakshmi belongs to me. Let me understand that everything belongs to Krishna and must be used in His service.

Let me become a trustworthy servant of lakshmi, so that wealth flows through me toward Krishna's service, devotee care, family protection, and sankirtana.

Please bless me with sufficient lakshmi to maintain my family responsibly, live with dignity and serve the devotees. Whatever surplus comes by your mercy, please guide me to use it properly for prasadam distribution, book distribution, devotee care, preaching projects, temples, spiritual education, and the expansion of your sankirtana mission in this country and wherever you so desire.

Please make me serious, disciplined, humble and pure in intention. Let me not seek name, fame, position or recognition. Let me seek only your pleasure.

I know that your mercy comes when one tries to follow your instructions. So please give me the strength to chant sincerely, read your books, serve the vaishnavas, avoid offenses, protect my family spiritually and use my life for preaching.

Srila Prabhupada, please engage me. Please correct me. Please empower me. Please make me an instrument for your mission.

Let my businesses become your service.

Let my family become your servants.

Let my home become your temple.

Let my wealth become your Lakshmi.

Let my life become an offering at your lotus feet.

Your insignificant servant,

Purnendu Krishna Dasa and Family



Beloved Srila Prabhupada,

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

All glories to Your Divine Grace on the celebration of your 2026 Sri Vyasa-puja.

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



Radha Damodara Dasa

and Bhaktin Ashika

Durban

South Africa

YOU HAVE SAID, SRILA PRABHUPADA, that your books will be the law books for the next 10,000 years. ISKCON is just 60 years old, but it is clear to see that your books are progressively taking their place as the most meaningful literature the world has seen. More people are seeking your books and achieving a sense of calm in an increasingly frantic world. Whether they are dealing with the death of a loved one, a political crisis, an addiction or anxiety, people around the world are increasingly accepting your books. When someone encounters your books, a transformation happens and the person learns about the Holy Name of Krishna. Gradually, they realize the potency of the Holy Name, as non-different from the Lord Himself. As one develops attraction for the Holy Name, the transition from a hackneyed to a serene life begins.

You have mentioned that World War 3 has been averted by the congregational chanting of Hare Krishna, which counteracts the forces that lead to large-scale destruction.

These are the specific references.

Morning walk, April 28, 1973, Los Angeles: A disciple asked about World War 3. You replied:

“Yes, it is coming. But this movement, Krishna consciousness, will save it. The chanting will save it. People will be saved by chanting.”

Lecture, Bombay, Dec 31, 1974: “This sankirtan movement is so powerful that it can counteract all the sinful activities of Kali-yuga. If people take to this, there will be no more war.”

Letter to Govinda Dasi, Oct 22, 1974

You wrote that the sankirtan parties going out on streets were “saving the world from destruction” by giving people a chance to chant.

Your response to any threat of calamity or crime was the same, namely, “Chant Hare Krishna, distribute my books and give prasadam”.

Today, although multiple wars are being fought on and off, we can visibly see that your books and the Holy Name is maintaining a sense of worldwide

peace. Both are there: the onslaught of Kali-yuga, and the mercy of the Sankirtan mission.

We know that the effects of Kali-yuga and the effects of the Sankirtan mission will meet at a crossroads. At that time Kali will have to submit, and the Golden Age will flourish. Due to the gradual distribution of your books over many decades, society will become amenable to accepting a Krishna-conscious governance. The world will see greater peace and harmony. Oh, when will this time come!

Based on the above, Srila Prabhupada, we would like to focus on the situation in South Africa, although it is quite similar in many respects to other parts of the world. You have kindly remembered this land and set foot here to bless its progress in Krishna consciousness. Today, we are seeing South African society struggling for survival on many fronts. People in general are addicted to sinful activities and capitalists are thriving on this dependence. Gambling has become a massive online industry which is not only steadily drawing wealth out of society but also making people anxious and unhappy. Alcohol consumption has also increased with society often equating leisure with intoxication.

But there is a silver lining. And we must work hard as your followers to fulfil your mission. Just before Ratha Yatra this year, we joined a Harenam procession on the Durban beachfront. Many black-bodied youth were revelling the weekend break. Most were intoxicated, but not completely so. Several very enthusiastic young people came forward to accept your books and some even promised to read them. There was a strong sense in the perception of the youth that life is more important than the body and that they want to do the right thing. Many boys and girls came forward to join the devotees in chanting and dancing. One could not help but notice how natural it is for any person to take to the chanting and dancing process.

In conclusion, Srila Prabhupada, we can clearly see that our role is to become a firm part of the

Sankirtan mission in South Africa and distribute your books more widely. It is the only saving grace for South Africa and the entire world. On this most auspicious of days, Srila Prabhupada, kindly bless us so that we may become a firm part of your book distribution mission by adopting a humble and

hardworking demeanour and by cooperating fully with your ISKCON management, in an expression of our love and gratitude to you.

*Your insignificant servants,
Radha Damodara Dasa and Bhaktin Ashika*



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

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

*jai shree krishna caitanya, prabhu nityananda
shree advaita gadadhara srivasadi gaura-bhakta-vrinda*

BECAUSE OF YOUR KIND MERCY, so many fallen souls like us have Krishna bhakti and Krishna prema. Thank you so much for all that you did to give this world Krishna love. We can't thank you enough. Because of you, we can have Krishna in our lives.

We love you so much, Srila Prabhupada.

*Your eternal servant and granddaughter,
Radha Darshani Devi Dasi*



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

"THAT WAS THE THING ABOUT PRABHUPADA, YOU SEE. He didn't just talk about loving Krishna and getting out of this place, but he was the perfect example. He talked about always chanting, and he was always chanting. I think that in itself was the most encouraging thing for me. It was enough to try to make me try harder, to be just a little better. He was a perfect example of everything he preached." He rounded up all these thousands of devotees, set the whole movement in motion, which became so strong, that

it went on even after he left. And it's still escalating even now at an incredible rate. It will go on and on from the knowledge he gave. It can only grow and grow. The more people wake up spiritually, the more they will begin to realise the depth of what Prabhupada was saying - how much he gave.

George Harrison, Chant and Be Happy

Srila Prabhupada, you started this movement by chanting in Hyde Park. Your pure chanting, simplicity, humility and love for everyone attracted so



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South Africa

many souls to this movement. We thank you for everything. We are eternally grateful for all that you have given us, especially the greatest gifts: Sri Radha, Lord Sri Krishna. and your wonderful books. Thank

you for saving us. I pray for your guidance and mercy.

*Your servant and granddaughter,
Radha Devi Dasi*



Radha Krsna Dasi 🌸
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South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
My dearest eternal Guru,

I AM ETERNALLY GRATEFUL TO YOU for changing every aspect of my life. When I was in ignorance, you guided me to transcendental knowledge. Each day, you still guide me. I cannot survive without hearing your voice.

Please bless me with service in your movement and use me as an instrument. Save me from the clutches of maya, please. Bestow your causeless kripa. Let me give this life to Sri Krsna.

Please accept me. I am most fallen and insignificant, and I beg for your eternal mercy, guidance and shelter. This love is eternal.

Thank you, dearest Srila Prabhupada, for absolutely everything.

*Your servant, striving to be humble known to be
most insignificant,
Radha Krsna Dasi*



Radha Thakurani Devi Dasi 🌸
Durban
South Africa



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

HAPPY VYASA-PUJA. We are so fortunate that you came to this material world to bless us, the fallen souls, and to expound the sublime and beautiful mission of Lord Caitanya. Your compassion is beyond comprehension. You crossed oceans, endured so many hardships, and gave everything simply to deliver conditioned souls like me.

Over the last few months, I have had the great fortune of experiencing your mercy in a very personal way. Last year, I was blessed to visit New York and see your home. Shortly thereafter, I had the opportunity to go on Govardhan Parikrama with my spiritual master. That experience changed my life, as I began to see the world differently. The simple and beautiful lives of the villagers in Govardhan and throughout Vrindavan left a deep impression on

my heart.

By Lord Krishna's mercy alone, I returned to Vrindavan again in December and spent several days there. During that visit, I realized even more deeply how temporary and unsatisfying this material world is. Yet despite this realization, there was no way out until you showed us the way. You have given us everything we need to understand why we do not belong here and to begin understanding our eternal spiritual home. Through your teachings, you have shown us what that home feels like and how to return there.

What amazes me most is that this has become more than a theoretical understanding. It has become something realized. The process you have given through ISKCON is beautiful, complete, and

perfect. It is accessible to everyone, regardless of background, circumstance, or qualification. Even someone as fallen and imperfect as myself has found a home within ISKCON and a clear destination: back to the Supreme Personality of Godhead, back to Goloka Vrindavan. This is only possible because of you.

I cannot imagine the sacrifices you made or the patience you displayed in dealing with our conditioned hearts. We are so selfish, and I am so selfish and egotistical, that had you come in any other way, I may not have appreciated the sincerity of your teachings or the depth of your compassion. Yet through your books, your example, your instructions, and your disciples, you continue to soften our hearts and reveal eternal truth.

Today, I realize just how fortunate I am to have you as my siksa-guru and guide. You are the most perfect teacher, and through you the message of Lord Caitanya continues to illuminate the path back to Godhead. Whatever you desire from me, however you wish to engage me, so be it. I am your eternal servant.

Please help me become more Krishna conscious each day. Please help me become more humble, more tolerant, and more sincere in my devotional service. Please fill my heart with greater devotion, faith, and peace so that I may share the

gift of Krishna consciousness with others and help them find their way to your shelter.

There were many times when I did not understand your divine arrangements. There were moments when I felt hurt, confused, and even angry at the situations unfolding around me. Yet, as time has passed and by your mercy, I have begun to see your hand in everything. At no point was my frustration directed toward you, but rather toward my inability to understand the lessons and opportunities for purification that were being presented to me.

Today, I can see more clearly how merciful you have been. What once appeared to be obstacles were actually your arrangements to help me move closer to Krishna and further away from my material attachments and misconceptions. You have patiently guided me through experiences that have softened my heart, strengthened my faith, and deepened my appreciation for devotional service.

For this, I have no words sufficient to express my gratitude. I am eternally indebted to you and eternally grateful for your mercy, guidance, protection, and unwavering compassion.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for your boundless mercy.

*Your servant,
Radha Thakurani Devi Dasi*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine
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SRI ISOPANISAD 10, PURPORT: “Adhira realizes that the material body and mind he has acquired by chance through material association are but foreign

elements; therefore he simply makes the best use of a bad bargain.”

I have been meditating on your words recently,

 Radha Vinode Niranjan
Durban
South Africa

on how we should simply make the best use of our material body and mind for Krishna, even though it is a bad bargain. Thus, I wrote a poem on the material body and how it can be used for Krishna. This poem was inspired by the following verse from Vidagdha Madhava (1,15): “I do not know how much nectar the two syllables ‘Kṛṣṇa’ have produced. When the holy name of Kṛṣṇa is chanted, it appears to dance within the mouth. We then desire many, many mouths. When that name enters the holes of the ears, we desire many millions of ears. And when the holy name dances in the courtyard of the heart, it conquers the activities of the mind, and therefore all the senses become inert.”

Gratitude

I am grateful for my eyes:
Which can take darshan of Your beautiful forms,
and read about Your glories;
I am grateful for my ears:
Which can drink in the nectar of the sound of Your
Holy Names;
I am grateful for my voice:
Which can chant the names of the Lord and speak
of His glories to everyone I meet;
I am grateful for my hands:
Which engage me in my creative services to You,

oh Lord.

I am grateful for my fingers:
Which ever so carefully deliver the messages of my
heart onto paper, and write to You.

I am grateful for my legs:
Which carry my body to You, which circumambu-
late You, and perform parikrama for You;

I am grateful for my feet:
Which allow me to dance in joy in kirtans, praising
Your Names;

I am grateful for my heart:
Which lets me love You, just a little;

I am grateful for my mind:
Which lets me meditate on You.

Krishna, I am grateful for my body, which I
want to use as an offering to You.

Srila Prabhupada, thank you for transforming
this material body into an instrument to be used in
service to you and Krishna.

The body and mind have so many ailments and
diseases, but none of these matter when engaged in
Krishna's service.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada.

*Your servant,
Bhaktin Radha Vinode Niranjana*



Radha-carana Devi Dasi
Durban
South Africa



My dearest and most merciful Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances at your divine lotus feet.
All glories to you, our founder-acharya. All glories to your ISKCON and your mission.

SRILA PRABHUPADA, the great fortune you have
blessed us all with can never fully be repaid. My
Vyasa-puja offering is my humble attempt to offer
gratitude to your divine grace. Thank you, Srila Pra-
bhupada, for everything. You are the pillar of my
Krsna consciousness. Without you, I would never
have had such wonderful opportunities to be the
servant of the servant of the servant.

You have created a society, your ISKCON, that
the whole world can be part of, and you have saved
the whole of mankind by giving us the highest
knowledge and your sweet Lord Krsna. I pray to
you, Srila Prabhupada, to bless me so that I can con-
tribute positively to your ISKCON and be a good
devotee. Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for always
reminding me of what can be achieved with Lord

Kṛṣṇa at your side.

I love you, Srīla Prabhupada, and I pray that you always keep me in your ISKCON, serving positively in your mission.

*Your granddaughter,
Radha-carana Devī Dasi*



My dearest Srīla Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances again and again at your lotus feet.
All glories, all glories to you infinitely and more especially on this, the most auspicious occasion of your Vyasa-puja.

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Durban
South Africa

SRILA PRABHUPADA, last October saw the 50th anniversary celebrations of your arrival in South Africa and the 40th anniversary celebrations of the opening of our Sri Sri Radha Radhanath temple in Chatsworth. It was a beautiful commemoration with heartfelt remembrances, and nostalgic programmes were held at all venues that your lotus feet touched. The endeavours and sacrifices of the devotees were no small feat and their love for you could be felt throughout their recollections and this love no doubt was the driving force behind the many successes that would emerge.

HH Partha Sarathi Das Goswami Maharaj accepted my father as his initiated disciple last year. It was the culmination of a 35-year spiritual journey, and it was certainly a humbling and sobering moment in our lives. Ultimately, Srīla Prabhupada, this good fortune is from you alone. What would we have done without your divine presence in the form of your sustaining instructions and pre-eminent disciples? We would certainly have been leading a life of mundane existence knowing that to be our only truth.

Srīla Prabhupada, in a lecture you compared

this life to a vast desert. We are constantly searching for happiness and contentment but in this life what we are actually receiving is a drop of water, so negligible and meaningless. Yet my endeavor to achieve this tiny drop surpasses all other spiritual pursuits. Only due to the 'Kāruṇikaḥs' or most merciful devotees of the Lord, have I been able to stumble upon this glorious path. I pray at your lotus feet that I may be able to grow increasingly grateful for this fortuitousness by reverently serving the devotees who are very dear to the Lord.

I know I have an arduous road ahead of me if I am ever to reach your lotus feet as my endeavours are fraught with procrastination and deep anarthas. I fervently pray to you that I may develop some taste for chanting the holy name and hope today to make you proud as your deserving grand-disciple.

Praying to be a worthy recipient of your blessings and favour by aspiring to be a servant of the servant of the servant.

*Your servant,
Radha-dyuti Devī Dasi*



Dearest Srīla Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.
All glories to Your Divine Grace, on this auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja! All glories to Sri Sri Nitai Gaura Hari!

 Radhakund Devī Dasi
Sandton
South Africa

SRILA PRABHUPADA, this year marks the most momentous occasion of the 60th anniversary of

your beloved ISKCON. It's a milestone celebration of your tireless and extremely selfless preaching

endeavours to fulfil your dearest spiritual master's desire to bring Krishna consciousness to the West.

Srila Prabhupada, you have given us this amazing spiritual movement, ISKCON. I recall a class where you told the devotees, "I am an old man. You are young boys and girls. Please you take up this Krishna consciousness..." As you became emotional and broke down, my own heart was deeply moved. This moment emphasized your utmost compassion for souls like us, floundering in this material ocean. You desperately wanted us to escape the cycle of birth and death, while begging us to continue your preaching mission and maintain your world-renowned ISKCON.

You have given us all the tools and timeless teachings needed to maintain ISKCON. At the age of 69, you left for the West to fulfil the intense desire of your spiritual master, Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakura, to spread Krishna consciousness. This selfless act proves that true love means fully imbibing the instructions of our spiritual master. Because your guru was an expert preacher who wanted books printed and preaching in the West, your intense love drove you to act. We can now demonstrate our love for you by following in your footsteps and pushing your ISKCON mission forward.

By your own example, you taught us that age, health, or disabilities do not have to be barriers to devotional service. You provided a wide variety of devotional services accessible to everyone. Your dear son, H.H. Jayapataka Maharaj, has expertly imbibed this teaching, demonstrating that despite physical limitations, he continues to serve your mission with immense love and dedication. You have shown us that devotional service is never static; it is dynamic and ever evolving throughout our lives.

Srila Prabhupada, I am immensely grateful that you empowered me to continue distributing your books. When I cried out to you like a child for its mother, as H.H. Bhakti Vishram Madhava Maharaj advised, you helped me find ways to distribute books through WhatsApp. It may not be the

traditional way, but it makes me feel like an asset to your ISKCON. Imagine if, for ISKCON's 60th anniversary, every devotee committed to distributing just 10 books. It would create a magnificent explosion of book distribution, touching the hearts of countless more fallen souls!

Srila Prabhupada, you taught us to treat Deities as real personalities. By your mercy, I worship our home Gaura Nitai deities, Bala Nitai Sundar Nimai, and this has beautifully uplifted my Krishna consciousness. I love sewing, crocheting and crafting Their outfits and turban flowers. Damodar jokingly calls my sewing table my "office." This "office" is my creative sanctuary, where my creative dreams come to fruition—a refuge from maya and my health conditions that draw me closer to Krishna. On non-functional days when I am too sick to work there, I remember the advice of my spiritual master, H.H. Bhakti Caitanya Maharaj. He reminded me of the brahman who lovingly prepared sweet rice in his mind and burnt his finger from pure absorption. On those painful days, I mentally plan future projects for the Deities to distract myself from pain and misery. Serving Them has exponentially increased my love, making Them dearer to me than life itself. Thank you for this wonderful opportunity to increase my bhakti.

Your dear son, H.H. Bhakti Tirtha Maharaj, once shared a beautiful analogy comparing spiritual masters to bounty hunters who come to reclaim fallen souls. While some souls go back willingly at the end of this lifetime, others are stubborn and set in ways contrary to Krishna consciousness. These souls return to the material world repeatedly. Because of the initiation contract, the spiritual master, like a bounty hunter, is forced to return again and again to deliver them. You once wrote to a disciple that we must strive to go back to Godhead in this lifetime to avoid burdening our spiritual master. Thank you, dear Prabhupada, for personally demonstrating how to serve our spiritual master and the preaching mission responsibly, without becoming a burden to our spiritual master.

Srila Prabhupada, thank you for teaching us about the Supersoul. As the inner witness, the Supersoul records all our actions, which are laid bare when we undergo our final test when leaving our body. Therefore, we must constantly reflect:

- **Have we served your ISKCON mission with loving devotional service and honour?**
- **Or have we continued the materialistic lifestyle that keeps us bound here?**
- **Are we inspiring fellow devotees in devotional service?**
- **Or are we pushing them away due to our own insecurities about status or position?**

These choices determine whether we enter Krishna's eternal abode or take another material birth. Crucially, you taught us that the Supersoul also witnesses how hard we try against all odds to perform devotional service. There is no need to feel unseen or despondent; the Supersoul sees everything. This gives us the ultimate impetus to do good and serve your mission with love.

Srila Prabhupada, you have given us a wonderful array of tools and services to leave this material

world and return to Krishna. You taught us that these tools are neither an entitlement nor a guarantee if we simply sit back and do nothing. Instead, they empower us to act, performing loving devotional service to awaken our love for Krishna. We must raise our personal standards and strive to offer you better results each year. Then, when the final test arrives, we will be prepared, and you will lovingly reunite us with Krishna!

Queen Kunti prayed to Krishna: "May calamities come again and again, so that I may meet with You again and again... Help me, prepare me, do whatever is necessary to render fit this unworthy soul for entrance into Your eternal abode."

Srila Prabhupada, I beg you to bestow your causeless mercy upon me. May I always cling to your lotus feet and remain faithful to your beloved ISKCON. May I mould my life in such a way that I dedicate it to your teachings and become eligible to enter Krishna's eternal abode.

In commemoration of ISKCON's momentous 60th anniversary celebration, I would like to offer you this short poem:

Oh dear Prabhupada!
 May you be my daily inspiration...
 For my soul's inner transformation...
 Let your teachings be my motivation...
 To serve your mission with love and dedication...
 May I always aspire...
 To raise my bar higher...
 So that you can take my hand...
 And deliver me to Krishna's land...
 The abode of dance and song...
 All day long...
 With Krishna's pastimes sweet...
 When Radharani He meets!...

*Your indebted granddaughter,
 Radhakund Devi Dasi*



Radhe Radhe Devi Dasi 
and Ananda Chandrika Devi Dasi
Durban
South Africa



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

MANY LIFETIMES WE HAVE PASSED

Thousands of questions, unanswered and unasked
Until you arrived and your magic wand you cast
Trapped in the web of Samsara
Your unwavering compassion transformed our karma
Your emphasis on Varna, rather than societal dogma
Drew in the masses; ISKCON's inception saved us from the crevasses.
Aspiring devotees now have an opportunity
To direct their devotion
And their journey back to godhead is now set in motion
If gratitude were raindrops, we'd send you a storm
For your selfless dedication in spiritually transforming the norm.

*Aspiring servants of the servants of the Vaishnavas,
Radhe Radhe Devi Dasi and Ananda Chandrika Devi Dasi*



Radhe Shyam Dasa 
Midrand
South Africa



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

THIS YEAR would be your 130th year since you appeared as our Srila Prabhupada on this planet. The whole world has been fortunate and blessed since your arrival. Many people, including myself, now have some understanding of Sri Krsna, have access to sastra and consume prasadam because of your service to your Guru Maharaja, HDG Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakur. In pleasing your guru maharaja you ensured that there was a facility for like-minded people to congregate and that organised programmes for self-realization and congregation preaching were taught in an orderly, sustainable manner. Since you started ISKCON we have seen your organisation expand rapidly throughout the world, fanned by an invisible force. By staying in the moment and free from emotion, your well-wishers know of this invisible force. Today in almost any

city of the world there is a high probability that one can meet a devotee of Lord Krsna. This great probability is only because of you. The prophecy of Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu that every town and village will hear the chanting of the holy name is manifesting because of your potency and the foundation you set for organized preaching that touches the heart and agitates the intelligence.

With the growth of ISKCON has come some difficulties. Whilst we all prefer no problems, it is not unreasonable to expect difficulties as the growth rate outperforms the corollary supervision and management rate required, especially when care is considered. Still any problems that show themselves are worrisome and disappointing. People are affected. Now it is the responsibility of those who are part of ISKCON to minimize natural problems so that

care and outreach can be diligently maximized. We owe you this and I am putting my hand up to do my bit. I pray, as instructed and guided by your disciple to me, that there is sincerity, selflessness, the use of intelligence and respect when I serve your ISKCON and its followers. I beg you to keep me in line.

Sadly, because we notice the black spot on a white sheet we tend not to focus and speak about the good things that happen in ISKCON. It's unfortunate as we miss the opportunity to build the positive culture and market the good results to genuine seekers and those who need inspiration. Understanding our philosophy, we know that Sri Krsna knows everything and that any perceived missed opportunity is

not really an opportunity lost. Still, we must use our minute independence intelligently. I believe this is what you would expect of us.

I am grateful for all that you have done and continue to do for us, our dearest Srila Prabhupada. We are indebted to you. But we should be like you: turn words into action. I am committing myself to you, your devotees, your ISKCON and your followers. To the best of my ability, I will do my utmost to serve you.

Thank you, dearest Srila Prabhupada.

*Your forever indebted servant,
Radhe Shyam Dasa*



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, I wish to offer my gratitude for the immeasurable gift you have given to the world. Through your courage, determination, purity and unwavering faith in Sri Krishna and your spiritual master, countless conditioned souls who would have otherwise remained lost have been given an opportunity to reconnect with Krishna consciousness.

Sometimes, I reflect deeply on the magnitude of what you accomplished. You travelled alone to the West at an elderly age, carrying only your faith, the holy name, and the desire to fulfil the order of your guru maharaja. Through immense difficulty, uncertainty and sacrifice, you established a spiritual movement that continues to transform hearts across the world to this very day.

I often think of your prayer upon arriving in America:

“O Lord, now that you have brought me here, make me dance, make me dance, make me dance as you like.”

Your humility is astonishing. Despite creating

a worldwide spiritual revolution, you never claimed ownership, but always gave all credit to Krishna and your spiritual master.

Srila Prabhupada, in this age there is so much confusion, noise, distraction and superficiality. It becomes easy to lose sight of the true goal of life - developing pure love for Krishna. Yet through your books, lectures and instructions, the path of bhakti remains clear. Again and again, I find that your teachings cut through illusion with remarkable clarity and practicality.

Your books do not simply provide information; they challenge the heart. They remind us that spiritual life is not merely sentiment, performance, or external appearance, but sincere transformation and surrender.

In the Bhagavad-gita you so mercifully presented, Krishna says:

*“man-manā bhava mad-bhakto
mad-yājī māṁ namaskuru”*

“Always think of Me, become My devotee, worship

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Me and offer your homage unto Me.”

Bhagavad-gita 18.65

Through your compassion, even people born far from Vedic culture have been given access to this eternal instruction and have learnt how to live in Krishna consciousness. Krishna consciousness is a lifestyle - a relationship disguised as a process, a process where, in the end, we reconnect with who we truly are: servants of Krishna. To be reconnected is the greatest blessing because we are then able to inevitably cut loose from all the material burdens and one day be reunited with our lord.

Krishna consciousness allows us to transcend the dullness of the material world so we may prepare ourselves to go back to our eternal home, Krishna's abode. What could be a greater gift than that? A gift that benefits our soul for eternity.

Srila Prabhupada, I pray for sincerity in my spiritual life. I pray for steadiness, humility and genuine devotion. Please help me to remember that bhakti

is ultimately about developing a loving relationship with Krishna and serving others with compassion and integrity.

I also pray for the strength to avoid becoming distracted by external validation, material anxieties, and the endless turbulence of this world. Please help me remain connected to the essence of Krishna consciousness.

You once wrote:

“Preaching means to have genuine concern for others.”

I pray that someday I may develop even a fraction of your compassion and conviction.

Thank you for your books, your sacrifices, your fearlessness, your honesty, and your profound faith in the holy name.

Thank you for giving us, Krishna.

Your servant,

Radhika Kripa Devi Dasi



Radhika Sewsunker
Durban
South Africa



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

EVERY YEAR MY OFFERING TO YOU is my expression of my most humble and most sincere gratitude for the knowledge you have given me. Every year I realize, more and more, how my gratitude can never fully express the importance of the knowledge given to me.

The greatest questions of life that the world has, and fails to answer despite science, debate, and advanced machinery, are “What is my purpose? Who am I?”

Your Divine Grace has answered these delicate questions not only with precision and fine detail, but also in ways that every single individual can understand. The value of ISKCON and Vedic knowledge is unparalleled and unrivalled by anything this

world has ever known or will know.

Man will always be the same, and so will material nature. War, disease, old age, fear, melancholy, depression, false ego - the list goes on, but none of these things can touch one who is elevated to the platform of Krsna's philosophy. One immediately becomes free from and untouched by all of life's miseries when one's mind becomes occupied with love for God, for Krsna. Krsna's pastimes, His philosophies, and His traits are so easy to become preoccupied with, like a fountain of clear water in the middle of an arid land. Unlike most oases, Krsna's presence becomes more evident the more you learn.

This year, and year on year, my prayer at your lotus feet is that my life - the time I spend in this

material world - be made useful to Your Divine Grace, and to Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu and His mission for Kṛṣṇa consciousness.

*Forever your humble servant,
Bhaktin Radhika Sewsunker*



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



Raghunath Bhatta Dasa
Durban
South Africa

BY YOUR MERCY, I had the great fortune to travel to Calcutta and stay at your sacred birthplace. That visit was not an ordinary pilgrimage. It was an intimate moment of reflection, connection, and deep gratitude.

While standing near the jackfruit tree under which you appeared in this world - just after Janmaṣṭami - I felt the presence of something timeless and divine. That tree, though now aged, still bears silent witness to your transcendental arrival, just as Nandisvara bore witness to Lord Kṛṣṇa's birth.

You once mentioned, "Where there is mango, there is jackfruit also - they are like cousin-brothers." Such a simple statement, yet profound in meaning. In that light, jackfruit forever reminds me of you - your strength, nourishment, and capacity to provide for all. It is heavy, sustaining, and satisfying - just like your words, your books, and your example. Jackfruit symbolizes the substantial shelter you gave us: not ornamental, not merely sweet, but life-sustaining and protective.

And mango - so sweet, so rich, known as the king of fruits - reminds me of your revered spiritual master, Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Ṭhākura. He once abstained from mango for life after having eaten one meant for the deity in childhood. That renunciation made the mango not sweeter, but more sacred. It became a symbol of the gravity of devotion and the seriousness of spiritual life.

Thus, when I see mango, I think of guru-niṣṭha unshakable faith in the service of the Supreme. And when I see jackfruit, I think of your mission - how you fed the world with spiritual knowledge, how

you nourished souls across continents, and how you encouraged us to "live simply" and chant Hare Kṛṣṇa with sincerity.

You said, "We can simply live on jackfruit- it is so nice - and mango must be there." This seemingly casual comment reveals your vision: a life of simplicity combined with the highest taste - the taste of surrender and service to guru and Kṛṣṇa. Jackfruit represents substance, nourishment, and simplicity, while mango represents sweetness, refinement, and devotion.

Jackfruit and mango - strength and sweetness, disciple and guru, bhoga and tyaga, sustenance and transcendence. These two fruits, found so often together in the land of Bharata-varṣa, now dwell together in my heart as reminders of you and your divine master.

Personally, I find great joy in performing arati for you. It is one of the services I cherish most, and by your mercy I have had the honour at the request of devotees, to perform it in various temples and while travelling abroad.

Before leaving your sacred birthplace, I deeply desired to offer one final arati. By your causeless mercy, the pujari there unexpectedly asked me to do so - right beneath the same jackfruit tree where you appeared in this world. That moment felt deeply personal and unforgettable, as though you were kindly allowing me one final opportunity to serve you before departing.

At the same time, this meditation on the jackfruit also reminded me of an important spiritual lesson. One of your disciples appeared intellectually

mature - a learned scholar of Sanskrit and well-read in sastra. Yet internally, in terms of humility, surrender, and purification, he remained unripe.

By prematurely aspiring for higher revelations, he neglected the foundational stages of devotional service - sraddha, sadhu-sanga, and steady bhajana. In doing so, he committed the grave offence of guru-avajna - disregarding your shelter, which is the root of all spiritual advancement.

As you would often say: "Like an unripe jackfruit that is fully grown - big on the outside, but

still immature within." Thus, though externally adorned with knowledge, he was internally lacking the sweetness of true bhakti.

Let my life become simple like jackfruit, sweet like mango, and useful in your service. And just as those two fruits grow side by side, may remembrance of you and your divine master always remain inseparable within my heart.

*Your insignificant servant,
Raghunath Bhatta Dasa*



Raghunath Dasa
Flacq
Mauritius



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

SRILA PRABHUPADA, the sacrifices that you have made to bring Krishna consciousness to the world are bearing fruit. Since you placed your Lotus feet in Mauritius 40 years ago, your movement is growing more and more. More people are interested in getting your books and getting the mercy of the lord.

The process that you gave us is transforming people's lives. The chanting on the streets is very powerful and touches many thousands of souls' hearts. Recently we went on Harinaam in a place where several hundred thousand people gather. This place is called Ganga Talab; it's a natural lake. People come to collect holy water to bathe Lord Shiva on Maha Shivaratri.

Srila Prabhupada you are the inspiration for thousands of devotees who went there to distribute books to the pilgrims, to distribute prasadam and my team and I were there on three occasions to do Harinaams. That was amazing. We chanted for more than five hours every time. There were thousands of people coming and going.

The effect was great. We distributed many

thousands of sweets. Thousands of books were distributed. Visitors and pilgrims joined the chanting and dancing. Apart from many local people who took part in the chanting, there were tourists from many countries with big smiles on their faces. There were also many Nepalese and Bangladeshi workers from Madagascar who joined in our ecstatic Harinaam.

Many among them received Krishna's mercy. They took part for the first time in their lives. So many thousands of people have their connection with Mahaprabhu's movement initiated. That is all your mercy Srila Prabhupada. You are the driving force and the inspiration. Around the world many millions of souls are coming into contact with your movement through your devotees. That's so wonderful. I thank you Srila Prabhupada for allowing me to be an insignificant instrument in your mission.

I beg to remain eternally grateful and indebted.

*Your very fallen grandson,
Raghunath Dasa*





Dear Srila Prabhupada,

MY HUMBLE OFFERING to our spiritual master, His Holiness Srila Prabhupada, for giving us the highest knowledge to attain Krishna consciousness by chanting the holy name of the Lord. I bow down to receive this message to go back to Godhead in this

Kali-yuga era by simply serving our guru and by doing service in this material world.

*Your servant,
Raj Rohith*



Raj Rohith
Durban
South Africa



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

THERE ARE NO WORDS TO THANK YOU for the love you have shown us by bestowing your mercy upon us. You gave up everything to travel the world and give this love to strangers and sceptics.

I am most fallen, with nothing going for me and no hope for any redemption yet you still accepted me through your disciples and devotees. My life is renewed through your causeless sacrifice for humanity.

You brought this mercy to me at the time in your

life when men are normally retired and relaxing as they await death. But you gave up everything and travelled the world so that we could all benefit from your love. There is no higher sacrifice than to give love to all even though you yourself are suffering.

I know my humble service is not enough to repay what you have done.

*Your eternal servant,
Raja Sekhara Dasa*



Raja Sekhara Dasa
Gqeberha
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our most humble obeisances at your divine lotus feet.
All glories to Your Divine Grace.

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

WE CONSIDER OURSELVES MOST FORTUNATE to join in offering our homage to you. You are the founder-acarya of our lives – a true paradigm of magnanimity, compassion, cleanliness, and resilience. We deeply connect with the profound literary sentiments that emanate from your transcendental books. Your purports have provided my family and

I with the immediate impetus to transcend the nescience of material existence through the sublime chanting of:

*Hare Krsna, Hare Krsna, Krsna Krsna, Hare Hare
Hare Rama, Hare Rama, Rama Rama, Hare Hare*



Rajesh Jawair, Ashvir,
Diya and Sunita
Newcastle
South Africa

Over the past 37 years, my spiritual purification, as a neophyte devotee, has evolved both spontaneously and gradually toward the tenets of Krishna consciousness.

You once instructed that if we want to make this a house of Krishna, then we must ensure that no one goes hungry within a 10-mile radius. Your boundless philanthropy manifests brilliantly across the globe in unprecedented spiritual achievements, most prominently through the daily Food for Life programme, which uplifts communities by

distributing sanctified prasadam. I pray that the global chanting of the holy names, empowered by your purity and divine grace, brings swift peace to this suffering world.

On this auspicious day, we implore you for your causeless mercy, and for the spiritual intelligence and strength to remain fixed in our purpose.

*Your eternal servants,
Rajesh Jawair, Ashvir, Diya and Sunita*



Ram Sevak Dasa
Hitchin
United Kingdom



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

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

FIRSTLY, MAY I THANK YOU for getting me connected to the parampara system by providing a clear link to Your Divine Grace via His Holiness Krishna Das Swami, who accepted me as his disciple in 1991. I also understand that he met you for the first time at the Ratha-yatra London 1973 festival, where I also had my first and only personal darsana of Your Divine Grace as I heard you leading the maha-mantra kirtana from the chariot as the latter arrived to pause for the continuation of the festival at Trafalgar Square.

Recognizing you, albeit in murti form, 15 years later at Bhaktivedanta Manor in the temple room began to have a profound effect in transforming one immersed fully in a contaminated way of living. With the visits to Bhaktivedanta Manor multiplying, at long last, submitting unto you through offering obeisances finally occurred naturally. Then, mercy began to flow from you.

Not only did I start trying to taste the rasa of the maha-mantra, but Gaura-Nitai also arrived shortly

afterwards in our household, turning it into an asrama. Around this time too, you made us encounter your sannyasa disciple, His Holiness Krishna Das Swami, and then through Guru Maharaja, we participated in all forms of transcendental activities, from temple cleaning and maintenance to street sankirtan, cooking for Sunday feast to temple deity worship, participating and leading kirtans to lecturing at Sunday feast... and, equally important, reading your books, particularly Bhagavad-gita As It Is and Srimad-Bhagavatam. Verily, it was the continuous reading and re-reading of your Bhagavad-gita that made us informally start to translate it into my mother tongue of Kreol Morisien, which is the cultural lingua franca of all Mauritians regardless of religion, cultural or other linguistic backgrounds. Later, the Bhaktivedanta Book Trust (BBT) Africa agreed to publish it.

With this being so, may I now also greedily seek your blessings for a second edition of your

61st translation of Bhagavad-gita, known as Bhagavad-gita Kouma Li Ete, which was launched in April two years ago, with 2,500 copies published by BBT Africa. At the launch, I was able to present to the people of Mauritius, and wherever its diaspora exists across the six continents, an actual copy of Bhagavad-gita in the cultural heritage lingua franca, Mauritian Kreol, after some four and a half years of endeavour on this project.

However, that was only the beginning. We have been working ever since to create a more refined second edition of Bhagavad-gita Kouma Li Ete, through the weekly active workshop of a small team (including Ashok, the editor, Kapil Dev Dasa, and Prakash Nerohoo), aiming to bombard Mauritius and its diaspora à la Srila Prabhupada with your 61st Bhagavad-gita Kouma Li Ete, so that all of Mauritius may become fully Krishna conscious, with a plea to

BBT Africa to produce 10,000 copies.

At time of writing, we believe to already have some more than 4000 already pledged distributorship/sponsored copies, based on hopefully a lower cost production at BBT Africa.

Through Guru-krpa, and again by your special mercy and Krishna's benediction, we are using the motto: "Lir ek fer lir (par distribie ou fasilit distribision via sponsor) Bhagavad-gita Kouma Li Ete." Its translated version is: "Read and make others read (by distributing or facilitating distribution via sponsor) Bhagavad-gita Kouma Li Ete."

Bhagavad-gita Kouma Li Ete ki jaya. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

*Your insignificant granddisciple,
Ram Sevak Dasa*



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

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

ON THIS MOST AUSPICIOUS OCCASION of your Vyasa-puja, I offer my heartfelt gratitude for your immeasurable mercy upon this fallen soul. By your causeless compassion, you carried the timeless teachings of Lord Sri Krishna across oceans, delivering the light of bhakti to a world lost in darkness. Your words in Bhagavad-gita and Srimad-Bhagavatam continue to illuminate the path of spiritual life, guiding countless conditioned souls back to their eternal relationship with Krishna.

Srila Prabhupada, you are the pure representative of the disciplic succession, and through you we receive the mercy of Sri Guru and Gauranga.

Like a compassionate grandfather, you have given us everything: the holy name, philosophy, process, and purpose. Yet, despite receiving so much, I often find myself lacking sincerity and determination. Still, you never withdraw your mercy, and for that I remain eternally indebted.

Your books are my constant shelter, and your instructions are my guiding compass. Whenever I feel lost in the modes of passion and ignorance, your teachings remind me to rise toward goodness and transcendence through devotional service. You have taught us that Krishna consciousness is not a theoretical ideal, but a practical and joyful way of life



Rama Gopal Dasa
Phoenix
South Africa

centred on chanting the holy names:

*Hare Krsna, Hare Krsna, Krsna Krsna, Hare Hare
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Srila Prabhupada, please bless me with the strength to follow your instructions with sincerity, to serve without selfish desire, and to develop a genuine taste for hearing and chanting. Kindly help me to overcome my shortcomings and engage steadily in devotional service.

On this sacred day, I pray to become even a small instrument in your mission to share Krishna consciousness with others and to live in a way that pleases you. May I always remember that whatever little I have is due to your mercy alone.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for giving meaning to my life and hope to my heart.

*Your insignificant servant,
Rama Gopal Dasa*



Ramanandini Devi Dasi
Cape Town
South Africa



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

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ALL GLORIES TO 60 YEARS since the establishment of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness.

I am grateful to you for your compassion on everyone in the world. You have been gloriously successful in following your Guru Maharaja's instructions to spread Krishna consciousness in the English-speaking world. And further to this, the satsra was spread to many countries, being translated into many languages globally. ISKCON centres and temples have been established in all the major cities.

The society has expanded, with much progress in outreach via sankirtana book distribution, prasad distribution, harinama chanting processions, and festivals such as Ratha-yatra, Gaura Purnima, Janmastami, and many other auspicious festival days. Worldwide darsana of Their Lordships is available through the media. Even if one lives in a remote place, Sri Sri Radha Madhava, Sri Sri Radha Syamasundara, Lord Jagannatha, Lord Baladeva,

and Subhadra Maharani are all mercifully available. And best of all, there is the wonderful association of your lectures and books and the association of your dear disciples and granddisciples, which is freely available to all. They are furthering your mission of saving this planet and the living entities by protecting them from the most dangerous type of fear.

Over this past year, through your mercy, there have been opportunities to engage in service in the yatra. Throughout this, the theme has been 'Just depend on the holy name and develop faith and trust in Krishna'.

I pray that you please bless me so that I may be of service in the yatra, to Guru Maharaja, and to Your Divine Grace.

Please forgive my offences.

*Your aspiring granddisciple,
Ramanandini Devi Dasi*





Our dear Srila Prabhupada,

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YOU ARE THE SPIRITUAL MASTER of the whole world. You brought us near to Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu's mercy and made us realize our true identity. To fulfil the order of your spiritual master, you accepted many inconveniences in your advanced age. You saved the lives of millions of people and taught us how to live in this material world.

On this auspicious occasion of your Vyasa-puja, we humbly bow down at your lotus feet, seeking your blessings and guidance. Your divine presence in our lives has been an immeasurable source of inspiration and enlightenment. You have opened the doors to the treasure house of spiritual knowledge, allowing countless souls to reconnect with their eternal relationship with Krsna.

Your unwavering dedication to spreading the teachings of Lord Caitanya and the Bhagavad-gita, as well as your profound compassion for all living beings, have transformed our hearts and minds. Through your unparalleled efforts, you have not only established the International Society for Krishna Consciousness but have also given us a potent means to realize our true purpose in life.

Your translations and commentaries on the sacred texts have made it possible for us to understand the depths of Vedic wisdom. By studying your

books, we are empowered to practise bhakti-yoga with sincerity and devotion. You have instilled in us the need to serve others and to spread the holy names of Krsna. On this special day, we express our gratitude for your sacrifices and your commitment to the mission of spreading Krsna consciousness throughout the world. May we strive to embody your teachings, live a life of devotion, and serve our spiritual community with love and dedication.

As we chant the holy names, we pray for the strength to carry forward your mission, embodying the principles you have taught us. May our hearts be filled with devotion, and may we always remember your divine presence guiding us along this path.

Thank you for being our pre-eminent siksa-guru, our spiritual guide, and our eternal friend. Your legacy continues to inspire us every day, and we aspire to serve you and your mission sincerely with whatever little we can do. We are proud to be part of this Hare Krsna movement. You have saved this fallen soul. Thank you, Jagat Guru.

With deep respect and devotion at your lotus feet,

*Kind regards from your servant,
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Ramatirtha Dasa and Rasavalli Dasi
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Please bless us so that we may make advancement in our spiritual lives.

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Dearest Śrīla Prabhupāda,
Please accept our humble obeisances.
All glories to Your Divine Grace, and all glories to Lord Śrī Krishna.

 Ramkinkar Dasa
Durban
South Africa

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmīn iti nāmine
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*śrī kṛṣṇa caitanya prabhu nityānanda
śrī advaita gadādhara śrīvāsādi gaura-bhakta-vṛnda*

*hare kṛṣṇa, hare kṛṣṇa, kṛṣṇa kṛṣṇa, hare hare
hare rāma, hare rāma, rāma rāma, hare hare*

TODAY, WITH HEARTS FILLED WITH deep gratitude and reverence, we remember your extraordinary compassion and unparalleled sacrifice for the conditioned souls lost in the darkness of māyā. Out of your causeless mercy, you carried the eternal message of Lord Kṛṣṇa across oceans to uplift suffering humanity and awaken pure devotion in countless hearts throughout the world.

At the advanced age of 69, on 13 August 1965, you courageously embarked on the sacred cargo ship Jaladuta from Calcutta Port to Boston Harbour, faithfully executing the divine order of your

spiritual master, Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī Ṭhākura, to spread Kṛṣṇa consciousness in the English language throughout the Western world. Despite immense hardships, physical discomfort, and uncertainty, your unwavering faith in Lord Kṛṣṇa and your spiritual master carried you forward on this historic transcendental mission.

Your Divine Grace travelled tirelessly around the globe twelve times, inspiring and enthusing your disciples to dedicate their lives to the mission of the International Society for Kṛṣṇa Consciousness (ISKCON) and to spread the congregational

chanting of the holy names of the Lord to every town and village, fulfilling the prophecy of Lord Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu. Hare Kṛṣṇa, Hare Kṛṣṇa, Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa, Hare Hare/ Hare Rāma, Hare Rāma, Rāma Rāma, Hare Hare

Your worldwide Harināma Saṅkīrtana movement transformed cities, towns, villages, universities, marketplaces, and communities into transcendental places of spiritual awakening. Through the public chanting of the holy names, millions were inspired to inquire into the Absolute Truth, take shelter of devotional service, and join the Hare Kṛṣṇa movement.

Your transcendental books, enriched with your profound Bhaktivedanta purports, remain a timeless ocean of spiritual knowledge and ecstasy. Freely distributed throughout the world, they continue to illuminate the path of bhakti-yoga for countless conditioned souls searching for meaning, peace, and love of God.

Your compassion extended beyond spiritual nourishment alone. Deeply moved by the suffering of humanity, Your Divine Grace established food relief programmes that continue to feed millions of people daily in schools, clinics, marketplaces, villages, and impoverished communities across the world. You instructed your followers that no one should go hungry within a ten-mile radius of an ISKCON temple.

Your heart melted with compassion when you witnessed children fighting with dogs for leftover food during the Gaura Pūrṇimā festival in Māyāpur. From that moment, you inspired a global mission of prasādam distribution, ensuring that sanctified food would become both spiritual mercy and practical relief for suffering humanity. Through your vision, millions continue to receive nutritious meals offered first to Lord Kṛṣṇa, carrying both physical sustenance and spiritual purification.

Your life membership programme opened the doors of devotional service to countless

businessmen, families, professionals, supporters, and members of the public, encouraging them

to visit your temples, associate with devotees, honour prasādam, and become connected to the mission of Lord Caitanya Mahāprabhu. Through your far-reaching vision, people from all walks of life found spiritual shelter and developed appreciation for Kṛṣṇa consciousness.

Your personal care, affection, and concern for devotees and guests remain beyond our imagination. Despite carrying the immense responsibility of establishing a worldwide spiritual movement, you always gave individual attention, guidance, encouragement, and mercy to everyone who approached you. Your loving dealings reflected the true qualities of a pure Vaiṣṇava and spiritual father to the entire world.

Your 108 original temples became spiritual sanctuaries attracting millions toward devotional service, and today, by your divine mercy and eternal vāṇī, more than 800 temples, centres, farm communities, restaurants, schools, and congregations worldwide continue to serve and glorify your sacred mission.

Śrīla Prabhupāda, your compassion knew no boundaries. You gave the holy name, transcendental knowledge, prasādam, devotional association, and the opportunity for all living beings to reconnect with Śrī Kṛṣṇa. Your life remains the perfect example of humility, surrender, determination, purity, and unconditional love for humanity.

Thank you very much, Śrīla Prabhupāda, for your causeless mercy upon all of us. We pray for the strength and sincerity to always remain servants of your divine mission and instruments in spreading Lord Kṛṣṇa's holy names throughout the world.

Hare Kṛṣṇa, Hare Kṛṣṇa, Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa, Hare Hare/ Hare Rāma, Hare Rāma, Rāma Rāma, Hare Hare

*Your eternal servants,
Ramkinkar Dasa, Vaidarbhi Devi Dasi, Dr. Krishna Prasad Rambarran, Professor Vamsidhar Dasa, Sri Radhika Preeti Devi Dasi, Sri Naradi Gopi, Vibhav Dasa, Damodar Dasa Ramsuran*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

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



Ramleela Devi Dasi

Estcourt

South Africa

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namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvisesa-sunyavadi-pascatya-desa-tarine*

I AM WRITING THIS OFFERING TO express my gratitude to you for guiding me to take shelter in the ISKCON movement through reading your books and gaining transcendental knowledge.

Srila Prabhupada provided us with the association of devotees, which is a lifeline for our Krsna consciousness. He exposed to us the different types of wrong association in society that can distract, deviate and degrade us, and he taught us how to come closer to guru and Krsna and become stronger devotees. He taught us through example the glory of

hearing about Krsna and His pastimes.

The success of our Hare Krsna movement today is largely due to the legacy and strategy that we consciously and unconsciously inherited from Srila Prabhupada.

He lives forever by his divine instructions, and the follower lives with him.

Your servant,

Ramleela Devi Dasi



My dear Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

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



Ranga Devi Dasi

Chatsworth, Durban

South Africa

WHEN I WAS just a teenager, you had captured my heart through your books. Krsna Book was the first, but what really convinced me of the philosophy was The Science of Self-Realization. Now, many years later, I'm engaged in teaching your books at the Bhaktivedanta College of Education and Culture.

Through Krsna Book, I was convinced that Krsna is God who has attributes, personality, and qualities. Krsna who laughs, plays, and cries – someone I could relate to because He's a person just like me, only that he is greater than the greatest. Although He is the Supreme Personality of Godhead, the supreme controller, he has feelings and a personality. It was Krsna that I was searching for, but in all the wrong places. I had finally found him through the pages of your literature. In my quest, I came

across Brahman, and I thought of it as vague and impossible for me to be associated with. With a neophyte understanding, I was thinking, "If I become one with God, then which part of his body will I fit into?" It was just so incredulous to me.

The Science of Self-Realization further convinced my aching heart through its philosophy and established a deeper faith. You dismissed the idea of Brahman, or becoming one with God, but encapsulated the true essence of bhakti as superior.

Now, as I teach your various books, especially the Srimad-Bhagavatam, to other devotees, I pray that they will touch their hearts as they did mine. I pray that their hearts will be imbued with unshakable faith in guru and Krsna.

mukam karoti vacalam
pangum langhayate girim
yat-krpa tam aham vande
sri-gurum dina-taranam
(Madhya 17.80)

Only by the mercy of the spiritual master can the dumb speak eloquently and the lame cross mountains.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for everything—gurus, temples, devotees, prasadam, books, philosophy, harinama—and the list can go on and on, thereby empowering us to preach and push on this movement.

I'm just so grateful for everything that you have bestowed upon me to make my life successful in this

lifetime. Hopefully, I could join you again one day in the spiritual abode, although I feel so unqualified to be in your glorious association.

This is the desire of every devotee who comes into contact with you through your books. You did mention that you will never die; you will live eternally through your books. I'm so grateful for having found you. For now, I am relishing your vani association through your divine literature, and your vapu through your archa-vigraha.

Srila Prabhupada, please continue to bless me as I strive to meet you personally sometime in the future.

*Your granddaughter,
Ranga Devi Dasi*



Rangadevi Dasi
Durban
South Africa



My dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories unto your divine lotus feet.
My humble obeisances unto all the Vaisnava devotees of the Lord.

I OFFER YOU MY DEEPEST GRATITUDE, knowing full well that you are the reason I am engaged in devotional service. It is through your teachings that I can engage in bhakti-yoga and become linked to the divine parampara system.

I thank you for all the wonderful devotees with whom I associate and with whom I have such loving relationships. My only prayer is that you please bless me so that I may always be engaged in the

devotional service of the devotees and the Lord, because that will lead to the ultimate goal of existence. Please bless me with the mindset to achieve this position as a servant of the servants.

All glories, all glories, all glories unto your divine lotus feet. Hare Krishna.

*Your servant,
Rangadevi Dasi*



Rasa-sthali Dasi
Durban
South Africa



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

ON THIS SOLEMN OCCASION of your Sri Vyasa-puja, I have one prayer: Please protect the Vaisnavis. Please inspire devotees in their hearts to truly embrace our most basic foundation that we are not the body.

Please cut away the discrimination. Bless us that we can return to your vision. That we can carry this movement forward free from personal motivation, bias, and mundane constraints.

We are living through troubled times in which more than half of your movement are told, “we are the body,” and therefore not qualified to render various services. The entire structure of siksa and diksa-guru, as you have described it in your books, has become an “ongoing discussion”.

Please allow the evidence based on guru, sadhu,

sastra, and also history, to prevail. Inspire the devotees to educate themselves so they can intelligently and compassionately imbibe bona fide understanding – one free from personal vendetta.

As always, I remain your servant,

Rasa-sthali Dasi



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

ON THIS SACRED OCCASION of Sri Vyasa-puja, I offer my humble obeisances to Your Divine Grace, the founder-acarya of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness, who transplanted the message of Lord Krishna across the world with extraordinary determination, compassion, and faith.

Srila Prabhupada, you left the holy land of India at an advanced age, carrying only a few books, a few rupees, and complete dependence on Sri Krishna. Through your purity and dedication, you established this Krishna consciousness movement on every continent, transforming countless lives and giving people access to the timeless wisdom of the Bhagavad-gita As It Is and Srimad-Bhagavatam.

We in South Africa have a special reason to be grateful. In October 1975, despite many obstacles created by the political circumstances of the apartheid era, you personally came here. Your visit was the fulfilment of a heartfelt desire to spread Lord Caitanya’s mission here. You spent time in Durban and Johannesburg, speaking at public programmes, universities, and community gatherings, inspiring thousands with the message that every living being is an eternal servant of Krishna, beyond all bodily designations of race, nationality, or social status.

At a time when South Africa was deeply divided, you taught the universal principle that we are

not black, white, Indian, African, or any temporary designation—we are eternal souls. Your teachings offered a vision of unity based on spiritual understanding, transcending the barriers that separated people.

During your visit to Durban, you instructed your followers to build a magnificent temple and establish Krishna consciousness firmly in South Africa. Today, the flourishing temples, congregations, festivals, book distribution, prasadam distribution, and devotional communities throughout the country stand as a testimony to your divine vision and mercy.

Srila Prabhupada, your greatest gift was not simply buildings or institutions; it was the gift of pure devotional service. Through your books, lectures, and personal example, you gave us a process by which anyone, regardless of background, can awaken love for Krishna.

On this auspicious Vyasa-puja festival day, I pray for the intelligence and determination to serve your mission faithfully. May we always remember the sacrifices you made, the compassion you showed, and the spiritual legacy you entrusted to us.

Srila Prabhupada, thank you for coming to South Africa. Thank you for bringing Krishna to our homes, our communities, and our hearts. May



Rasakeli Priya Dasi

Amanzimtoti

South Africa

we always remain servants of your servants and help
carry your message to future generations.

*Your aspiring servant,
Rasakeli Priya Dasi*



Rasamrta Murti Devi Dasi
Vacoas
Mauritius



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances unto your lotus feet on this very auspicious occasion of your Vyasa-puja.

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

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

THE APPEARANCE OF A SPIRITUAL MASTER into this material world is a special blessing from Lord Krishna Himself. When ordinary souls like myself make the unfortunate choice to enjoy in this material world, we are sent down here, where we become hopelessly entangled in the bondage of fruitive activities. Many of us did not even know that this material world is not our original home and that the body in which we are desperately trying to enjoy is only a temporary vehicle carrying us to our next destination.

Srila Prabhupada, if you had not chosen to come to this material world to open our eyes and pull us out of our delusions, our connection to the parampara would never have been made. We would never have tasted the sweetness of chanting the holy names of the Lord, and we would never have had the opportunity to begin the process of devotional service.

Therefore, today I stand before you with a heart full of gratitude for your choice to come to this material world to save us. Even though you knew that “this world is not a fit place for a gentleman”, as your guru maharaja said, you still agreed to endure so many hardships for our sake.

Thanks to you, thousands of souls have re-established their connection to the Lord, and several others will continue to do so in the future through your legacy, the ISKCON movement. You have indeed been a true Senapati-bhakta: an empowered field commander sent by Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu in the war against maya to reclaim us, the fallen souls.

Thank you for having shown me my true identity. I owe you a debt of gratitude.

*Your spiritual granddaughter,
Rasamrta Murti Devi Dasi*



Rasaraj Dasa
Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

All glories to your lotus feet – dear Srila Prabhupada
All glories to the devotees all over the universe
All glories to your son – Partha Sarathi Dasa Goswami
All glories to my departed ancestors and various Vaishnavas who have recently
left this material realm.

The year is 2026, dear Srila Prabhupada, and my age is rapidly moving along
Strangely enough this body is a 57-year
You offer me strength to most trials and troubles bear
You explain that the essence of Krsna consciousness is that we are not these
bodies
because death can come at any time – it is always near
so, we should always, the holy name – maha-mantra hear
Your word, Abhayam, means – one who does not fear

World wars
satellites and stars
my life is hectic, busy and this and that to fix
cement, concrete and corobrik
is this all maya's trick
my children
gout and comrades, the races I want to run
Jagannath AC and gardening is some fun
Chanting and chanting
and more things to do is the wanting

I am serving as best I can with the JAC. Fruits and street people care
death comes at any time we should be aware
Preaching to some is definitely a dare
I don't easily scare
my nickname is man with no hair

I remain with you Srila Prabhupada always
Sri Krsna is the big boss
I am full name abas
Dasa unu dasa
Two bullet Rasaraj Dasa

*Your servant,
Rasaraj Dasa*



Ratna Manjari Dasi 🌸
Durban
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,

HOW CAN ONE ADEQUATELY THANK the person who changed the course of countless lives? Through your boundless compassion, you carried the message of Lord Krishna across oceans and continents, giving hope, purpose, and spiritual direction to a world in need.

Your books continue to speak to our hearts, your instructions continue to guide our lives, and your example continues to inspire us to deepen our devotion. Every holy name chanted, every scripture studied, and every act of devotional service performed is a testament to your mercy and sacrifice.

Though we may never fully comprehend the magnitude of what you have given us, today we pause to remember with gratitude the extraordinary

gift of Krishna consciousness that you so selflessly shared with the world.

My prayer on this auspicious day is that I may develop even a fraction of your humility, determination, faith, and dedication to serving guru and Krishna. May I always remain connected to your teachings and endeavour to serve your mission with sincerity.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for showing us the way home.

Srila Prabhupada ki jaya!

*Your servant,
Ratna Manjari Dasi*



Ratnalekha Gopi Devi Dasi 🌸
Johannesburg
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada, Hare Krishna.

Please accept my most humble obeisances unto you.

All glories to your astounding accomplishments.

SRILA PRABHUPADA, it is the 60th year since the inception of this movement, and I am amazed at how relevant this movement remains today. The philosophy of Krishna consciousness is truly able to answer the questions I struggled with and could not find answers to elsewhere. It has become my lifestyle, and I know no other way since I started reading your books.

I did not need to try hard to overcome my poor tastes. They changed automatically. Your books and the maha-mantra are just magical. They can help one achieve the goal of going back home, back to Godhead, when practised with devotion and determination.

I am eternally grateful to you for your unflinching endeavour to make us aware of our true constitutional position.

By taking guidance from my spiritual master, His Holiness Rama Govinda Swami, and by following the rules of this system, I have uplifted my thought process and now understand more clearly what is best for me.

Thank you once again for saving me and saving so many others in these 60 years.

*I remain your eternal servant,
Ratnalekha Gopi Devi Dasi*





Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most humble obeisances on this auspicious occasion of your Vyasa-puja.

 Ravendra Chauhan
Gdańsk
Poland

*Hare Kṛṣṇa, Hare Kṛṣṇa, Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa, Hare Hare/ Hare Rāma, Hare Rāma,
Rāma Rāma, Hare Hare*

I FEEL IMMENSELY GRATEFUL to Your Divine Grace for your unparalleled service to humanity in spreading Krishna consciousness worldwide. In these present times, when so many of us are lost in a materialistic world and have forgotten the true purpose of our existence, the light shed by the International Society for Krishna Consciousness, the spiritual institution founded by Srila Prabhupada, safeguards us and guides us back toward the righteous path.

Srila Prabhupada's exemplary life, unshakable devotion, and profound literary works have deeply transformed my understanding of dharma and the ultimate goal of life. I consider myself among the most fortunate souls to have been touched by his

teachings and works.

It brings great satisfaction to my heart to witness the global impact of Srila Prabhupada's vision, which cuts across all cultural boundaries to unite humanity in devotion to the Supreme Lord, Sri Krishna.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for your compassionate spiritual leadership and for making it possible for countless souls to realize their eternal relationship with the Lord.

Your grateful servant,
Ravendra Chauhan



Dear Srila Prabhupada, Hare Kṛṣṇa.
All glories to our dearest spiritual master, Your Divine Grace.
Please accept my sincere, humble, and respectful obeisances at your lotus feet.

 Rekha Pillay
Durban
South Africa

I WANT TO EXPRESS my most heartfelt gratitude to you, Gurudeva, for what you have done for this world. I have experienced nothing but pure bliss and ecstasy in chanting the holy name of the Lord, as you have prescribed.

It is my great fortune to have come across devotees preaching and your books, which brought me onto the path of devotional service. It is through your mercy that I am serving Their Lordships and the devotees.

I still feel your guidance and spiritual love through your teachings, books, and lectures, as if you are still physically present. Please keep me

under your protection and guidance until my very last breath, and always bless me with your mercy so that I may advance in my spiritual endeavours.

You are very much an integral part of my life, and I cannot do without you. I am getting initiated this year at the Radhastami festival, all because of your mercy. Please bless my ongoing journey.

I am following your divine instructions and chanting the holy name. I am forever grateful and thankful for all you have done. I have a small request: since you are there in the spiritual world, could you please recommend me to our dear Lord Kṛṣṇa?

Thank you so much, dearest Srila Prabhupada. All glories! Haribol.

*Your aspiring servant,
Bhaktin Rekha Pillay*



Remuna-priya Dasi
Johannesburg
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada, Hare Krishna.
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to you and to your mood, mission, and vision, which have set the standard for ISKCON.

SRILA PRABHUPADA, I suffered a huge personal loss recently when my beloved mother passed away. The pain was beyond anything I could fathom, a wound so deep that I doubted whether I could ever recover. I am still far from being over it, and the grief lingers heavily in my heart. Yet it is only because of the gift of Krishna consciousness that you gave us that I can find even a glimmer of strength and hope.

I am so grateful to you, Srila Prabhupada, because even though my loss is so deep and painful, I see Krishna's hand in it. I fully accept that her passing was in Krishna's plan and that there was nothing I could do to change it. As you said on the loss of your mother, "It is the grace of the Lord."

Through her passing, my brother and I were given many opportunities to engage in devotional service by serving many Vaisnavas.

Through her passing, we were able to transform this painful event into spiritual strength and deep surrender.

Through her passing, our devotee community came together in unity, showing that a life rooted in Krishna consciousness is not mourned but celebrated. Her journey of devotion assures us that she has found shelter at the lotus feet of the Lord, and that is the greatest comfort we can hold in our hearts.

None of this would have been possible had you not brought us the glory of the holy name. By your mercy, the passing of my dear mother was made lighter, filled with the strength and hope that Krishna consciousness gives. Without your gift of bhakti, it would have been impossible to face such a moment with peace and faith.

You have given us the shelter of Krishna, in life and in death. For your shelter, guidance, and eternal hope, I offer my deepest gratitude.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada.

*Your servant,
Remuna-priya Dasi*



Rishabh Beetul
Cape Town
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

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

HAPPY VYASA-PUJA TO YOU.

Over the past few years in my devotee life, I

have realised that not only is doing service fun, but preaching and cooking are equally nice and fun

things to do.

I have been trying to read more books, scriptures, and articles about Krishna, but I find it quite hard. I am also struggling to keep up with putting on tilaka every day. I am sad that I am not as dedicated to reading, chanting, and wearing tilaka as I used to be when I was smaller.

As a 12-year-old, please bless me so that I may

be able to do much more when I am bigger and older. I miss the days when I remembered to wear tilaka before going to school.

Dear Srila Prabhupada, please bless me to be a better devotee than I am.

*Your unqualified servant,
Rishabh Beetul*



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



Rishen Lalla
Durban
South Africa

ONE YEAR AGO, I wrote to you with hope in my heart and a desire to begin a journey of healing, surrender, and spiritual growth. I learned that the path is often walked through uncertainty.

This year has tested me in ways I never imagined. I experienced loss, confusion, and loneliness. Yet through all of this, I can see your mercy. I did not always walk steadily, but I continued walking. I did not always act wisely, but I continued learning.

The family that I prayed to protect remains the greatest source of meaning in my life. My children continue to teach me lessons about love, patience, and responsibility. Sometimes healing means

learning to accept what cannot be changed while continuing to act with sincerity and faith.

I continue my studies, my spiritual practice, and my efforts to become a better father and servant. I do not know exactly what Krishna has planned for me, but I trust that every experience has been placed before me for a reason.

Please allow me to continue serving with sincerity and gratitude.

*Your aspiring servant,
Rishen Lalla*



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



Rivash Persad
Durban
South Africa

THIS HUMAN LIFE is filled with so much danger at every step, as you have mentioned. The world is moving at such a fast pace, and it seems that many are unaware of this danger and ignore the need to equip themselves with spiritual knowledge.

Through your books, lectures, and programmes, you have provided us with such a meaningful method to practise our lives with spirituality as the

fundamental component in everything we do. Without this, we would literally be placing ourselves in so much danger every day, with very little purpose.

Your teachings and instructions have provided hope to mankind, which claims to be modern but is void of the highest truth and teaching, and to mankind, which emphasises convenience yet cannot understand simple truths.

We give gratitude to you every day for equipping us with the motivation and inspiration to become better devotees who can play a role in providing hope and understanding to the world, which lives in grave danger every day.

On this auspicious Vyasa-puja, we bow down

lifetime after lifetime in appreciation of the sacrifice and love that you provided to mankind as its lifeboat.

*Your aspiring servant,
Rivash Persad*



Romilla Persad 🌸
Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

THROUGH YOUR TEACHINGS, dearest Srila Prabhupada, my life has found deeper meaning, purpose, and peace. Your words gently guide my heart towards devotional service and have helped me understand the true sweetness of serving the Lord with love and sincerity. Every Friday, making garlands for the Lord has become more than a service; it has become a sacred offering of devotion and gratitude.

Through the nectar of devotee association, I

have experienced warmth, growth, and spiritual joy that continue to transform my life. Your teachings have not only inspired me, they have also awakened my soul and brought me closer to Krishna with every step.

*Your servant,
Romilla Persad*



Rosy Reddy 🌸
Havenside, Chatsworth
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

THANK YOU, Srila Prabhupada, for all your teachings in Krishna consciousness.

Your servant,
Rosy Reddy



Rukmini Devi Dasi 🌸
Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
I bow down to your beautiful lotus feet.

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

IN MY MIND'S EYE, I enter your kitchen in the Radha-Damodara Mandir in Vrndavana. Sitting upon

those raw red bricks, I worship those beautiful lotus feet with gratitude. I contemplate on your gaze: you

are looking out of the little Rajasthani-style window at the samadhi of Srila Rupa Gosvami.

In the Changemakers workshops held by His Holiness S.B. Keshava Swami, we discussed the qualities of a 'spiritual entrepreneur'. This refers to one who embraces the path of the apostle, and not only the struggle of being a sheep. It is a person who thinks big, whose faith is louder than his fear. It is a person who puts vision before resources and works with what is available, and one who exudes spiritual positivity and invests in people. Unparalysed by their lacking, spiritual entrepreneurs know that the mission is bigger than themselves. They keep their focus, even if the whole world is walking in the opposite direction.

O Srila Prabhupada, you are all that to a superlative degree. You came with nothing. You moved west when your godbrothers were walking in the opposite direction. You had faith that the impossible

could happen. You used whatever came, however imperfect the instrument. You could never think small; that was your disease. You invested in people in such a way that, with one look, they dedicated the essence of their beings to you. And yet, it was never about you.

I am thinking of these qualities while looking at the current landscape, and while looking at myself.

I pray to make an offering. The vision is not mine. It is a gift from my spiritual master. And, boy, how broken is this instrument? Sometimes it feels as though few walk in this direction, and I am afraid of failing. Yet your mission is bigger than my lacking. You have invested so much in me. How can I not try? Please shower me with your spiritual positivity.

*A servant of your servants,
Rukmini Devi Dasi*



My dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet.

THIS MATERIAL WORLD has become more and more challenging to be part of, but you, Srila Prabhupada, and your senior disciples keep me strong every day. Your books, lectures, and disciples keep us focused in our spiritual life. Without them, we would be lost souls. Srila Prabhupada, you have saved us and are still saving us while the world and society around us are breaking down.

Your deity form in all the temples is so powerful because you are present, watching and guiding us daily. There are no words to describe the power that you have, Srila Prabhupada. Even without being physically present, you are still so powerful, leading us in so many ways. Thank you for your presence and for still guiding us every day, especially when

things become difficult, through your books, lectures, senior disciples, and deity form.

Thank you so much, Srila Prabhupada, for this Krishna consciousness movement and for my spiritual master. Without Guru and Gauranga, I have nothing. I would be nothing in this material world, with no direction. Thank you for your mercy and guidance.

I pray to you, Srila Prabhupada, for your mercy and guidance, and that I may forever hold on to your lotus feet, and that you never let me go.

*Your eternal well-wisher and servant,
Rupa Cintamani Devi Dasi*

 Rupa Cintamani Devi Dasi
Cape Town
South Africa



Rupa Goswami Dasa 
Gauteng
South Africa



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

I WAS RECENTLY LISTENING TO a lecture by my guru maharaja; His Holiness Bhakti Charu Swami.

Quote –

“We are so fortunate, that somehow or the other we became connected to Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu. Somehow or the other we came into contact with Srila Prabhupada’s teachings. Somehow or the other we took birth at a time when Caitanya Mahaprabhu performed his pastimes, gave his teachings and then Srila Prabhupada came, distributed that teachings, and here we are, received this inconceivable good fortune. Can you imagine if we were born before Srila Prabhupada came, what would have happened, would we be here?”.

How true, and I am a recipient of this good fortune. Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, my appreciation and gratitude to you could never be expressed

enough.

My life experiences every day in this material world and following your teachings simultaneously reaffirms that this material world is an illusion and just temporary. And by following Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu’s teachings through you is real. I pray for your mercy and blessings to help me with knowledge, increase my faith and always remain in your ISKCON.

Please bless me, dearest Srila Prabhupada, to continue with my services sincerely, and in some small way, to help grow your mission.

Thank you.

Happy Vyasa-puja.

Your humble servant,

Rupa Goswami Dasa



Sachin Dajee 
Cape Town
South Africa



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

IF IT WERE NOT FOR YOU and the ISKCON movement you brought to South Africa, I would never have found the joy of serving through Food for Life every Saturday. Feeding communities has become so dear to my heart, and it is all because of your mercy and guidance.

The association of devotees in this movement is priceless to me. My spiritual brothers and sisters have been like family, always there for me and always encouraging me. Thank you for giving me this sacred space where we can serve together, celebrate festivals, and fill our weekends with devotion.

Saturdays with Food for Life and Sundays in service at the feast have become the most blessed parts of my week. To cook, to serve, and to be in the association of devotees truly fills my heart with joy.

I pray that I can continue to serve in this way for many years to come. Thank you for bringing Krishna consciousness to South Africa and for giving us all the chance to serve and grow together. It means the world to me.

Your servant,

Sachin Dajee





Dearest Jagat-guru Srila Prabhupada,

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

All glories to Lord Jagannatha, Lord Baladeva, and Lady Subhadra. All glories to you on this most auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja!



Saci Devi Dasi
Johannesburg
South Africa

GENERALLY, MERCY IS displayed as kindness or compassion, but in a spiritual context it goes much deeper than ordinary kindness. It means receiving grace, guidance, and upliftment that we cannot earn on our own. You have been a solid example of pure mercy, which you have so selflessly given to every living entity. I feel forever grateful to have a place in your

home, to hear from your dearest disciples, and to try to repeat this to others.

Thank you for being so merciful to this unworthy recipient.

Your granddaughter,

Saci Devi Dasi



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my most humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

All glories unto you.



Saci Priya Devi Dasi
Cape Town
South Africa

FROM THE DEPTHS OF MY HEART, I wish to thank you for bringing Krishna consciousness to South Africa in 1975. Because of your causeless mercy, I have received the priceless opportunity to know Lord Krishna, associate with devotees, engage in devotional service, and find spiritual shelter in your movement. I was only 11 years old when you came to South Africa. During your visit to the Durban City Hall celebrations, it was unfortunately a school day, so I was unable to personally attend and witness the historic occasion of your arrival. However, my dear grandmother had the great fortune of being present. She was deeply moved and profoundly impressed by your discourse, your divine association, and your extraordinary presence.

Through my grandmother's heartfelt appreciation and reflections, the seed of devotion and connection to ISKCON was quietly planted within my heart from a very young age. By your causeless mercy, that seed gradually grew and became a guiding force in my spiritual life.

When I reflect on your sacrifice, determination, and compassion in spreading Lord Krishna's message throughout the world, I feel immense gratitude and humility. You travelled so far and endured so

many hardships simply so conditioned souls like me could have a chance to reconnect with Lord Krishna.

Everything I have received spiritually—my spiritual master, His Holiness Bhakti Caitanya Swami, my initiated name, devotee association, temple programs, kirtana, prasadam, and your transcendental books—is only because of your mercy. Your teachings continue to guide, inspire, and uplift me every day.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for planting the seed of Krishna consciousness in South Africa and allowing devotees like me to become part of your divine family. I pray that I may always remain connected to your instructions and render some small service to your mission with sincerity and gratitude.

Upon further reflection, I feel that my connection with you has been repeatedly affirmed through the dreams I have had of you. These experiences have deeply touched my heart and strengthened my faith, reminding me of your enduring presence, guidance, and mercy in my life.

On 23 April 2024, just three days after my 60th birthday, I had a dream that remains forever etched within my heart. I was somewhere far away at a temple where there was a huge gathering of devotees, all

eagerly waiting to receive the darsana of dear A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada.

The queue seemed never-ending, yet my heart was filled with intense longing and impatience to come before you. Step by step, I moved closer until at last I reached your lotus feet. In that sacred moment, you looked at me with such affection and said, “I love you, my daughter.”

The words entered deeply into my soul. Instantly, I burst into tears. The experience felt so real, so filled with mercy and compassion, that I awoke from the dream sobbing uncontrollably. Even now, that dream remains indelible in my mind and heart.

It was not merely a dream to me, but a moment of profound spiritual comfort and reassurance that continues to nourish my faith, gratitude, and attachment to your lotus feet.

On 20 November 2025 (three days after Peri Prabhu's birthday), I had another dream about you, dear A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada. I was at the temple, and you were lovingly handing out sweets to the devotees. When I received the sweet from your divine hands, my heart became filled with joy and excitement. Immediately, I went searching for

my husband, Peri Prabhu, eager for him to come quickly so that he too could receive your darsana and your mercy.

I searched for him everywhere, but I could not find him. Then suddenly my sleep was disturbed, and the dream came to an end. I felt so disappointed that Peri did not receive your darsana and the sweet you were personally distributing.

Even after waking, the dream remained deeply within my heart. I took it as a reminder of your unlimited kindness and mercy toward your devotees, and it increased my longing to always remain close to your lotus feet and to help bring others closer to your divine association as well.

I pray daily that I may never forget you, your divine movement ISKCON, and your eternal teachings, Srila Prabhupada. Please bless and protect my family, and kindly grant that we may always remain sheltered at your lotus feet, engaged in your service birth after birth.

*Your aspiring servant,
Saci Priya Devi Dasi*

Sadhu Dasa
Pretoria
South Africa



Hare Krishna, dear Srila Prabhupada,

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

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

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

sonalism and voidism.

MY DEAR SRILA PRABHUPADA, this year I have been very much less than a model devotee, yet you continue to pour your love, forgiveness, and grace into my life. Srila Prabhupada, just as you are the battery that keeps ISKCON going, you are the battery that keeps my life going. I thank you a thousand times over for helping me meet the many challenges I have faced this last year.

Thank you for keeping me in your service at the temple and to my family. Thank you for illuminating every aspect of my spiritual life, whether that is doing deity seva at home or giving a class in the temple. It is your light that brightens and enthuses these services.

The more that I learn about you and your life, the more I realise what a perfect acarya you are. You always teach by example and never water down Krishna's message. In reading and studying Bhagavad-gita As It Is again this year, it has become clear

how much thought and love you put into writing your purports. You used every opportunity to spread Krishna's glories and the glories of the holy names.

I pray for your continued guidance and that I may clearly see your loving hand in my life always. Please help me to chant the holy names of the Lord sincerely and serve you and your ISKCON nicely in every way possible. Thank you that whenever I draw near to you, you reveal yourself to me. I pray that it always remains this way.

I wish I could clearly express what is in my heart to you, but I cannot always find the right words. Please forgive me for my many shortcomings and show me how to carry the vision of your will into all of my activities. Your will, not mine, be done.

*Your simple servant,
Sadhu Dasa*



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

ON THIS MOST AUSPICIOUS OCCASION of your Vyasa-puja, I would like to offer my heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for all the mercy, guidance, and opportunities that you have given me to serve your ISKCON movement.

Srila Prabhupada, I am deeply grateful that you have allowed me to be engaged in your preaching mission and to assist, in some small way, in helping others become more aware of their spiritual identity and relationship with Krishna. Thank you for allowing me to associate with devotees, serve your community, and participate in spreading Krishna consciousness to so many people.

I would especially like to thank you for giving me the opportunity to share the teachings of

Bhagavad-gita with others. To witness how people's lives can be touched and transformed through your books, your teachings, and the holy name is something truly special and deeply inspiring. Whatever little service I may be able to perform is only possible because of your causeless mercy and sacrifice.

Srila Prabhupada, your compassion and determination to spread Krishna consciousness across the world continue to inspire me every day. You travelled tirelessly, endured so many hardships, and gave everything to deliver Krishna consciousness to fallen souls like us. I can never repay this debt, but I pray that I may continue to serve your mission sincerely for many years to come.

Please bless me so that I may always remain

 Sadhu Sanga Dasa
Johannesburg
South Africa

engaged in devotional service, continue assisting in preaching activities, and help create opportunities for others to come closer to Krishna. I pray that I may develop humility, sincerity, and the desire to become an instrument in your service.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for your mercy,

your books, your devotees, and for giving us the greatest gift of Krishna consciousness.

*Your servant,
Sadhu Sanga Dasa*



Sadhu Sevaki Devi Dasi
Pretoria
South Africa



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SRILA PRABHUPADA, there were many challenges we faced in the family this last year. You came to our home during these difficult times, and your presence in the house really gave me so much comfort and made me feel very loved. The fact that you yourself came from your home to ours to spend that time with us shows me how extremely merciful you are, not only to your disciples but also to your grand-disciples. You have shown how you can be so much more than our spiritual master; you are our best friend too.

Thank you so much for your never-ending

causeless mercy, dear Srila Prabhupada. I pray that you will bless me to serve you better and better this coming year. Please help me to stay on course with my goals this year so that I may serve you, my Gurudeva, and Gauranga better. Please help me to become truly Krishna conscious and never forget Sri Sri Radha-Krishna at every moment. Please help me to chant sincerely every day.

*Your humble servant,
Sadhu Sevaki Devi Dasi*





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

 Sajana Maharaj
Durban
South Africa

IN THE SPIRIT OF the reflection, ‘yadi Śrīla Prabhupāda nā hoito’, I often think about if you had not come to this world, what would have become of us? How would we have lived our lives? Who would have distributed the boundless mercy of Lord Nityānanda and Lord Gaurāṅga all over the world? Who would have given Harināma to the fallen souls, transformed lives through Kṛṣṇa consciousness, and taught us how to worship Lord Hari through daily āraṭi, kīrtana, and grand festivals like Ratha-yātrā?

Words will never be enough to describe the deepest gratitude that I have for you. Thank you for this Hare Kṛṣṇa movement. Thank you for giving us access to the holy name; for showing us how to live simply, purely, and purposefully; and for giving us all the tools to live successfully in this scary and uncertain Age of Kali, where it is said: harer nāma harer nāma harer nāmaiva kevalam kalau nāsty eva nāsty eva nāsty eva gatiḥ anyathā. You gave my life meaning; without Kṛṣṇa’s mercy and your guidance, I would be nothing.

Through your books and teachings, I have

found guidance, hope, and direction. Whenever I feel confused or discouraged, your instructions remind me of what is truly important. Because of your mercy, I have had the opportunity to associate with devotees, chant the holy names, engage in kīrtana, and learn about Kṛṣṇa. These gifts are more valuable than anything this world could offer.

Sometimes I think about how different my life would have been had you not brought Kṛṣṇa consciousness to the world. The friends I have made, the service I am able to do, the joy of kīrtana, and the understanding of my relationship with Kṛṣṇa are all possible because of your compassion and determination.

Please bless me that I may always remain connected to your teachings, serve the devotees, and develop genuine love for Kṛṣṇa. May I one day make you proud by assisting, in some small way, in carrying forward your mission.

*Your ever-indebted great-granddaughter,
Sajana Maharaj*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
All glories to you.

 Sakhi Mandali Devi Dasi
Durban
South Africa

MY DEAREST SRILA PRABHUPADA, in lifetimes of existence, I will never be able to repay the debt I owe you for the wealth of spiritual knowledge, wisdom, and mercy that you so freely give. You have lifted me from the depths of ignorance.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for teaching me

about the Absolute Truth and how to surrender. Please allow me to always be in your association.

*Your servant,
Sakhi Mandali Devi Dasi*



Samar Mukherjee 🙏
Mahrauli, Delhi
India



Oh Gurudev,
I offer my heartfelt obeisances to you.
Jai Srila Prabhupada!

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

YOU HAVE SHOWN US the invaluable path to God-realization and have spread the sacred name of Lord Krishna throughout the world. Thanks to your tireless efforts, millions of people today are making their lives meaningful by engaging in harinam sankirtan.

You taught us that life is not about material pleasures, but about serving and loving God. Your compassion and determination made the impossible possible.

I pray that I may always find refuge at your feet and that I may become a small servant of your mission, spreading the glory of Sri Krishna.

Your life is an inspiration to me, and your teachings are my guide.

Jai Srila Prabhupada!

Jai Guru Maharaj!

*Your servant,
Samar Mukherjee*



Sandamanie Devi Dasi 🙏
Phoenix, Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

THANK YOU, Srila Prabhupada for coming to South Africa in 1975 and bringing Krishna consciousness to my family and me and countrymen.

You have brought sadhana, pujari service, chanting the maha-mantra, prasada and maha-prasadam. You have given us kartals and mrdangas for playing in temples and on the street and harinam sankirtan.

You have made life so easy for us, just chanting of 16 rounds of japa. You have taught us how to transcend these three modes of material nature and become Krishna conscious and surrendered our souls to Lord Krsna.

You have built this Krishna conscious society, ISKCON and it is expanding to every town and village. This is what you wanted. It is in America North and South, London, Australia, New Zealand, Russia

and South Africa and some countries in Africa.

Krishna consciousness is growing in South Africa with all the sankirtan devotees going on the street and chanting and distributing your books to many fallen souls.

You have given us simple rules to follow like waking up early and chanting 16 rounds of japa every day and engaging ourselves in devotional service. You have given us festivals like Ratha-yatra, Janmastami, Ekadasi, Jhulan-yatra, Kartika and many more. And after fasting there is always a feast.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for giving us Krishna and prasada. It has changed my life. Now I am a Krsna conscious devotee. I am a small menial servant of you, Srila Prabhupada.

I am so indebted to you. Now I go with devotees for Sankirtan Harinam and distribute your books

and prasadam.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for bringing all these things to us in Krishna consciousness.

*Your Servant,
Sandamanie Devi Dasi*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,



Sandy Ramcharun
Johannesburg
Republic of South Africa

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

I HEARTILY THANK YOU Srila Prabhupada, because of you we can render services to Lord Sri Krishna and Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu and all our previous acaryas in our small different ways.

Thank you for providing us with the East Rand Namahatta, where we can associate with devotees from our homes.

Thank you for everything, we are indebted to you.

Hare Krishna

*Your servant,
Sandy Ramcharun*



Our dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our humble obeisances.
All glories to Your Grace, our eternal guide and ever well-wisher.



Sanjay Sewcharan
and family
Witbank
South Africa

YOUR DIVINE GRACE is the most compassionate representative of the Supreme Lord and the illustrious acaryas of the Gaudiya Vaishnava disciplic succession. By divine arrangements Your Divine Grace appeared in this world to fulfil the desire of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu by spreading the congregational chanting of the holy name to every town and village.

With unflinching faith in the instructions of your spiritual master, Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakura, and complete dependence upon the mercy of Sri Krishna, you crossed oceans at an advanced age, carrying no material assets but the priceless treasure of pure devotional service. Through your extraordinary sacrifice, determination, and compassion for the suffering conditioned souls, you opened the doors of Krishna

consciousness to people throughout the world.

Your profound realizations, presented through in your books, lectures, letters, and personal example, continue to guide and nourish us fallen souls. Through your translations and purports, the timeless wisdom of the Vedic scriptures has become accessible to sincere seekers everywhere.

Out of your causeless mercy, you established the International Society for Krishna Consciousness, creating a spiritual home where countless souls have received the opportunity to engage in devotional service, associate with devotees, and develop love for God. We are so fortunate, to be one of those fallen souls whom have been privileged to be given the opportunity to come into contact with the devotees. This has had a profound effect on my

children and has molded their character in a better way, away from the norms of modern pangs.

On this auspicious occasion, we offer our respectful obeisances and heartfelt gratitude to Your Divine Grace. We pray for the mercy to

faithfully follow your instructions and serve your mission with sincerity and determination.

*Your servants,
Sanjay Sewcharan and family*



Sankarshan Dasa
KwaZulu-Natal
South Africa



Hare Krishna Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances and all glories to your, Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada,
Sri Guru Parampara and Sri Sri Dayal Nitai Gaura Hari.

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPER-DUPER conversations with our sweet Lord; the transcendental purports make me want to cry at times, and when I see those lines under your eyes, I fully understand the time, effort, energy and everything you sacrificed for us. You are greater than all the super heroes put together because without displaying any physical superpowers, you helped billions of people around the world; you are inspiring and changing lives for the better every single day, and even though you are not here physically, your books speak from your heart.

Dear Srila Prabhupada you are certainly an ocean of mercy, and you have set a perfect example for me and our greater society to follow in your footsteps, please bless our society and me to imbibe your attitude of mercy to all devotees; let me offer respect to all because only then can I chant the holy names of our sweet Lord sincerely.

Some of your lessons that really pulls some strings in the core of my heart are as follows from your:

Morning Walk in Honolulu, January 18th 1974.

“Prabhupāda: We are making them bhāgyavān. We are giving them service, how to become bhāgyavān. We are spending our blood, gallons of blood, to make them bhāgyavān. This is the sacrifice of the devotees. Just like you are poor. Somebody, rich man, comes, “All right, take one million dollar from me.” You get immediately rich. So it is the devotees’ sacrifice that they’re becoming . . . just like Vāsudeva

Datta. He requested Caitanya Mahāprabhu, “My Lord, You have come. Take away all these people, unfortunate people, back to home, back to Godhead. If You think they are so inglorious they cannot be taken, then give me all their sins to me. I shall suffer. You take them.” And that is Vaiṣṇava. They are sacrifice everything for these unfortunate rascals. Therefore, they are becoming very, very dear to Kṛṣṇa. Kṛṣṇa says, na ca tasmān manuṣyeṣu (BG 18.69). Those who are sacrificing everything for giving . . . making fortunate these rascals, they become immediately very, very dear to Kṛṣṇa. Just like if a rich man gives his money for public welfare, immediately he’s recognized by the government, “Yes.” He’s given some title. Why? Because he has given his possession for the benefit of the public. Similarly, the devotees, they are distributing their possession to these unfortunate people. Therefore he’s immediately recognized. That is the process. But devotee does not want any recognition, but he knows that, “My Lord wants this rascal to go back to home, back to Godhead. So let me try my best.” He knows the mind of the master; otherwise, why the master comes and canvasses, sarva-dharmān parityajya mām ekaṁ śaraṇaṁ vraja (BG 18.66)? He has no business, but He wants that, “These rascals are suffering in this material condition. They are My part and parcel, My sons. Let Me try.” And devotee understands that, “My Lord wants it. So let me do it on His behalf.” Therefore devotee is so dear.”

And these letters are part of my life as well: -

July 9th 1971 letter

“And it is very encouraging to hear that so many new devotees are coming. That is an indication of your sincerity. The more sincere you are in pushing this movement forward, so Krishna will reciprocate and send you many new devotees. Thank you very much. So give them protection and instruct them so that they may not go away. We recruit devotees with great difficulty. So they must be well-treated. New men may not always behave so nicely but we must be tolerant. To train a new man is like training a wild animal to be a pet. Just like the tiger is trained in the circus and later on they are dancing to the tune of the master. So the point being stressed is training. A preacher should always be tolerant.”

Dec 13th 1972

Therefore I am calling upon you the big leaders to push this idea forward, namely, to attract some educated men to join us. The idea is that they will only agree to join us if we ourselves conduct ourselves intelligently by the preaching approach. The secret will be to engage them as they like to be engaged, that is, supposing I have got some education, I am business student, or I have got some skill or talent, I am typist or musician or something like that, so I will like to utilize these things for Krishna only if I am encouraged in a certain way, very tactfully, and I must not be discouraged by too much forcing me at first to accept everything of shaving the head, rising very early, going for street sankirtana, like that. No, let me come gradually, let me study also Krishna Consciousness and see how it is practical and sublime. Gradually I may get some taste for these other things and agree to do them voluntarily and intelligently. We are not dogma or like army-camp, no. We are servants of Krishna, that means because we understand that Krishna is our Protector under all circumstances, we have no more any anxiety, so we become very liberal and tolerant of all kinds of seeing others' sinful activities, and we see

them innocent victims of maya, and we try to help them understand what is the real position of life.

Dec 31 1972

So a devotee is always very understanding if there is some discrepancy behavior on the part of nondevotees, and even some devotees misbehave, he is always very tolerant and understanding. The point is that no one is actually qualified in this material world to approach Krsna, but if he makes the attempt through our inducing him gradually to give his energy to Krsna, by that attempt Krsna will extend his mercy and deliver the fallen soul despite his so many disqualifications. And such person or aspiring devotee, he is to be considered the most exalted of men because he has given his life to Krsna. *Bahunam janmanam ante jnanavan mam prapadyate/vasudevah sarvam iti sa mahatma sudurlabhah*, after many births and deaths, he who is actually in knowledge surrenders to Me, knowing Me to be the cause of all causes and all that is. Such a great soul is very rare. [Bg. 7.19]

I am beginning to see the greater picture that ISKCON is the home and shelter for everyone, and I pray that with your blessings, everyone who comes under your shelter will bring more people and not say or do anything that will turn people away. Help me treat each and every person that steps into ISKCON as family.

Thanks once again Srila Prabhupada for all your amazing disciples and grand disciples that are helping us out each and every day to know that we are not this body, that we are eternal spirit souls, part and parcel of our sweet Lord and His eternal servants. Please forgive me as I have erred initially in my silence, then by saying things that have put devotees in distress. Dear Srila Prabhupada, help me live by your standard by becoming more humble and help me serve the devotees, our ISKCON gurus and our sweet Lord, lovingly and without any motive.

From this moment on, please bless me so that all that I think, say and do will be pleasing to my

guru maharaja, you and Srimati Radharani and Krsna.

All Glories to you Srila Prabhupada.
Thank you.

*Your servant,
Sankarshan Dasa*



Sattvatanu Dasa
Phoenix
South Africa



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

ON THIS MOST AUSPICIOUS DAY of your Vyasa-puja, I want to offer my gratitude for your unlimited mercy and compassion upon the fallen souls of this world. Because of you, we have access to Krishna consciousness, the holy name, devotional service, and the association of devotees. Your books, teachings, and example continue to guide us every day.

Recently, I have been reflecting deeply on simple devotional service, especially through working with milk preparations. As I make yoghurt, sweets, and other offerings from milk, I often think about how devotional life is built through loving service offered with sincerity. Preparing these simple offerings for Krishna helps me remember the mood of devotion and care that you taught your disciples from the very beginning.

I also often think about the farm communities and projects you established to demonstrate simple living and high thinking. Places like New Talavan, Gita Nagari, and Bhaktivedanta Manor continue to show how spiritual life can flourish when centered around Krishna, cow protection, devotional service, and community. These places are not simply farms or temples; they are living examples of the culture you wanted to give the world.

When I hear about the cows being cared for, the devotees cooking for Krishna, the festivals, the gardens, and the daily worship taking place in these communities, I feel inspired by your vision. You showed that spiritual life is practical, natural, and joyful when everything is connected to Krishna.

When I prepare yoghurt or sweets, I remember how you encouraged cow protection, simple living, and offering the best preparations to Krishna. Milk, transformed through care and devotion, becomes something wonderful, and in the same way, by your mercy, our hearts can also be transformed through devotional service.

I think especially about how these communities preserve the mood of devotional care that you personally taught. Whether in the kitchens, goshalas, gardens, temples, or farms, the spirit of service continues because of your guidance and sacrifice.

Your dedication and sacrifice are beyond comprehension. Despite great difficulty, advanced age, and so many obstacles, you travelled across the world to freely give Krishna consciousness to everyone. Because of your compassion, even people like me now have the opportunity to serve Krishna in some small way.

Please bless me that I may continue to serve with humility, steadiness, and gratitude. Please help me remember that devotional service is not about greatness, but about sincerity and dependence on guru and Sri Krsna.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for giving us everything.

*Your aspiring great-grandson, with love,
Sattvatanu Dasa*





Haribol, Dear Srila Prabhupada,

 Saukhi Devi Dasi
Durban
South Africa

ALL GLORIES TO YOU Srila Prabhupada. Thank you for bringing me into Krishna consciousness and for translating the scriptures. Thanks to you I know I am a spirit soul.

Thank you for your books in English which helped me to elevate my spiritual life. Thank you for allowing me to choose a guru and for taking me into my new spiritual life which allowed me to get initiated.

Your book -The Science of Self Realization - has helped me to educate myself a lot more in Krishna consciousness. Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for giving me answers to my negative thoughts and bringing me back very positively to Krishna

consciousness. Also thank you for teaching and allowing the whole world to chant the maha-mantra.

Srila Prabhupada, thank you, for going worldwide and preaching Krishna consciousness even though you were so old, had health issues and without money.

Thank you for the Bhagavath-gita As It Is explained and translated by your divine grace.

Srila Prabhupada, you says dovetail your senses by serving the Lord

Hare Krishna.
Saukhi Devi Dasi



My dearest Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my humble obeisances unto your divine lotus feet on this most auspicious occasion of your Vyasa-puja.

 Senthamarai Govender
Johannesburg
South Africa

READING BACK TO GODHEAD is very inspiring. The knowledge of truth is explained in a simple way for me to understand. I enjoy Krsna's teachings. Chanting the maha-mantra gives me a sense of calmness and peace. Listening to bhajans and kirtan provides me with great happiness.

I try to go to the mandir to pray and see our Lordships. Attending the events and participating

in them gives me joy. I find great pleasure in executing devotional service and assisting the devotees in the kitchen. I encourage family and friends to read our books about Krsna and his pastimes, to attend the temple and support ISKCON initiatives.

Your humble servant,
Senthamarai Govender



Hare Krishna,

Please accept my humble obeisances.

All glories to you Srila Prabhupada.

 Shakuntala Devi Dasi
Rose belle
Mauritius

I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU Srila Prabhupada for giving us Krishna conscious engaging us in seva, togetherness, humbleness, for making every day a

spiritual festive day, giving us japa beads, spreading harinama sankirtan and giving us so many opportunities to try to be good human beings even in this

material world. Thank you, Srila Prabhupada. Even though you are not in this world we feel your presence by doing guru-puja.
Jai Srila Prabhupada.

*Yours in seva,
Shakuntala Devi Dasi*



Shalina Goorawa 🙏
Durban
South Africa



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

ON THIS MOST AUSPICIOUS OCCASION of your Vyāsa-pūjā, I offer my heartfelt appreciation at your lotus feet. Your words, your voice, and your instructions keep me steady and grounded as I navigate this material world. You are our eternal spiritual father, and I am deeply grateful to you for revealing the path back to Godhead.

I bow again and again at your lotus feet.
Your books are an invaluable treasure in my

life. Through them, you are bringing me closer to Śrī Kṛṣṇa and helping me to embrace and cherish my Kṛṣṇa consciousness journey.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for your mercy, your guidance, and your unending compassion upon all fallen souls like myself.

*Your insignificant servant,
Shalina Goorawa*



Shalini Naidoo 🙏
Durban
South Africa



To my dear Srila Prabhupada,
I offer my respectful obeisances unto you my dear Srila Prabhupada.
All glories to you.

AS I HAVE BEEN REFLECTING on my spiritual journey thus far, I find myself most grateful for my starting steps. I am not sure in which lifetime I received the blessings and good fortune to be born in family of devotees and have access to your books from such a young age, but it is without doubt that my first steps towards the start of my realization and for many thousands of disciples was solely through you fulfilling your greatest purpose, the purpose to spread Krishna consciousness worldwide. Through your writing, through your journey across seas to the west, through your personal example, through your ambition to spread Lord Caitanya's mercy, people were drawn to you. The only light gleaming through the vast darkness of nescience. It is your light that has enlightened us to continue to conquer

the darkness of this age.

We are so grateful to you Srila Prabhupada for your journey was never easy. The hardships you experienced, dwindling support, countless ignored letters, failing health, failing wealth but still your hope was never diminished, your ambitions overpowered every supposed failure and every superficial set back. Thank you my dear Srila Prabhupada for your unwavering faith and your pure example that has give me realization in this lifetime. I pray that I can continue to grow spiritually and try to be part of your mission to spread light to this world. Thank you for sparking my heart with your selfless love. I am so sorry that I am still unqualified, still filled with so many flaws, still selfish, fearful and proud. I pray that I can one day be worthy of this

selfless love you have given and be able to share this love with others. I pray that I can earn the qualities of a devotee and that you can give me the strength to not fall in the face of struggles but continue to persevere in being part of your mission to spread

Krishna consciousness to all living beings.

*Your struggling servant,
Shalini Naidoo*



Hare Krishna,

ALL GLORIES TO YOUR DIVINE GRACE, Srila Prabhupada. Thank you my dearest siksha spiritual master, for all the knowledge and guidance that you have imparted to us. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve Krishna. With your guidance I have flowered into a beautiful devotee of the Lord. Serving

you and Lord Krishna gives me great pleasure. I have come a long way weathering all storms in my life.

Srila Prabhupada ki Jay.

Shamila Belliraj

 **Shamila Belliraj**
Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupāda,

THANK YOU for showing people how to be Krishna conscious. I wish I had met you before you left this planet. I really wanted to show you the dance I'm working on (and I just learnt how to rap). I'm starting to write my own lyrics as well. Here's one:

Srila Prabhupāda you / saved the day! Chanting

and / dancing all the way / And when people just said 'Hey' / You liberated them and / made them chant anyway!

I hope you liked it.

Shanae Summers

 **Shanae Summers**
Ottawa, Durban
South Africa



Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda,
My humble obeisances unto your lotus feet.

I OFFER MY HEARTFELT GRATITUDE for your mercy and for the mercy of your devotees. Through your teachings and books, you have given me guidance, purpose, and a deeper understanding of Kṛṣṇa consciousness.

Your instructions have positively transformed my life and continue to inspire me in my spiritual journey. I am especially grateful for the association of your devotees, whose kindness and example help me remain connected to your mission.

 **Sharmine Dindial**
Durban
South Africa

Please bless me that I may sincerely follow your teachings and engage in devotional service throughout my life.

Sharmin Dindial



Shatrughna Dasa
Durban
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to you on your Vyasa-puja.

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate krishna dasa svamin iti namine*

*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*

THANK YOU VERY MUCH for giving us ISKCON.

You have taken your dear guru maharaja's instruction very seriously, spreading Krishna consciousness all over the world.

You have accomplished so much during a short space of time.

And whenever anyone glorified you, you always mentioned all credit goes to your guru maharaja.

I was very fortunate for many years to do your guru puja at the altar of Shri Shri Radha Radhanath Mandir.

I was also very fortunate this year during Purushottam Adhik Maas in Vrindavan, to carry your murti, from your Samadhi Mandir to the three alters of Sri Sri Gaura Nitai, Sri Sri Krishna Balaram and Sri Sri Radha Shyamsundar to have darshan.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada for everything.

Eternally grateful.

*Your most ungrateful grandson,
Shatrughna Dasa*



Shikaara
and Darshana Singh
Johannesburg
South Africa



My dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our humble obeisances.
All glories to you on your auspicious Vyasa-puja.

THANK YOU FOR CREATING A HOME in the form of ISKCON wherever we go. We take comfort in knowing that whatever challenges we may face we can always look on you, your books and your wonderful disciples for guidance.

As we age and as we encounter new realities of the material world, we find ourselves wanting to

develop our personal relationship with you.

Please give us your blessing to become strong disciples of the Hare Krishna movement in such a way that upholds your standards.

Please bless us so that we are forever fortunate and able to continue our devotional service.

Thank you, dear Srila Prabhupada, for

everything that you have given us.
All glories to you Srila Prabhupada.

*Your servants always,
Shikaara and Darshana Singh*



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

 Shivani Moodley
Cape Town
South Africa

ON THIS MOST AUSPICIOUS OCCASION of your Vyasa Puja, I would like to offer my gratitude at your lotus feet for the immeasurable mercy you have bestowed upon the world and upon my life.

Srila Prabhupada, I often reflect on how fortunate I am to have somehow found shelter in the movement you established. Through your compassion and determination, the teachings of Lord Sri Krishna have reached every corner of the globe, allowing countless conditioned souls like me the opportunity to reconnect with our eternal relationship with Lord Krishna.

I am deeply grateful that because of your sacrifice, I have been given not only spiritual knowledge but also a spiritual family. The devotees in this movement have become my family, my friends, my teachers, and my support. Through them, I have experienced kindness, guidance, encouragement, and the practical example of devotional service. Without your mercy, I would never have known such association or understood the true purpose of life.

Whenever I think of what you accomplished, I am filled with awe and inspiration. At an age when many would have chosen comfort and retirement, you crossed oceans with practically no material resources, enduring immense hardships simply to fulfil the order of your spiritual master and give Krishna consciousness to the world. The books you wrote, the temples you established, the devotees you inspired, and the movement you built continue to transform lives every day. Your unwavering faith, determination, humility, and dependence on

Krishna remain a guiding light for all of us.

Srila Prabhupada, I know that I am far from the devotee I aspire to be. Yet every day I try, in whatever small way I can, to live according to your teachings and to make choices that would bring pleasure to you. Although I often fall short, I pray that I may never lose sight of the goal of serving your mission and assisting in spreading Krishna consciousness.

Please bless me that I may become a better servant of your servants. Please help me develop greater sincerity, humility, steadiness, and devotion. Please guide me so that I may overcome my shortcomings and engage my time, energy, words, and talents in a way that contributes meaningfully to your movement.

I pray for the strength to always remain connected to the association of devotees, to develop genuine appreciation for devotional service, and to become an instrument in helping others come closer to Krishna. May I always remember that whatever service I am able to perform is only possible because of your mercy.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for your extraordinary compassion, your books, your teachings, your example, and the spiritual home you have given to so many souls. I pray that one day I may develop even a fraction of the gratitude and dedication that you demonstrated throughout your life.

*Your insignificant servant,
Bhakin Shivani Moodley*



Shobhana Bhaga 🍷
Gauteng
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to guru and Gauranga. All glories to your divine grace.

IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR AGAIN Srila Prabhupada when we put our full unwavering gratitude to you in writing.

Srila Prabhupada, there's no words that can describe how wonderfully and painstakingly you have brought Krishna consciousness to this world. I am so fortunate to be part of your ISKCON.

I am your most fallen daughter who has continuous faith in you and Krishna always. Thank you Srila Prabhupada for the reawakening of our minds to Krishna Consciousness through your vast mediums.

Although I'm a devotee, but not an initiated devotee in your ISKCON movement, I truly try to follow all your teachings. I preach and distribute books wherever and whenever I can together with other services when possible. My entire family has taken to Krishna consciousness in your ISKCON movement.

Your movement has spread throughout the world even in your physical absence. Together with your resilient, truthful, disciplined disciples, through your books, through your recordings of scriptural talks, lectures and beautiful temples – are making people more aware of Krishna, The Supreme Personality of Godhead.

Thank you very much Srila Prabhupada for all your arduous endeavours which were a definite success in this Kali-yuga to help people to go back to Godhead in this lifetime. What an achievement Srila Prabhupada!

Thank you.

Hare Krsna

*Your servant,
Shobhana Bhaga*



Shradha Jugoo 🍷
Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
I offer my humble obeisances to you, all glories to you Srila Prabhupada.
I am your humble and still quite insignificant servant, Shradha.

SRILA PRABHUPADA, you have always been and I am quite certain, will always continue to be the person that inspires me to be a better devotee every day. Every year I pray that I would be even an inch closer to Krishna and somehow I feel like I've become yards closer and its all thanks to the invaluable scripture that you have worked extremely hard to produce for our spiritual benefit. Your story is one of the greatest and biggest inspirations known to mankind, I'm sure no common man would survive what you had survived. Driven by Krishna's mercy, you have built and delivered this movement to us, and I will forever be so eternally grateful for this as it has

impacted my life for the better. These past few years, I am so grateful to have met more incredible devotees in this movement from other provinces, who have all helped me in my devotion. This incredible association is truly all thanks to you. Even though you are not physically present, I feel you always in my heart, driving me to be a better devotee. Thank you, Srila Prabhupad. Thank you for bringing this movement to South Africa, thank you for establishing this beautiful temple I am so proud to call my home, and thank you for always being with me. I love you with my whole heart and soul. You help me be closer to Krishna which is all I want in this life

time. I offer my deepest obeisances to you on this auspicious day.

*Your humble servant,
Shradha Jugoo*



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

 **Shravan Bhana**
Durban
South Africa

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

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

ON THIS MOST AUSPICIOUS DAY of your divine appearance, I am overwhelmed with gratitude for the gift of your guidance in my life, for being both the compass and the navigator; the transcendental guide that has kept the direction, aim and purpose of my life pointing true north.

It is said by the Roman and Portuguese philosopher's Seneca and Fernando Pessoa respectively that, "for a man who knows not to which port he sails, no wind is favourable", and "there are ships sailing to many ports, but not a single one goes to where life is not painful", - these two quotes hauntingly echo and dance about my mind when paralleled with your famous words in your purport to the Srimad Bhagavatam 4.23.28 "The human body is the boat, the instructions of Lord Kṛṣṇa are the favorable winds, and the spiritual master is the navigator. The spiritual master knows well how to adjust the sails to catch the winds favorably and steer the boat to its destination. If, however, one does not take advantage of this opportunity, one wastes the human form of life. Wasting time and life in this way is the same as committing suicide.". The boat of my life was drifting aimlessly, the sails were unadjusted, and the direction I was heading in was wherever

the currents of my karmas were taking me, until Your Grace and guidance had come and taken the helm and showed me the way through your transcendental words and literature on the science of Krishna consciousness, and the true aim, meaning and purpose of one's life. All the money, gold, jewels and precious stones in the 14 planetary systems cannot repay even an ounce of the debt that I owe to you, and I am forever and eternally grateful to you.

I pray on this most magnanimous day of your Sri Vyasa-puja that you continue to bless and bestow upon me your grace and guidance to follow the right path, no matter how difficult it may be, no matter how many obstacles may arise, no matter how stormy the sea, and that you bless upon me the strength to be indefatigable amidst all odds, against all agents of Kali, and all onslaughts of maya.

Srila Prabhupada, thank you, thank you, thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Praying to remain eternally engaged in your service.

*Your insignificant servant,
Shravan Bhana*



Shrida Matabadal
Johannesburg
South Africa



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

*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*

WHERE WOULD I BE WITHOUT YOU? Without your mercy? Without the knowledge you've given us? My life would be wasted if it wasn't for your mercy and the Krishna conscious movement you have created for us. I pray that you guide me always and that you keep me close to Srimati Radharani and Krishna. Please help me stay on the correct path, closest to you and the Lord. Thank you for everything Srila Prabhupada, without you we would be nothing, I am

eternally grateful for the mercy you have exposed us to. I forever seek shelter from your lotus feet, and I pray for your continuous blessings to serve you and Srimati Radharani and Krishna.

*Your eternally grateful servant and
great-granddaughter,
Shrida Matabadal*



Shukadev Dasa
Durban
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,

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

MY RESPECTFUL OBEISANCES unto your glorious lotus feet. Those very feet that walked our planet, carrying you and the holy name of Radha and Krsna to every nook and crevice of existence. It is on the pondering of such dear Srila Prabhupada, I can from a minuscule mind only begin to understand the grandeur and relevance of your appearance to the fulfillment of our Lord Gauranga's promise to us lost souls. Even that very appearance of the ever-magnanimous Lord Caitanya and Nityananda are only to be known via your mercy.

The reservoir of knowledge that now transfers into the minds, hearts and practices of countless lost

souls, is only made possible due to your appearance, sacrifices and compassion to see so many of us be encapsulated into this lineage of Brahma Madhava. Aimlessly I would be still walking, thinking that every effort I'm putting into life is something meaningful, yet it's a step into deeper maya, more illusion, more confusion, more trying to figure it out! This is what you dearest master, has put an end to!

So yet again years on years, and lifetimes after lifetimes, I cannot be more grateful, bound to your lotus feet indebted for all of eternity, that you have taken compassion on me and yes, so many others, propelling us to see the ultimate light, truth and

clarity of this material journey or what we call life.

In ŚB 4.12.45
dhanyaṁ yaśasyaṁ āyusyaṁ
puṇyaṁ svasty-ayanaṁ mahat
svargyaṁ dhrauvyaṁ saumanasyaṁ
praśasyaṁ agha-marṣaṇam

In this verse it is mentioned that by even just hearing the pastimes of a pure devotee like Dhruva Maharaja, one can attain even Dhruvaloka - This is the mercy of the pure devotees of the Supreme Lord. In your purport Srila Prabhupada, you further describe “It is recommended that the devotees (akāma), the karmīs (sarva-kāma) and the jñānīs, who desire to be liberated (mokṣa-kāma), should all worship the Supreme Personality of Godhead to acquire their desired goals of life. Similarly, if anyone hears about the activities of the Lord’s devotee, he can achieve the same result. There is no difference between the activities and character of the Supreme Personality of Godhead and those of His

pure devotees”

It is indeed my blessing and the blessing to countless other souls, that your benediction and mercy has indeed saved us and keeps us in track to have eternal, glorious service to the servants of the servants of the Supreme Lord - this is our favour, only ever possible in this age by your saintly benedictions.

Please always have your hand over my head in guidance dearest Srila Prabhupada, never let me take the reigns. May I be eternally steered by your mercy through my gurudeva and may I please you by being always compassed to devotional service to our Supreme Lord via the mercy of the preceding and current senior Vaishnavas.

May your benediction for always, be felt by humanity in every year to come.

My ever respectful obeisances to you always.

*Your ever loving servant,
Shukadev Dasa*



My dearest jagad-guru Srila Prabhupada,

ANOTHER YEAR HAS PASSED and I can’t thank you enough for the facilities you have provided, without your success in spiritual life is not possible, I have become much more involved in serving your mission on a proactive basis. Yes, challenges do arise, but when this happens, I always remember that I have been chosen to be here. It was not by chance as this opportunity to have Kṛṣṇa consciousness and devotional service is extremely rare. This is a boon from Lord Kṛṣṇa himself and by your mercy only then can we attain the transcendental supreme destination.

I wish to continue to serve this mission taking it to greater highs in the name of God and for your pleasure. Your books are the resolution to all problems in this world whether material or spiritual they are the super treasures of super knowledge in this world.

My dearest jagat-guru I truly appreciate and love you dearly.

Hare Kṛṣṇa.

*Your servant,
Bhakta Shyam Singh*



Shyam Singh
Durban
South Africa

Shyama Kishori Dasi 🍁
Durban
South Africa



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

ON THIS SACRED DAY of your Vyasa-puja, I simply want to offer my gratitude from the heart.

Thank you for bringing Krishna consciousness into this world with so much compassion and determination. Because of your mercy, so many souls — including myself — have been able to find comfort, guidance, and spiritual shelter.

Your words and teachings continue to bring light during difficult moments and remind us of what truly matters. Through your books, your prayers, and your example, you have given us a way to reconnect with Krishna in a sincere and personal way.

Srila Prabhupada, I often feel imperfect and still learning, but I am grateful that through your

kindness there is always an opportunity to try again, to grow, and to continue on this path of devotion.

Thank you for teaching us to live with humility, devotion, and compassion toward all living beings. Your presence continues to be deeply felt through the devotees, the holy name, and the community you created.

Please bless me with sincerity in my spiritual life and the strength to serve with a grateful heart.

Thank you for everything you have given to the world.

*Your most fallen servant,
Shyama Kishori Dasi*



Shyama Vilasini Devi Dasi 🍁
Saint Pierre
Mauritius



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

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

YOU WERE SENT TO THIS MATERIAL WORLD by Lord Krsna himself to propagate the chanting of the Hare Krsna maha-mantra as per the teachings of Lord Chaitanya.

You devised so many ways and means to do so. You worked so hard day and night and today we have so many beautiful temples, embassies of Golo-ka-dhama, books to enlighten and guide us, krsna-prasada to purify us, Harinamas, kirtan melas, festivals to keep us enthused and inspired.

Without your compassion, dedication and great determination, we, fallen souls of Kali-yuga would

never have access to this touchstone. You are the commander in chief of this divine boat, the International Society for Krishna Consciousness leading millions back home back to Godhead. You said if only we simply stick to your instructions despite our imperfections and accidents on the way, we are assured success.

How can I express my gratitude for all you have given me? I have no capacity to do anything on my own. You are my life and soul. As per your instructions and that of my guru maharaja, I am trying to preach this message and serve you in my limited

way. Dear Srila Prabhupada, please keep showering your mercy, so I may remain fixed in serving you and Lord Krishna and become a tiny instrument in pushing forward this exclusively noble mission.

*Aspiring for your service eternally.
Your grand disciple,
Shyama Vilasini Devi Dasi*



Hare Krishna Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet.
Happy Vyasa-puja dearest jagad-guru and founder of ISKCON.



Shyamalata Devi Dasi
Durban, Kwazulu Natal
South Africa

I AM EVER INDEBTED to you for giving me Krishna consciousness. For also directing and guiding me in my daily lifestyle. My day is full listening to your lectures and getting darshan of all the Deities of the world on YouTube. The internet is flooded with Krishna conscious topics. We are so blessed. Your books are the essence of whatever you preached. Currently I am reading the 6th canto of Srimad-Bhagavatam. His Holiness Vallabh Puri Maharaja was my inspiration to start reading the Srimad-Bhagavatam. I'm ever grateful to Maharaja.

It's so true to say that all questions are answered

in the Srimad-Bhagavatam.

Special appreciation to all your disciples for continuing and spreading the teachings of Lord Krishna and His associates. Especially my dearest spiritual master His Holiness Bhakti Caitanya Swami Maharaja for taking me under his shelter.

My wish is that I may be of some inspiration to whoever I meet because there is nothing better than ISKCON.

*Your grand disciple,
Shyamalata Devi Dasi*



Glorifications of Srila Prabhupada's monumental contributions celebrating his appearance day aka Vyasa-puja.



Yadu Kishori Dasi,
Shyamananda Krishna Dasa
and family
Pretoria
South Africa

HIS FOLLOWERS AND VEDIC THEOLOGIANS classify him as a śaktyāveśa-avatāra, an indirect incarnation of the Supreme Lord specifically invested with divine potency (śakti). In his writings, Srila Prabhupada notes that anyone who successfully spreads the holy name of God globally cannot be an ordinary human being; they must be explicitly empowered by Krishna (kṛṣṇa-śakti vinā nahe tāra pravartana).

How Srila Prabhupada demonstrated the "empowered soul"?

In 1965, at the age of 69, His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada left India to fulfill the mission of his spiritual master. Within twelve

short years, he built a global bridge from material illusion (nescience) back home to the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Sri Krishna. The following is a summary of his most defining contributions to human society.

1. Uncompromising Literary Legacy (The brhat-mrdanga)

Authentic translations: He translated and wrote authoritative purports for the core Vaishnava texts, including the Bhagavad-gita As It Is, Srimad-Bhagavatam, and Caitanya-Caritamṛta, presenting the truth without speculative compromise.

The Bhaktivedanta Book Trust (BBT): He

established the world's largest publisher of Vedic literatures, printing texts in over 80 languages that earned high acclaim from top global universities.

2. Opening the floodgates of the holy name

Globalizing the maha-mantra: He brought the Hare Krishna mantra out of India to the streets of the Western world, fulfilling the prophecy of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu, that the holy name would be heard in every town and village.

Public sankirtan: He institutionalized congregational chanting and dancing in public parks and festivals, providing a practical method to revive the soul's dormant love for God.

3. Establishing ISKCON as a global shelter

International society: In 1966, he founded ISKCON in New York City. Over the next decade, he traveled the world 14 times and established over 108 temples, rural farm communities, and schools across six continents.

Universal brotherhood: He shattered barriers of nationality, race, caste, and gender, uniting thousands under the spiritual identity that all living beings are eternal servants of Krishna.

4. Reintroducing pure Vedic living

The four regulative principles: He inspired thousands to instantly give up the four pillars of sinful life (meat-eating, intoxication, illicit sex, and gambling), steering them toward clean, spiritually stable and saintly lives, in thought, words and deeds, i.e. having God conscious: thinking, speaking and action, and building a house, wherein everyone can live eternally liberated in bhakti-yoga, full of knowledge and in harmonious bliss with uniting all people and leading one to similar teachings in biblical roots.

Within Gaudiya Vaishnavism, Srila Prabhupada is universally revered as an empowered soul who perfectly embodied these commandments for the goodwill of all living entities:

Deuteronomy 6:5: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength." (The Shema Yisrael in Judaism).

Mark 12:30: Jesus reiterates this, adding the mind: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength."

The command to "love thy neighbour as thyself" is the practical extension of loving God. It is often called the golden rule or the second half of the Great Commandment, moving faith from a vertical relationship with God to a horizontal relationship with humanity and all living entities.

Instead of keeping the path to Godhead restricted to the continent of India, he took it globally to spread the love of Krishna (the all-attractive Lord) to every town and village on the surface of the planet, spreading the tenet to all neighbours worldwide.

Leviticus 19:18: The original Hebrew scripture foundation: "Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but love your neighbour as yourself."

Matthew 22:39: Jesus names this the second greatest commandment, stating it is equal in importance to loving God: "And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'"

Consequently uniting people from all walks of life, with practical technologies in his teachings of Vaisnava ethics and moral codes of conduct to achieve unity in diversity by having Srila Prabhupada as our principal and pre-eminent founder arcarya (teacher by example) of ISKCON of all time.

Ratha-yatra and Deity Worship: He introduced high-standard temple worship and pioneered global Festival of Chariots (Ratha-yatras) in major international cities, sharing Krishna's blessings with the public, where God or Lord Jagannath (the Lord of the Universe) leaves His temple to give His unalloyed blessings to everyone he meets on the streets of planet earth, amen.

Massive food distribution: He established the 'Food for Life' philosophy, ensuring that pure

spiritualized vegetarian food (kṛṣṇa-prasāda) is distributed abundantly worldwide so that no one goes hungry.

Summary:

Srila Prabhupada is an empowered soul who did not wait for the world to become pure. Instead, he went to the most spiritually needy places to elevate humanity. While his physical presence (vapu) is no longer here, he lives forever in his divine instructions (vani) in his books, his temples and other inspired institutions and continues to guide human society safely back home, back to Godhead.

We therefore, reach the depths of our hearts,

to reciprocate a little for the immense gratitude we have in the core of our soul to be grateful and eternally thankful to Srila Prabhupada on his appearance day for saving us from the continuous cycle of birth, old-age, disease and death and giving the vision, guidance, motivation and leadership and facility of his ISKCON as a beacon of hope in the sea of turmoil and nescience, back home to Godhead.

*Your loving servants' servants,
Yadu Kishori Dasi, Shyamananda Krishna Dasa
and family*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

THANK YOU, dear A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, for creating an organisation where I have the opportunity to play the mrdanga for the pleasure of the Lord and to associate with devotees in sacred sanga. Through your unlimited mercy, countless souls like me have found shelter, service, and spiritual family in Krishna consciousness.

Your vision has united devotees from all walks of life in loving devotional service, giving us the chance to chant, dance, serve, and glorify the holy name together. Every beat of the mrdanga in kirtan reminds us of your compassion and your desire to spread Lord Krishna's mercy throughout the world. By your grace, I was blessed with opportunities to

participate in the Sacred Sounds Kirtan Mela in July 2025, the Durban Ratha-yatra in 2026, as well as various festivals and Sunday Love Feasts. These moments of service are precious gifts that have deepened my appreciation for the sankirtana movement you so lovingly shared to humanity.

I remain forever grateful for the gift of devotee association, devotional service, and the spiritual path you so selflessly established for humanity. All glories to you, Srila Prabhupada. Hare Krishna.

*Your aspiring servant in the service of sankirtana,
Sieolin Govender*



Sieolin Govender
Cape Town
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

BEING BORN AND RAISED IN A devotional environment has been the greatest blessing of my life. I was

exposed to the teachings of your divine grace, the chanting of the holy name, devotional service and



Sita Chowthee
Durban
South Africa

association of devotees from an early age. As a child I may not have fully understood the depth of these teachings but over time I have come to appreciate how they have shaped my character, values and understanding of life. Srila Prabhupada, your teachings have constantly reminded me that I am not this body but an eternal servant of Krishna. Despite accomplishing extraordinary things and spreading Krishna consciousness across the world, your divine grace has always remained a humble servant of your spiritual master and Sri Krishna. This example continues to inspire me to approach life with gratitude rather than pride. My deepest realization is that bhakti is not a ritual or a tradition but rather a relationship. Chanting, hearing, serving and remembering Krishna are not simply practices to be performed

but opportunities to deepen one's connection with the Supreme Lord.

I am deeply grateful to you Srila Prabhupada for spreading Krishna consciousness across the world and making these teachings accessible to people everywhere. Your books, examples and instructions continue to guide my life. Although I still have much to learn, I recognize how fortunate I am to have received this spiritual foundation. My prayer is that I may continue to grow in sincerity, devotion and service and that I may never take this priceless gift for granted.

Hare Krishna.

Sita Chowthee



Siva Sankara Dasa 🙏
Cape Town
South Africa



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

AS ANOTHER VYASA-PUJA ARRIVES, I find myself reflecting deeply on one striking realization about your greatness - that even now, almost fifty years after your physical departure from this world, you remain profoundly alive in the hearts of your followers.

What is most astonishing is not merely that your books continue to be distributed, your temples continue to flourish, or your movement continues to expand across the world. Rather, it is that countless devotees who never physically met you still speak of you with deep affection, dependence, gratitude, and personal connection. One can clearly see that their relationship with you is not historical, institutional, or symbolic - it is spiritual, living and ever growing.

So many devotees who were born long after your disappearance still feel guided by you. They pray to you, seek shelter in your words, and shape their lives around your instructions. Somehow, through your vani, your mercy, and your extraordinary compassion, you continue to transform hearts,

generation after generation. This is perhaps one of the clearest signs of the potency of a pure devotee.

In this world, influence usually fades with time. Memory weakens, institutions decline, and personalities are forgotten. Yet your presence seems only to deepen. Decade after decade, souls from every background and circumstance continue to discover Krishna consciousness through you and develop an intimate faith that "Srila Prabhupada is my shiksha spiritual master and eternal well-wisher."

This enduring bond between yourself and your followers reveals the transcendental nature of the relationship between guru and disciple. It is not limited by physical proximity, time, or even physical presence. By your causeless mercy, you continue to guide sincere souls toward Krishna, illuminating the path of bhakti for those who may never have had the fortune to physically see you, but who nonetheless feel your shelter in their lives every day.

Your Divine Grace, this is your greatness.

You did not simply establish this organization - you awakened a living current of devotion that continues to flow powerfully through the hearts of people all over the world. Through your books, your instructions, your example, and your unparalleled sacrifice, you have given millions the opportunity to connect with Krishna and with the disciplic succession.

I pray for the sincerity to always remain connected to your teachings and to render some small service to your mission.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for continuing to guide the world through your eternal presence.

*Your aspiring servant,
Siva Sankara Dasa*



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



Smita Krsna Dasa
Durban
South Africa

THE INCEPTION OF MY INVOLVEMENT in Krsna consciousness was buttressed by a very solid framework - that is, the first books I read were two of your very significant biographies. The first was called “Servant of the Servant” by HH Tamal Krsna Maharaja, which I quickly read in a few days. The next was “Srila Prabhupada Lilamrta” by HH Satsvarupa Dasa Gosvami. That was a voluminous book, which I read every morning, and carried to work (a schoolteacher then). I used to sneak it out in between periods to catch up on a few pages at a time. My learners remarked that “teacher is always reading”. At least I was a good role model!

Your life and mission as a fulfilment of a

prophecy is astounding, and it is evident that it is divinely arranged. That you are the Lord’s emissary is absolutely clear. Your lila has kept me fixed and faithful to you and your ISKCON.

Last year we celebrated the 50th anniversary of your arrival in South Africa. To commemorate your life, I wrote a spoken verse and a drama called “Prophecy”. For the 60th anniversary of ISKCON this year, I will once more present this drama.

At an event attended by VIPs and your senior disciples with 700 guests, I was asked to do the opening address, and I presented my poem in a dramatic narration style called spoken verse. It was well received. I offer this to you on your Sri Vyasa-puja:

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

I was born in the darkest of ignorance
Without hope of any trace
He opened my eyes with the torch of knowledge
All glories to His Divine Grace

It is my intent in this spoken text
To clarify Bhaktivedanta Swami’s
divine context.

We belong to a ancient tradition

That follows a 5000-year-old scriptural rendition
By the Supreme Lord Kṛṣṇa
Whose teachings descend in disciplic succession.
Hence, the sages in this unbroken legacy
Have the highest knowledge and are spiritual bona fide.

It is this Brahma Madhav
Gaudiya Vaisnava line
In which Śrīla Prabhupāda appeared
By higher design

Visualize!
New York City
1966 February
The darkest and stormiest winter sky
Streets below
plastered
under snow
Blasting, howling
cold winds blow
Through the canyon walls
Of dark, grey buildings standing tall

From that foreboding sky
Descend now in your mind's eye.
Can you see...?
A solitary figure trudging his way
Juxtaposed against that grey day
Saffron robes aglow
Against piles of snow
No disguise
No compromise

A strange figure in a strange land
A part of a grand plan?
How would those in the West understand?
What Divine play was at hand?

Who would believe that an elderly man
Three score and ten
When most people are retired and barely alive
Would on the shores of the USA arrive?
Leaving the comfort of the Indian subcontinent

Surrendered only to his spiritual teacher's intent.
Begged passage on a steamship
Crossed the Atlantic bearing the highest gift.

Boston Harbour 1965.
The Swami contemplative
Of how he would survive
In a land of materialism
The epitome of hedonism

Yet it was a time of change
a shift in destiny
The youth of America
Dropped out of society
Disappointed with materialistic ideology
The era of hippies and flower children
Not content
With society's values of dubious intent
Looked to the East
For deeper spirituality

And into their midst Krsna sent
The commander of His army
His bhakta senapati.

In 1896, the 1st of September
A date which we should all remember
Appeared a great personality
Abhay Charan de
Destined to be
Founder Acarya
His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivendanta Swami.

An astrologer at his birth did phenomenally predict,
"This child will the whole world benedict.
At the age of seventy
he would cross the sea;
A brilliant exponent of scripture would he be
And a devotee of Krishna so great
he would open temples more than 108!"

Thus, those sleeping souls
over the ocean

By the touchstone
of a pure devotee activated,
The Movement
On every continent generated.
Srila Prabhupada personally
his fledgling society administrated

Circulating the globe 14 times
It was thus in 1975
On these South African shores
That His Divine Grace arrived.
Hundreds responded to the devotees' calls
Eagerly packed into the city halls.

In the midst of a divided nation
He boldly declared in his disseminations
The sublime words of Lord Kṛṣṇa
In the divine song Bhagavad gītā:

The eternal truth
that we are spirit souls.
Never was there a time when we did not exist
And in the future we shall continue to persist
Beyond race and body
a temporary identification
At best, a foolish, external designation

Thus we see
Prabhupada's mission and life
Is the fulfilment of an ancient prophecy
To re-establish the philosophy
Of the soul's eternal relationship of love
Called bhakti
That will extricate us from our shackles
in this Age of Quarrel and Hypocrisy

Hence, this commemoration
is not just an ordinary celebration
It Is the arrival anniversary
of Lord Kṛṣṇa's personal emissary.
A sannyasi, a pure devotee
Who travelled over land and sea
Whose instructions gave rise

To temples, to festivals,
To teachings that apprised
Us of the sublime truth to set us free
From existence temporary.

It Is a homage
to a divine personality
An occasion
Urging us to
contemplative opportunity!

There is so much more to be said
about his transcendental personality
His movement has been analysed historically and sociologically;
Dissertations and theses in journals proliferate academically.

But for those who have been touched
by this great personality
Will attest to it personally
That Bhaktivendanta Swami
Impelled the greatest change in consciousness
and understanding of spiritual reality.

Please always allow me to have the shelter of
your lotus feet.
With gratitude.

*Your servant,
Smita Krsna Dasa*



Hare Krsna Srila Gurudev,
Please accept my humble and respectful obsiences.
All glories to Srila Prabhupada.



Smrti Devi Dasi
Estcourt
South Africa

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

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
śrīmate bhakti-caitanya-svāmin iti nāmine
namami bhakti caityanyam prabhupadanusevinam
sri- vraja- dhana- mahatmya pradarsakam krparnavam*

SRILA PRABHUPADA, Vyasa-puja is a very auspicious day commemorating your life and divine past times to serve the Supreme Lord through loving devotional service, preaching and through your books to impart transcendental knowledge through your teachings and instructions to carry the movement forward. We need to find purpose through Kṛṣṇa consciousness to purify our existence and preach love of God. Srila Prabhupada built a house in which the whole world could live in practising Kṛṣṇa consciousness. This is to become conscious of Kṛṣṇa in everything that we do in our daily lives with bhakti and once we can do this sublime activity life becomes perfect spiritual.

It is our responsibility as devotees of the Lord to impart Srila Prabhupada's transcendental knowledge to the fallen souls of this Age of Kali-yuga. He believed that even after he departs from the material world his movement will continue through his devotees. Srila Prabhupada was empowered by the Supreme Lord and fully self-realized and this is evident in the potency of his books. These books allow us to stay connected to Srila Prabhupada and imbibe a mood of love of Godhead the way Srila Prabhupada was in touch with mind, body and soul because he was a pure soul free from material contamination always engaged in loving devotional service of the Lord.

Srila Prabhupada was so influential and had an impact on the world, not just to appeal to the people materialistically but spiritually. He stressed the importance of reading his books daily because it's not just mundane mayavadi philosophy, it was transcendental from Kṛṣṇa Himself. His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada teaches us self-respect, humility, compassion and love to serve Kṛṣṇa unconditionally and water the seed of

devotion and guard against offenses.

Srila Prabhupada demonstrated transcendental emotion and feelings through his pictures in his books for example mirroring the mood of love through Kṛṣṇa feeling separation for Radharani is the highest ecstasy love of Godhead.

The spiritual master is present in the heart of the disciple according to Srila Prabhupada "If you think of me then I'm in your heart". The disciple and the spiritual master are never separated because the spiritual master always keeps the company of the disciple, if the disciple follows strictly the instructions of the spiritual master.

His words and instructions are the very life and soul of a genuine disciple. It is said that the best process of understanding Krishna is to hear about him, either from a pure devotee or a bona fide spiritual master as given from the Bhagavad-gita As It Is, or from the self-realized pure devotee. One does not even need to change his worldly position; he simply has to hear the message of Krishna.

It's from Srila Prabhupada that we know everything about Krishna or the spiritual world. By his grace only, the knowledge is revealed and his knowledge becomes revealed to his disciples and listeners. Anyone who submissively hears about Him, either by reading his books, or hearing his lectures, can attain the highest perfectional platform. Just as there is sun in the sunshine, so there is Krishna and Krishna's pure representative. When we feel the sunshine, we know the sun is there, and when we hear from a bona fide representative of Kṛṣṇa, we know that Krishna is present.

*Your Servant,
Smṛti Devi Dasi*





My dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.
All glories to your divine grace on this most auspicious day of your appearance.

Soimone Govender
Johannesburg
South Africa

I AM SO GRATEFUL for the mercy you have bestowed upon this underserving soul by giving me shelter at your divine lotus feet. I seek your guidance in every aspect of my life, and always finds examples of your teachings in conditional life.

I pray that you will always give me the strength

to persevere in my path in Krsna consciousness and that you will keep my mind focused when chanting the holy name.

*Your humble servant,
Soimone Govender*



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

Sri Hari Dasa
Johannesburg
South Africa

IT IS WITH DEEP GRATITUDE that I offer my heartfelt thanks to you for giving us access to the knowledge of the Vedas, for that knowledge is access to Krsna Himself and His supreme abode. Before coming in contact with you, we were living in complete ignorance. We did not have any idea of our own identity, nor did we understand the real goal of life. We wandered helplessly through material existence, suffering endlessly in the painful repetition of birth and death, completely unaware that there was any higher purpose to life.

Had it not been for your inconceivable compassion, Srila Prabhupada, we would have had no hope of reprieve from the relentless onslaughts of material suffering. Out of your causeless mercy, you crossed oceans and endured unimaginable hardship simply to deliver fallen souls like us.

I had no inclination towards devotional service. Yet somehow, simply by briefly coming into

contact with you my life transformed completely. By your mercy, what was once foreign to me has now become my life and soul. You opened my eyes to the reality that we are eternal servants of Krsna, and that real happiness lies only in reviving our lost relationship with Him.

I am deeply grateful to have had the opportunity to serve you in such exciting and meaningful ways over the years. I felt fulfilled serving alongside your devotees and I remain forever grateful for that association and opportunity.

Please bless us that we may remain fixed in your service, become sincere instruments in your hands and never forget the priceless gift you have given us.

*Your insignificant servant,
Sri Hari Dasa*



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

Sri Kalindi Devi Dasi
Johannesburg
South Africa

HAPPY VYASA-PUJA to our beloved grandfather and saviour. Life has always been meaningful because of your merciful endeavours and tireless efforts to spread Krishna consciousness throughout the world.

Many people perceive ISKCON's regulative principles as restrictions that bind an individual, yet I have found them to be more liberating than anything else. From my perspective, they are not limitations, but gifts that guide us toward a life of genuine happiness and spiritual freedom.

No meat-eating — I have never identified meat as food, and I am fortunate to have never consumed it in this lifetime.

No gambling — The addictive thrill created by flashy screens that prey upon an individual's greed, while profiting from the hopes of many people in need, has never sat well with me. Chasing a fleeting moment of wealth at the expense of peace and integrity has never seemed worthwhile.

No intoxication — This is something many young people struggle with today. They claim that vaping, smoking, and other intoxicants provide relief from stress, even if only for a moment. Yet by your mercy, we as devotees have something far greater. In those very moments, we can turn our thoughts toward Krishna rather than seeking refuge in such temporary methods.

No illicit sex — Modern society has heavily promoted casual relationships and distorted ideas of love. Yet you have taught us the true meaning of a healthy and meaningful relationship. Many people struggle to understand genuine commitment and selfless affection, often using one another rather

than serving one another. Through your teachings, we learn that real relationships are founded upon respect, responsibility, and service.

The world is filled with judgmental people, but I do not judge others for their choices, for they have not received your mercy, nor do they possess the understanding of the foundational principles you established to help society live peacefully. These basic regulations provide common ground for harmonious living and spiritual advancement. Through your teachings, you have shown us the beauty of simple living and high thinking—a way of life that encourages us to reduce unnecessary material complications and focus instead on developing our relationship with Krishna. In a world driven by endless consumption, competition, and distraction, your teachings remind us that true wealth lies not in what we possess, but in the purity of our consciousness and our service to the Lord. None of the principles you have given us carry any negative consequence; rather, they are perfect in their simplicity and profoundly empowering in their application. For this, I am deeply grateful to you.

I pray that by your mercy I may continue to uphold these principles throughout my life, just as I have endeavoured to do for the past twenty-four years.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for giving us Krishna, for giving us purpose, and for showing us the path back home, back to Godhead.

*Your eternal servant and loving granddaughter,
Sri Kalindi Devi Dasi*



Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Devi Dasi
Johannesburg
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada
Please accept my humble obeisances!
All glories to you on this most auspicious occasion of your Sri Vyasa-puja.

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

I CAME ACROSS the following Srimad-Bhagavatam verse some time ago (SB 1.5.17):

“One who has forsaken his material occupations to engage in the devotional service of the Lord may sometimes fall down while in an immature stage, yet there is no danger of his being unsuccessful. On the other hand, a nondevotee, though fully engaged in occupational duties, does not gain anything.”

I was deeply struck by this verse because it made me consider that my life could be following a vastly different trajectory if I had not been exposed to your ISKCON society and Vedic knowledge.

From the age of twelve, I have been listening to weekly Sunday discourses on the Vedic literatures, and trying to practice sadhana-bhakti, and engage in devotional to the Lord and His devotees. I have received immeasurable mercy from different saintly personalities – whom I did not adequately value and cherish at the time; and honoured more maha-prasada and remnants than I have ever deserved.

Growing up in a community built on Vedic knowledge meant that I inculcated values and self-respect that set me up for success in every aspect of my life, so that my life never had to become a cautionary tale for others, but rather, an experience that is filled with success, gratitude, an understanding of an eternal relationship with the Supreme Lord, and a true understanding of the purpose of this life.

As appears to be the norm in our current society - I frequently encounter persons who are not affiliated to any religion or faith. From our conversations and their perspective, they often seem to think that the only difference between a practitioner of “religion”, and a non-religious person – is the belief in a higher being. Beyond that difference of a belief in a higher being, it may appear that our lives are

outwardly the same in all respects.

But from my perspective as a “believer”, as someone who is trying to live sanatana-dharma, and who is trying to nourish my faith with spiritual association and daily practice, I think that faith in the Supreme Lord changes everything. It changes the way I look at the world around me, how I will use my time, and the mindset and energy that I strive towards. In this way, everything that I encounter in my life, how I view my family members, the way I look at my work and other activities – takes on meaning – quite possibly even beyond this lifetime.

In the absence of the Supreme Lord Krishna, this whole world can become ugly – a “big fish eats small fish” struggle of nature, but with Krishna consciousness – and trying to live a life aligned with laws of God, and in remembrance of Him, this world which otherwise could be disillusioning, can actually become a beautiful place.

This is something I often like to think about, and I feel most grateful for the Vedic knowledge which you mercifully shared with us, Srila Prabhupada, which has shaped my life views.

I pray to always follow your teachings and pray that I can gradually become purified of all the obstacles which hinder my spiritual progress. I pray that I can always be an active and contributing member of your ISKCON movement, so that I can be an instrument to help others access, and be transformed by your timeless teachings, and live a life of endeavouring to practice devotion in accordance with your priceless Vedic teachings.

Endeavouring to remain in your eternal association and service.

*Your aspiring granddaughter,
Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Devi Dasi*



Sri Radhika Stava Dasi
Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisance's.
All glories to your divine grace.

ON THIS SACRED OCCASION of your Vyasa-puja, I offer my heartfelt gratitude for your unlimited mercy and compassion. Through your books, teachings, and the movement you established, countless souls around the world have received the opportunity to understand and serve Sri Krishna.

Thank you for bringing the treasure of Krishna consciousness to us and for showing the perfect example of pure devotion. I pray for the strength to

follow your instructions, develop sincere devotion, and assist in your mission according to my ability.

Please bless me that I may always remember your teachings and remain engaged in the service of guru and Gauranga.

Hare Krishna.

Your grateful servant,
Sri Radhika Stava Dasi



Sri-Govinda Dasa
Cape Town
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada
Please accept my humble obeisance's.
All Glories to your fine self.

I HAVE BEEN A PRACTITIONER of your teachings my entire adult life. Reading and studying Sri-mad-Bhagavatam and Srimad Bhagavad Gita, your pearls of wisdom are scattered throughout your writings. I cannot shake your purport to SB 5.14.1 out of my mind. "Actually city life is more dangerous than life in the forest. If one enters an unknown city without friend or shelter, living in that city is more difficult than living in a forest. There are many big cities all over the surface of the globe, and wherever one looks he sees the struggle for existence going on twenty-four hours a day. People rush about in cars going seventy and eighty miles an hour, constantly coming and going, and this sets the scene of the great struggle for existence. One has to rise early

in the morning and travel in that car at breakneck speed. There is always the danger of an accident, and one has to take great care. In his automobile, the living entity is full of anxieties, and his struggle is not at all auspicious." I am in a foreign city without friends. My only real friends are my Deity of Lord Nrsimhadeva and my worshipable form of you. You both sit quietly in your corner in the flat and do not talk to me, well, at least you allow me to read your books. Srila Prabhupada, please allow me to remain a devotee and do some service for you.

Your struggling servant,
Sri-Govinda Dasa



Sridama Dasa
Vacoas
Mauritius



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale

srimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine
namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvisesa-sunyavadi-pascatyā-deśa-tarīne

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

ON THIS MOST SACRED AND AUSPICIOUS occasion day of your appearance in this world, although I am not qualified to write an offering for you, I fall in the dust of your lotus feet and beg for the ability to properly glorify your divine, magnanimous character.

Your Vyasa Puja is an opportunity for everyone to reflect on the impact of your contribution has had on humanity at large.

In 1965, at the advanced age of nearly seventy years you left Vrindavan for the US in a quest to deliver poor ignorant souls of this world, just to fulfill the order of your spiritual master.

Despite your advanced age, between 1972 and 1977, you travelled fourteen times around the world as a traveling preacher at the expense of your health, to all six continents of the globe, to expertly guide your thousands of dedicated disciples and offer your uplifting association through over a thousand lectures of pure Krishna consciousness.

You have spent innumerable sleepless nights writing books for the benefit of the suffering souls like me, trapped in the cycle of birth and death, in this material world, since time immemorial.

You have set up the Bhaktivedanta Book Trust to publish your books for the benefit of the suffering souls trapped in this material nature. The BBT is

recognised as being the largest publisher of Indian philosophy in the world.

You have established temples, institutes, restaurants and farm communities around the world and you are making the prediction of Chaitanya Mahāprabhu that the holy name of Krishna will be chanted in every town and village, come true. Today ISKCON has more than 800 temples and centres around the world.

You have built a house in which the whole world can live. You have given us the International Society for Krishna Consciousness through which we can associate with you and with so many devotees thus paving the way to the spiritual world.

Srila Prabhupada, on the occasion of your Vyasa puja, my only prayer to you is that you allow me to serve you and be part of your mission to deliver the poor souls lost in this world. Please bless me with undeviating faith and determination so that I will never fall off this path you've so kindly set us upon.

Srila Prabhupada ki jay!!

*The servant of your servant,
Sridama Dasa*



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



Sripada Dasa
Durban
South Africa

DURING A CONVERSATION WITH YOUR disciples in the early 1970s, you spoke of something extraordinary—that you were creating a house in which

the whole world could live. Although ISKCON was already growing rapidly at that time, few could have foreseen how profoundly true those words would

become in the decades that followed.

As the years pass, we witness more and more people turning to your ISKCON movement, recognizing the philosophy of Krishna consciousness as a sublime and practical process for realizing and developing a loving relationship with God. Through your books, lectures, and personal example, countless souls feel connected to you and are inspired to take shelter within the spiritual home you so compassionately built.

From my own realization, I see this house as having many rooms, each able to accommodate people of different natures, talents, and inclinations, all harmoniously engaged in devotional service for your pleasure and for the pleasure of Sri Sri Radha and Krishna. Whether through deity worship, hari-nama-sankirtana, book distribution, arts and drama, medical care such as Bhaktivedanta Hospice, large-scale prasadam distribution, construction and maintenance projects, educational institutions, farming and eco-villages, festivals, spiritual tours,

leadership, or countless other services, each represents a unique room within your ISKCON house. Through your infinite compassion for fallen conditioned souls, you have created a place for everyone. We need only to find our corner of devotional service within the walls of this house and in doing so, receive immeasurable spiritual benefit.

On this most auspicious occasion of your Vya-sa-puja, I offer my prostrated obeisances at your lotus feet with a heart overflowing with gratitude. Thank you for coming to this material world and enduring so many hardships to establish this house of Krishna consciousness—a shelter that protects us from the scorching heat and relentless storms of material existence, and guides us safely toward the lotus feet of Sri Sri Radha and Krishna.

Praying always for your mercy.

*Your lowly servant and grand-disciple,
Sripada Dasa*



Srivas Das Vanacary 
Accra
Ghana



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

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

YOUR APPEARANCE on this most auspicious occasion of Nandotsava, a day after Lord Kṛṣṇa's appearance is of great significance. As a greatly empowered emissary of the Lord, you appeared in the world just after the Lord's debut to facilitate the world preaching mission of Sri Kṛṣṇa Caitanya. As stated in the *Adi lila* of Caitanya Caritamṛta;

*bhakte kṛpā kareṇa prabhu e-tina svarūpe
'sākṣāt,' 'āveśa' āra 'āvirbhāva'-rūpe*

Lord Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu bestows His causeless mercy upon His devotees in three features: His own direct appearance [sākṣāt], His prowess within someone He empowers [āveśa], and His manifestation [āvirbhāva]. 10.56.

Just as Lord Caitanya invested His divine power in Nakula Brahmācari, Rupa Goswami and Sanātana Goswami, the Lord has similarly manifested His prowess within your divine grace so wonderfully, to enable you manifest the Lord Caitanya's mercy in

the world by emphatically establishing the chanting of the holy name throughout the entire world. By this singular action, you have inundated the entire planet with the Lord's amazing mercy. Besides, you tirelessly circumabulated the world many times to supervise the distribution of this mercy for the benefit of the entire humanity. Who can be more merciful and benevolent than you, in this world Srimla Prabhupada, in the distribution of Lord Caitanya's mercy? Therefore, we cannot think of anyone else as the true friend and savior of the entire

humanity. We are eternally indebted to you for this great show of compassion. On this most auspicious day of your divine appearance we pray at your lotus feet for empowerment to remain as insignificant instruments in your divine mission of spreading the Lord's mercy. Your aspiring to be a servant of your wonderful servants.

*Your Servant,
Srivas Das Vanacary*



My dearest Srimla Prabhupada.
Please accept my most humble obeisances at your cooling lotus feet.
All glories to you on this most auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja.

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate bhaktivedanta-svamin iti namine
namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvisesa-sunyavadi-pascatyadesa-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 Saraswati Goswami. You are kindly preaching the message of Lord Chaitanyadeva and delivering the Western countries, which are filled with impersonalism and voidism.

I CHANT THIS MANTRA at least 3 times a day, 7 days a week and 52 weeks in a year. That's 1092 pranamas to you each year that goes by, yet it is never enough, never enough to thank you for every step you took in the West 60 years ago, never enough to truly be grateful for the love you've given me through your sons and daughters that are like rare gems in this time, never enough to thank you for giving me a home in a world that feels so strange, just so that I can awaken my true identity to go back home, back to Godhead by holding so firm onto your dhoti.

These statements sound simple but they mean so much because you are at the root of all of them.

You have given me everything, Srimla Prabhupada. As a grand-disciple, I find everything in your vani through your books, lectures and instructions and the vapu of your disciples, my gurus.

As you have taught us, "you can associate with me by reading my books.", I couldn't have found a better way to have some guidance from you, even when I was not fortunate enough to have your physical association in this life. It is like you're the best desire tree, always listening to my innermost questions unto you and showing me the answer through your spotless purports. It is like you are just my caring grandfather, protecting me selflessly and

 Su-shitala Radha Devi Dasi
Midrand
South Africa

guiding me through each step that I take on this path to self-realisation. But my pranamas unto you will never be enough to thank you for everything you have, continue to and will do for me.

Some days feel easier than others to intentionally and attentively read your books. And on the days that I don't, I offer repeated obeisances for forgiveness for taking your association for granted. What a fool I am that you patiently wait for me to hear the glorious holy name, and I chose not to. What a fool I am to say I'm alone when Paramatma is always residing in my heart and you are always watching over this unworthy granddaughter, waiting to give your association and hoping that one day she can surrender unto the lotus feet of your

Radhe Shyam.

But please, my dear grandfather, please don't forget this insignificant fool, as it is because of you that I have received the fortune to know what is truly valuable in this life. Please continue to shower your mercy upon this little girl who tries to endeavour to please you, to serve you, to never leave you. Please always engage me in your service, keep me humble and allow me to remain serving your dearest and most merciful Sri Sri Nitai Gaura Hari. May I always be reminded of Sri Vrindavan Dham and see that same potency in your temples.

*Your foolish granddaughter,
Su-shitala Radha Devi Dasi*



Subal Sakha Dasa
Newcastle
South Africa

 Dear Srila Prabhupada,

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

BEFORE DAWN BREAKS, I sit in the icy darkness. Gazing through the window at the vast African sky. It's a beautiful luminous, silken grey. This small town's lights have swallowed the stars. There's none to be seen. This is unlike the same view 40 years ago, were a river of stars shone bright. In the silence, muffled sounds of a lone dog barking in the far distance. Lucky creature — it has a master. The world sleeps. It's very peaceful. In this sacred quiet, I carefully hang on to the warmth of each syllable, “jaya śrī kṛṣṇa caitanya prabhu nityānanda śrī advaita gadādhara śrīvāsādi gaura bhakta vṛnda”. So grateful that I can say these words.

“O sun of the Holy Name, even the dim light of Your early dawn ‘namabhasa’ devours the power of the darkness of the material world and gives those

who are blind to the truth the insight to follow the path of pure devotion to Krishna. What learned person in this world can possibly fully describe Your transcendental glories” [Verse 3, Namastakam by Srila Rupa Goswami]

I don't even know if I am actually chanting the holy name. Or is it just alphabet soup. Everyone needs to trust in something sublime. I trust sri nama. How can I not. Many years ago, the holy name saved me. It was you who brought the gift of the name. It was the name that brought you into the hearts of many. Such is our good fortune.

*“nama-srestham manum api saci-putram
atra svarupam, rupam tasyagrajam uru-purim
mathurim gostavatim, radha-kundam giri-varam*

aho radhika-madhavasam, prapto yasya prathita-krpaya sri gurum tam nato 'smi"

With each passing day, rise; work; sleep. Rinse and repeat. As I make my way to the abattoir of death, I feel like a small mouse darting around in the cage of my addictions. But by the tremendous force of your conviction and faith in the holy name – a miracle. Some 50 years later, in some far-flung corner of the globe, lost boys like me can tenaciously hold on to the fine thread of the holy name. How did you accomplish this. Here's but a superficial glimpse.

September 1966, a seventy-year-old swami dragging shy and hesitant disciples to chant in a park in New York. In our brief history of the Western world, such an event had never happened before. January 1967, the spectacle of the Mantra Rock dance. Surreal. And certainly bizarre for a cultured, elderly Bengali gentleman. I am sure, this was not on your bucket list of things to do in service of the holy name. Yet the holy name resounded.

An unusual milestone for any resident of Vrindavana. Then there is the intrigue of 10 000 hippies chanting "Hare Krishna Hare Krishna..." at the Ratha Yatra held at Golden Gate Park. Your constant attendant, the holy name, dancing through sound waves on loudly amplified speakers. Was there another before you who put the Hare Krishna mantra on the Top of the Pops. What about those dancing white elephants' unrestrained chaotic jubilation at the ringing of the bell at the 1975 Mayapur festival. O best among servants of the holy name,

you must be the dear friend of many. "That person is a true preceptor, or a true father, a true mother, and a true friend also only if they teach one to always remember the holy name. The holy name of Sri Hari alone is everything." [Kevalastakam, Verse 3, Nilakantha Goswami]

Then there are your books. That chanting has been going on 24/7 since 1965. As the person bhagavata, you encourage, cajole and benedict the world with another global first – "Chant and be happy". And the book bhagavata doubles that encouragement and benediction – "It is a fact that even a chronically sinful person who chants the holy name of the Lord, although not completely without offences, does not take another material birth" [Canto 6, Chapter 3, Introduction]. It appears that you have turned the entire planet into the yagna arena of sri harinama sankirtana. Mother Bhumi must be pleased.

Pretence is futile. The sheer embarrassment of being a grovelling drooling conditioned soul is not of much help either. However, I have my instructions. Try to strictly follow the principles, chant Hare Krishna, serve the Vaishnavas. Preach. I will try. My humble prayer - if there was ever a moment when I once sincerely called out in anguish for your protection, will you kindly never let me go. Thank you for everything.

*Aspiring servant of the Vaishnava's,
Subal Sakha Dasa*



Our jagad-guru,
Srila Prabhupada Ji. Please accept my humble obeisances.

I CAN JUST SAY THANK YOU, thank you, thank you for bringing Krishna consciousness to Eldoret Kenya. You have changed my life through my guru maha

raja HH Gopal Krishna Goswami Maharaja. Were it not for you, my life would be meaningless. Thank you very much, thank you very much, thank you



Subhadra Yashoda Devi Dasi
Eldoret
Kenya

very much.

Subhadra Yashoda Devi Dasi



Subhaga Dasa 🙏
Durban
South Africa



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

MY KRSNA CONSCIOUSNESS BEGAN some 23 years ago. From then onwards I have surrendered to your lotus feet and embraced Krsna consciousness.

On reading your Lilaamrita I realised the sacrifices you have made to make The International Society for Krishna Consciousness, an organization worthy of emulation. It is so inspiring to have devotees of different nationalities embracing Krsna as The Supreme Personality of Godhead. What is more fascinating is that you brought everyone together.

I am grateful to you, Srila Prabhupada, to have given my family and I Krsna consciousness so that we may be saved from maya.

Please, I beg you to always engage me in your transcendental movement and allow me to take shelter at your lotus feet.

*Your grand disciple,
Subhaga Dasa*



Subhaluksmi Devi Dasi 🙏
Durban
South Africa



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

THANK YOU for coming into our lives, your divine appearance has made a deep impact. We are struggling souls searching for mercy. This mercy is now coming freely through your disciples, our spiritual master.

You have struggled so much for our benefit. Printed, edited BTG and even distributed these books. Please Srila Prabhupada, help us to appreciate you, your books and your temples. Let us not

take everything you have done for us for granted.

We are struggling, fallen and love you Srila Prabhupada. We cling to your mercy in the form of lectures and books. Thank you Srila Prabhupada for everything you have done.

*Your most fallen servants servant,
Subhaluksmi Devi Dasi.*



Subhananda Dasa 🙏
Rivière Du Rempart
Mauritiusa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please kindly accept my most humble obeisances unto your lotus feet.

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

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

I WISH YOU A happy vyasa-puja Srila Prabhupada. Without you I wouldn't have come across a wonderful journey in life. You gave us everything what to do in life. Your teachings, values, principles and philosophy are immensely a big savior for the whole humanity. Simple yet powerful transforming the heart of people. You transformed the "Hippies into Happies" and gave us a Home whereby we sing, dance, take prasadam, chant and spiritualize

ourselves.

Your books Srila Prabhupada had played a big role upon my life. Books are the basis and without you my Dearest Srila Prabhupada, I am nothing and I am forever indebted to you.

*Your servant,
Subhananda Dasa*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.



Sudama Dāsa
Durban
South Africa

THE PHILOSOPHICAL REACH OF your purports in your books has no bounds. They enter directly into the hearts of readers and listeners, creating a profound impact. During a morning walk in Toronto, you stated:

"In my absence you read the books. What I talk, I have written in the books. That's all. ... you can associate with me by reading my books." – Morning Walk, August 7, 1975, Toronto.

Your books, and specifically your transcendental purports, form the foundation of our Krishna Consciousness. They are also the means for us to associate with you, as you emphasized in this morning walk. In a talk given to the GPB SPT on August 29, 2020, Giriraj Swami mentioned:

"Srila Prabhupada said his purports are his personal ecstasies. Not only are we associating with Srila Prabhupada, but we are associating with him in his most ecstatic mood."

This point is especially significant to me. By reading and studying your books, we not only associate with you but also get a glimpse of your ecstasies. Although I have personally struggled to study your books, I have found that whenever I am able to

do so among a group of like-minded devotees and more advanced devotees who have a taste for reading, despite my lack of qualification, by your mercy, I experience great joy in discussing and relishing philosophy. Discussing your books and the greater philosophy of Krishna Consciousness' among devotees, somehow keeps me grounded and brings me back to an understanding of the great fortune you have afforded me in this rare human birth.

Srila Prabhupada, you have emphasized across numerous lectures, room conversations, and purports that the philosophy of Krishna Consciousness is natural, direct, and simple enough for even a child to understand.

"So the philosophy is very simple... Even a child can understand that our svarūpa, our constitutional position, is that we are servant of God, Kṛṣṇa. But the material world is so bewildering that everyone is thinking that 'I am master of everyone.' This is the disease." – Lecture, CC Madhya 10.180-109, July 1976.

Recently, I encountered a practical understanding of this truth while discussing aspects of your books with my 10-year-old daughter, Gopika. She questioned why anyone would choose the material

world, finding it illogical. After further discussion, she understood that we have independence and, by our own choice, left Krishna to come here. She then concluded that her mission in life is to go back home, back to Godhead. This is the logical thing to do. While I was initially amused, I was amazed at how she arrived at such a profound conclusion from your teachings—one that even the most intelligent materialist might not grasp. This experience made me realize the deep effect your books and teachings have, awakening the soul to Krishna Consciousness, even in someone within a child's body.

My heartfelt prayer is to always remain under the shelter of your books, Srila Prabhupada, and

the philosophy of Krishna Consciousness that you have compassionately revealed to the world. May your transcendental purports—your personal ecstasies—continue to nourish and guide me, giving me strength and inspiration to persevere in this spiritual journey, despite my shortcomings and imperfections. Please bless me to always seek your association through your words and to always have the opportunity to discuss Krishna Consciousness among like-minded and advanced devotees for my further advancement.

*Your servant,
Sudama Dāsa*



Sudevi Dasi 🌸
Johannesburg
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my most humble obeisance's and gratitude at the dust of your divine lotus feet.

All glories to you, dearest Srila Prabhupada on this most auspicious occasion of your Vyasa-puja. All glories to my guru maharaj.

IT IS SAID that one can never repay the debt of a spiritual master, but as the servant of the servant of a spiritual master, we can try to sincerely serve the spiritual master, the Lord and the Vaishnavas whose blessings we seek to continue to serve your mission, Srila Prabhupada.

We are currently in the auspicious Purushottam month and one of the things I wanted to improve was my reading. Purushottam month was the perfect catalyst to steer me in the right direction. A friend and I started reading Chapter 15 of Bhagavad-gita also known as Puroshottam Yoga, or the Yoga of the Supreme person. The essence of this chapter is to understand Lord Krsna by studying the Vedas and engaging in devotional service. In this way, one becomes materially detached, spiritually surrendered and reaches the ultimate abode of Lord Krsna.

With Chapter 15 being a relatively short chapter, it was time to start a new book and although there is a plethora of books to choose from, I received inspiration from a Vrndavan class I heard a few weeks ago

by Mother Daivi Shakti, as she advised someone to read Bhajan Rahasya by Srila Bhaktivinodha Thakur. I was intrigued! It resonated with me since my dissertation topic for our final Bhakti Vibhava studies was entitled, 'Unlocking Vandanam Rahasya' with a focus on the prayers of Vrtrasura, the devotee demon. This was also followed by the esoteric secrets of devotional praise through the lens of prayers across the Bhagavatam which unlocks the secrets of Sadiya/Prayojana by attaining the Supreme.

Even just one of the nine processes of devotional service can take you back to Godhead. This is confirmed in Srimad-Bhagavatam 7.5.23-24

*śrī-prahrāda uvāca
śravaṇaṁ kīrtanaṁ viṣṇoḥ
smaraṇaṁ pāda-sevanam
arcanaṁ vandanaṁ dāsyam
sakhyam ātma-nivedanam*

iti puṁsārpitā viṣṇau

bhaktiś cen nava-lakṣaṇā
kriyeta bhagavaty addhā
tan manye 'dhītām uttamam

“Prahāda Mahārāja said: Hearing and chanting about the transcendental holy name, form, qualities, paraphernalia and pastimes of Lord Viṣṇu, remembering them, serving the lotus feet of the Lord, offering the Lord respectful worship with sixteen types of paraphernalia, offering prayers to the Lord, becoming His servant, considering the Lord one's best friend, and surrendering everything unto Him (in other words, serving Him with the body, mind and words) — these nine processes are accepted as pure devotional service. One who has dedicated his life to the service of Kṛṣṇa through these nine methods should be understood to be the most learned person, for he has acquired complete knowledge.”

This is further corroborated by you, Srila Prabhupada whereby you confirm in the purport of Śrī Caitanya-caritāmṛta, Madhya-līlā 4.125 that while a devotee should accept all processes, “even if only one process is properly executed, he can still attain the highest position (paramahansa) and go back home, back to Godhead.”

Bhajan Rahasya by Srila Bhaktivinodha Thakur was written in 1902 as a supplement to his Hari-nāma-cintāmaṇi, and comprises eight chapters which corresponds to the eight verses of Śrī Caitanya's Śikṣāṣṭakam and the eternal pastimes of Rādhā-Govinda during the eight periods of the day. Each chapter is intended to be read during a three-hour period over the course of twenty-four hours. This would not be possible for us, but we decided to dive straight into it because I read a similar book some years ago entitled Kṛṣṇanika Kaumadi by Srila Kavi Karnapur, which, although was far from an easy read, esoteric, intimate, detailed and deeply meditative all at the same time and definitely went over my head, it was incredulous! How can that much detail about the Lord be known and revealed? In Bhagavat-gita 7:25, Lord Kṛṣṇa states:

*nāhaṁ prakāśaḥ sarvasya
yoga-māyā-samāvṛtaḥ
mūḍho 'yaṁ nābhijānāti
loko mām ajam avyayam*

Translation

I am never manifest to the foolish and unintelligent. For them I am covered by My internal potency, and therefore they do not know that I am unborn and infallible.

From this verse, it is evident which category I am in – being foolish and unintelligent.

Although we are only in Chapter 2 of Bhajan Rahasya and I have no taste for the Lord's transcendental pastimes, we must continue to delve into these rahasyas because this is how we learn to develop a particular type of rasa with the Lord. And whilst we chant and perform devotional service, we should always remember who we are doing this for – for Lord Kṛṣṇa's pleasure.

Sometimes we get caught up in the routine and methodologies around our practices and easily forget the object of our affection.

In the words of Sri Sankaracharya who wrote the Jagannathastakam which was later sung by Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu in Puri, 'jagannathah svami nayana-patha-gami bhavatu me' - May that Jagannatha Svami be the object of my vision.

In my closing thoughts, I wanted to touch on the sanctity and purity of your sacred ISKCON society that you created in its original state. It is symbolic of everything that you have built, Srila Prabhupada, and it wasn't just relevant for those times, but relevant for all times and has attracted so many because of the purity of Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Today, this looks very different and some leaders are utilising entertainment tactics to attract more people to our society at the expense of jeopardising what you originally built ISKCON to be. This is by no means attractive to the Vaishnava community. Whilst Kṛṣṇa consciousness is for everyone, it's important to maintain the sanctity and remain protective of everything you have worked so hard to build. Please

bless us Srila Prabhupada - to serve you in the right mood and in the right way.

Deeply indebted to you, I beg to always remain in your shelter of your ISKCON.

*Your most insignificant granddaughter,
Sudevi Dasi*



Sudhir Nimai Dasa, 
Sarika Priya Devi Dasi,
and Vrindavani Radhika
Gauteng
South Africa



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

ON THE 24TH OF MAY 2026 I attended a Sunday Love Feast program. Like every Sunday it was sublime and beautiful to be amongst the devotees. When it was time to do the Vyasa Puja and when the devotees sang Jai Srila Prabhupada. I noticed that the devotees went in an estatic frenzy. Devotees were smiling raising their hands and extremely grateful to Your Divine Grace. It was at that moment I realized that we are so blessed to have you enter our lives. We are very fortunate you picked us from this

ocean of suffering and showing us the way to Lord Krsna's Lotus feet.

I feel saying Thank You doesn't do justice. We cannot express our love and gratitude to you in this lifetime. Please always show us Your Mercy.

*Your Insignificant Servants
Sudhir Nimai Dasa, Sarika Priya Devi Dasi and
Vrindavani Radhika*



Sukumari Dasi 
Durban
South Africa



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

BY YOUR MERCY I am a resident of the most beautiful temple in the world which is sheltered under the compassionate glance of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu, the sweetest Sri Radhanath, and prettiest Sri Radha. Our temple room is filled with pastime paintings of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu and of Radha and Krishna. My first darshan of this temple was in October 1985 when the temple opened. The painting of Krishna threading a garland with Srimati Radharani nearby caught my attention. I was always intrigued by this painting because we learn as aspiring devotees that we should try to serve Krishna, but this painting shows that Krishna is making a garland for someone who is special to Him.

Years ago while traveling, I was blessed to hear a few of your disciple artists from the pioneering days express how Your Divine Grace directed them to paint, giving specific details of various pastimes. While listening to them, I again remembered the painting of Krishna threading a garland for Srimati Radharani.

My dearest Srila Prabhupada, although I am immature and filled with bad qualities, still I know you are present in those pastimes. How else could you direct someone with such specific details for a painting?

I pray that by your mercy, coming through my diksa guru and siksa gurus, I may always remem

ber that painting, and one day if you desire, I will be allowed to also see this in Sri Vrindavan Dham.

*Your grateful and dependent grand-daughter,
Sukumari Dasi*



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



Sumalini Lalita Devi Dasi
Durban
South Africa

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

ON THIS MOST AUSPICIOUS DAY of your Vyasa Puja, I offer my deepest gratitude and heartfelt thanks. We truly owe you everything. Through your unlimited mercy, you have opened our eyes and hearts to the beauty of Sri Krsna and devotional service.

Thank you for teaching us who Krsna is and how to love and serve Him. Through your books, your lectures, your instructions, and your temples, you have given the whole world the greatest treasure—Krsna consciousness.

Your books are our guiding light, helping us understand the Bhagavad-gita, Srimad Bhagavatam, and the eternal truths of life. Your temples are our spiritual homes, where we can worship, serve, and grow in devotion together. Your compassion has reached every corner of the world, touching

countless souls, including ours.

Because of you, we can chant the holy names, honor prasadam, serve the devotees, and learn how to live a life centered on Krsna. You have given us purpose, direction, and hope.

Please bless us that we may always remain connected to your lotus feet, faithfully follow your teachings, and become instruments in sharing your mission with others. May we always remember that everything we have spiritually is because of your mercy.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for giving us everything.

*Your grateful servant,
Sumalini Lalita Devi Dasi*



Hare Krishna,
I offer my respectful obeisance's to my siksa spiritual master His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Srila Prabhupada.



Sunetra Devi Dasi
Phoenix
South Africa

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR SAVING US. I am truly indebted to you. By your mercy I was able to bring my children and grandchildren to ISKCON.

*Your most fallen servant
Sunetra Devi Dasi*



Surangi Dasi 
Durban
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisance.
All glories to Their Lordships Jagannatha, Baladeva and Subhadra Maharani.

Ode to Srila Prabhupada: Creating a bridge of the Holy Name

Across 5 oceans, cultures run deep
Where languages differ, arctic lands, mountains steep
A golden mantra, so simple so bright
Was carried forth by saintly might
Srila Prabhupada, so humble, so pure
With faith steady, firm, and sure
You crossed the seas with nothing
The Holy Name upon your tongue, was your only something
With no pride, no fear, you knew your endgame
You gave the world Lord Krishna's name
From crowded streets to distant lands
From foreign soil we bow and greet with folded hands
You planted seeds in origins unknown
And now those seeds have fully grown
In temples far, like Indonesia's shore
Where language may fail but love for Krishna is there for sure
A smile, a glance, a shared domain
Becomes the language: Hare Krishna's name
Oh our dearest Srila Prabhupada
Thank you for building a bridge so far
You may be gone, but your mission carries on
In every town, to the holy name are people drawn!

*Your servant,
Surangi Dasi*



Surya Kund Dasa 
Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
All glories to Your Divine Grace.

THANK YOU, Srila Prabhupada, for founding International Society for Krishna Consciousness. Even in your physical absence, your movement continues to spread throughout the world, delivering countless fallen souls and engaging them in devotional

service to Sri Sri Guru and Gauranga. This alone is testimony to your spotless purity and causeless mercy, which continues to act powerfully through your faithful devotees.

It is only by the mercy of your devotees that I

have received even the smallest opportunity to render some service. Whatever little faith or inclination I have for Krishna consciousness is simply your mercy flowing through them.

Please bless me, Srila Prabhupada, that I may someday develop genuine taste for the chanting of the holy names. Kindly engage me in some humble service and keep me always under the shelter of

Guru, Gauranga, and the International Society for Krishna Consciousness. Let me remain connected to your mission birth after birth, serving the Vaishnavas with sincerity and gratitude.

*Your insignificant aspiring servant,
Surya Kund Dasa*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my respectful obeisances at your lotus feet.
All glories to Your Divine Grace!



Swarup Damodar Dasa
Durban
South Africa

THE WORLD TODAY IS CHARACTERIZED BY disturbance, anxiety, and stress. Admittedly, I often find myself easily succumbing to these external pressures. Using my material intelligence, I usually try to ascertain the outside causes—frequently identifying them as others’ negative interference in my so-called sincere and genuine service. I then hold these external factors accountable for my anxious and disturbed state of mind.

However, this approach has never brought a calming effect to my consciousness. By focusing outward, I constantly avoid my own personal accountability and my own contribution to my condition. This continuous avoidance is exhausting and, ultimately, can never lead to peace.

After much contemplation, I can appreciate two distinct paths to navigate my way out of this tendency to become easily disturbed. Interestingly enough, these two paths are entirely mutually dependent.

“Why is the Pacific Ocean so peaceful?” you once asked the disciples with you. “Because it is very deep.” (Indeed, the Pacific Ocean is the deepest and largest ocean in the world, and the very word *pacific* signifies peace and tranquility.)

Clearly, I need to deepen my consciousness by developing a genuine taste for the holy names, for *krishna-katha*, and for the service of the Vaisnavas. Recently, I was jolted into this realization when you

spoke through your disciple, His Holiness Bhakti Caitanya Swami, noting that those who find the topics of the *Srimad-Bhagavatam* boring are themselves boring. How boring, then, am I? Krishna’s pastimes, being the absolute reality, are unlimitedly exciting and ever-fresh—and yet I struggle to relish them. It is an unbelievable yet undeniable truth in my case.

Secondly, I feel a pressing need to strengthen my connection with you. The time I spend in your holy association—thinking about you and praying to you—is clearly not enough. You are the deepest devotee in our experience. When one is strongly connected to Your Divine Grace, they are naturally impelled deeper into relishing Krishna consciousness.

Celebrating your appearance day in the association of your followers—many of whom genuinely relish these deeper experiences and a profound connection with you—serves as a merciful annual reminder of both my predicament and its remedy. You have made the taste for *bhakti*, *ruci*, more accessible than ever before, and you remain eternally available to us through your purports, lectures, *kirtans*, and deity forms.

I need to embrace both opportunities tightly: deepening my taste and strengthening my connection with you. If I better apply myself to your carefully tailored process of *krishna-bhakti*, my connection

with you will naturally deepen and be better appreciated. Concurrently, by meditating on my relationship with you through the grace of your representatives in my life, I am convinced that my taste for krishna-bhakti will begin to manifest and grow.

Srila Prabhupada, I pray to you today to bless me with the constant guidance and shelter of your genuine devotees. Without their association, I know I will remain lost in a shallow experience of bhakti.

*aham hare tava padaika-mula-
dasanudaso bhavitasmi bhuyah
manah smaretasu-pater gunams te
grnita vak karma karotu kayah*

O my Lord, O Supreme Personality of Godhead, will I again be able to be a servant of Your eternal servants who find shelter only at Your lotus feet? O Lord of my life, may I again become their servant so that my mind may always think of Your transcendental attributes, my words always glorify those attributes, and my body always engage in the loving service of Your Lordship? (SB 6.11.24)

Thank you. Hare Krishna.

*Your eternal servant,
Swarup Damodar Dasa*



Syama Vallabhi Devi Dasi
Durban
South Africa



Hare Krsna, my dearest grand spiritual master, Srila Prabhupada, Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories unto Your Divine Grace. On this most auspicious occasion of your Vyasa-puja, I offer my heartfelt respects and prayers. May you always remain at the lotus feet of Sri Sri Radha Radhanath.

The lotus feet of our spiritual master are the only way by which we can attain pure devotional service. I bow down to his lotus feet with great awe and reverence. By his grace one can cross the ocean of material suffering and obtain the mercy of Krishna.

WHEN ONE RECEIVES TRANSCENDENTAL KNOWLEDGE

from a bona fide spiritual master, one becomes eternally indebted to him. Therefore, Srila Prabhupada, I remain forever grateful to you for rescuing me from the immeasurable ocean of ignorance and material illusion. You have illuminated my darkened consciousness with the torchlight of divine wisdom, and for this immeasurable gift I can never adequately repay you.

The sacrifices you made, to fulfil the desires of your spiritual master, particularly in the twilight years of your life, are nothing short of extraordinary. To journey alone across the ocean at an advanced age, armed only with unwavering faith in the instructions of your spiritual master, demonstrates a level of spiritual fortitude and determination that no ordinary human being could possess. Therefore,

dearest Srila Prabhupada, without a doubt, you were especially empowered by the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Sri Krsna, Himself.

Sometimes I feel saddened that I was not fortunate enough to have met your Divine Grace personally. Yet whenever I open one of your books, that feeling is dispelled - I become reminded that although there is a physical distance between yourself and all your disciples, you are present through your writings, translations, purports, lectures, conversations, and correspondence. Upon careful study of your works, which you have personally translated, it is evident that your level of intellect is unmatched. It goes way beyond anyone's expectations.

Recently, I began watching the Abhay Charan videos once again, and through them I have felt an even deeper connection with Your Divine Grace.

Your beloved disciple and my spiritual master, Bhakti Caitanya Swami, has graciously taught me, along with many other students, the Bhakti Sastri and Bhakti Vaibhava courses. These sacred studies have profoundly enriched my understanding of Krsna consciousness and strengthened my conviction in the teachings that you so compassionately bestowed upon the world.

Inspired by your example and empowered by the instructions of my spiritual master, I now endeavour to assist in your preaching mission by teaching online classes through ISKCON's Bhaktivedanta College of Education. It is a great privilege to utilise contemporary technology in the service of your divine mission. These opportunities to teach and serve continually reinforce my faith in the Holy Name and deepen my appreciation for the unparalleled contribution you have made to the entire world.

Your purports are so easy to understand, that they make the highest spiritual truths accessible even to the most conditioned souls. For this, I remain forever grateful. Indeed, I cannot imagine what my life would have been had you not brought

Krsna consciousness to us.

Thank you again, my dearest grandfather - I bow down to you with great awe and reverence and submit to you with heartfelt humility. I pray that you are pleased by this small offering. Kindly bless me so that I may faithfully maintain my spiritual vows, deepen my attachment to the service of Guru and Gauranga, and become a worthy grand-disciple within your divine family.

Please grant me the strength to remain steadfast in devotional service, the intelligence to understand your teachings with sincerity and depth, and the humility to apply them in my life. Above all, kindly bestow your mercy upon me so that I may develop genuine attraction for the lotus feet of Sri Guru and Sri Sri Radha Radhanath and one day render pure and selfless service to Their Lordships.

Happy Vyasa-puja Srila gurudeva.

Your humble granddaughter and insignificant servant,

Syama Vallabhi Devi Dasi



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

THANK YOU VERY MUCH for keeping me at your lotus feet. I am eternally indebted to you. Please be merciful to me always so I remain in your service always.

Your humble servant,
Syama



Syama
Pretoria
South Africa



Hare Krsna Dear Srila Prabhupada,

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



Syamananda Dasa
Johannesburg
South Africa

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.

HOW ONE PERSON COULD CHANGE THE LIVES and destinies of so many and will continue to do so, is really amazing Srila Prabhupada but you have done this

Ultimately we thank you for everything we have, the holy names, Krishna Prasadam, our Supreme Mother and Father, Sri Sri Radha Krishna and so many other gifts you have given all of us, the temples, Deities, festivals, books, prayers, devotees, for connecting us to the disciplic succession, the previous acaryas and so many other wonderful forms of the Lord and His associates, for allowing us another year in devotional service, keeping the Sunday online programs going, nourishing all the devotees, for bringing us together as a family, helping each other through the ups and downs, we pray to continue in this way by your mercy

Most importantly we thank you for keeping us engaged in the Lord Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu's Sankirtan mission, distributing your transcendental books to as many as we can

We know this pleases your Guru Maharaja very much, His Divine Grace Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Saraswati Thakura. We know if he is pleased then

you are pleased and if you are pleased then ultimately our Supreme Parents, Sri Sri Radha Krishna will be pleased.

We pray for you to allow us some time still to keep chipping away in that way, somehow or other getting your books into every home, every hand as many as possible, this is the only hope, someday someone will pick up the book and you will speak to them and turn them toward the Lord. Our dream is that one day, the whole world will turn to the Lord and to you, to take shelter off and guide them in devotional service and back home, back to Godhead.

We are struggling, fallen and unqualified but still we have to try to do something, so we beg forgiveness for our simple efforts and pray to always be engaged in this way, if you so desire.

Thank you for everything Srila Prabhupada, we are eternally indebted to you.

Hare Krsna.

*Your struggling servant,
Syamananda Dasa*



Syamananda Dasa
Accra
Ghana



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

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

SRILA PRABHUPADA is the empowered representative of Lord Krishna who fulfilled the desire of Lord Caitanya by spreading the chanting of the holy names throughout the world. His mercy is the bridge that connects us to the disciplic succession and to the

lotus feet of Sri Sri Radha Krishna. All glories to Sri-la Prabhupada

*Your servant,
Syamananda Dasa*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances.

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

I WILL FOREVER BE ETERNALLY INDEBTED to you Sri-la Prabhupada! No amount of words can truly do justice to your greatness. Many of your followers didn't meet you in person. But, we still love you and feel your presence and guidance, only your divine grace can have such an impact. It is only because of you that we have the greatest fortune of Krishna consciousness, which is the greatest gift to mankind. You have given us the greatest wisdom in your books. It is only because of you that we have the fortune of chanting, deity worship and wonderful festivals at the temple which keeps us occupied in remembrance of the Lord, which is the ultimate bliss. You have given us the ultimate purpose in life, to utilize our lives for a higher purpose, which is to attain the Lord. By your causeless mercy you have taken Lord Jagannath's Rath Yatra outside of India

and introduced it Worldwide. So, that the entire World can benefit.

To be precise, there could never be anyone better than you who could have presented the sacred gift of Krishna consciousness to the World. Therefore, Sri Krishna has chosen you to be the "jagad-guru". You have helped countless souls to revive their relationship with the Lord. Your divine name will always be popularly known in history as the "greatest exponent of Krishna Consciousness in the Western World." I humbly beg to you Srila Prabhupada, to offer me the shelter of your Lotus feet and may I always remain under your shelter in any circumstances. Jagad-guru Srila Prabhupada Ki Jai!

*Your insignificant servant,
Taashnee*



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

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



Taashnee
Durban
South African



Tanuja Hira
Pretoria
South Africa

*namas te sarasvate deve gaura-vani-pracarine
nirvisesa-sunyavadi-pascatya-desa-tarine*

ON THIS MOST AUSPICIOUS OCCASION of your Vyasa-puja, I offer my heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for your immeasurable sacrifices, compassion, and mercy upon the fallen souls of this material world.

Out of your causeless mercy, you travelled across the ocean at an advanced age, enduring so many hardships, simply to fulfill the order of your spiritual master and deliver the holy names of Sri Krishna to every corner of the world. Through your divine vision and boundless love, you established the International Society for Krishna Consciousness — a spiritual shelter and “a home for the whole world to live in” — where countless conditioned souls have found hope, purpose, guidance, and the path back to Krishna.

Srila Prabhupada, through your books, teachings, and pure example, you introduced us to the unlimited mercy of Caitanya Mahaprabhu and the divine Panchatattva. By your grace, we are able to hear and learn about Their sacred pastimes, Their compassion, and Their teachings of pure devotional service. Most mercifully, you have given us the transcendental mahamantra:

Hare Kṛṣṇa, Hare Kṛṣṇa, Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa, Hare Hare/ Hare Rāma, Hare Rāma, Rāma Rāma, Hare Hare.

This divine sound vibration is the greatest treasure of our lives — the sacred process that can free us from the clutches of material existence, cleanse our hearts, awaken our dormant love for Krishna, and illuminate our path back home, back to Godhead.

Srila Prabhupada, although I am most fallen and possess no qualification, I pray for the strength to always remain connected to your lotus feet through sincere chanting, service, humility, and devotion. Thank you for your books, your instructions, your compassion, and your eternal presence in the lives of your pure devotees. Please bless me that I may always remain a servant of your servants and never forget your immeasurable kindness.

*In aspiration of being the servant of the servant,
Your insignificant granddaughter
Tanuja Hira*



Taralaksi Dasi, 
Narada Rsi Dasi,
Vasudhama Dasi
and Rasika Mohan Dasi
Durban
South Africa



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our humble obeisances at the dust of your divine lotus feet. All glories to your Divine Grace on this most auspicious day of your Sri Vyasa-puja. All glories to your wonderful servants. All glories to the Guru Parampara.

THE MESSAGE OF GODHEAD which you vigorously broadcast all over the world, sweetly administering the medicine of the holy names are filled with spiritual power pouring nectar upon the suffering souls in this material world, ultimately destroying the fear of material existence, illuminating the dark age of Kali. You are truly most munificent. A compassionate personality so rare, we are indeed blessed to have you in our midst.

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, the purity glows on your moonlike face.

Knowledge of Kṛṣṇa 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 market place of the holy name.

I am simply beg for your mercy. Insignificant

as I am, I can only pray that “May I always remain in your shelter”. A drop of your mercy is all I humbly beg for on this most glorious day.

*Trying to be a sincere servant of your servants,
Taralaksi Dasi, Narada Rsi Dasa, Vasudhama Dasa
and Rasika Mohan Dasa*



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

 Tilakini Dasi
Durban
South Africa

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

AS I SIT FACING THE OCEAN with the rising sun my thoughts are with you. As the orange sun rises in the same way you with your saffron robes rose brought light into our lives. You crossed the waters of the Atlantic to save us fallen souls. The waters were calm because you boarded the ship. In the same way you are carrying us souls on the ship of bhakti. You have engraved the holy names in our hearts and thus ensuring us a safe journey back home.

I ponder upon what is it that I did to deserve all this? In spite of all that you have given me I remain fallen. The 6 enemies headed by lust reside within me and it's only by your grace will I be able to overcome this. Your mercy, compassion and love have no boundaries. To me this is a dream and I wait for reality to strike for me to enter into your world.

My eyes cannot see the lord, but you made it possible for me see him, hold him comfort him in his archa vigraha form. All I need is that intense faith so that I can see him dance in the moonlight. It's only possible by your grace. My heart yearns to dance, play and eat with my lord but because I am so fallen

and the maya always drags me away it is so difficult.

Srila Prabhupada, I can only thank you each moment for always protecting me even if I don't ask. I know for sure that you will never let me down. Days become difficult as Kali-yuga advances, but you hold my hands tightly and guide me along this journey.

You bring devotees to my life just to comfort me, spoil me and trust me. That association is not ordinary as they fulfill my desires all the time. My desire is to ensure that your mission grow every second and the entire world must have one God and one prayer. All that I must hear is *Hare Kṛṣṇa, Hare Kṛṣṇa, Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa, Hare Hare/ Hare Rāma, Hare Rāma, Rāma Rāma, Hare Hare*.

My dear Srila Prabhupada please gift me with love. Wherever I go let me always be in your association thinking and dancing in your sankirtan party.

*Your fallen servant,
Tilakini Dasi*



Tshepo Tumiso
Meadowlands, Soweto
South Africa



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

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

ON THIS MOST AUSPICIOUS OCCASION of your Vyāsa-pūjā, I offer my heartfelt gratitude for your boundless mercy and compassion. Although born many years after your physical departure from this world, I have been blessed to receive your association through your books, instructions, and the society of devotees you established.

Your life stands as the perfect example of complete surrender to the order of your spiritual master. At an age when most would seek comfort and retirement, you crossed the ocean with no material resources, carrying only your faith in Sri Sri Radha-Krishna and the order of His Divine Grace Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakura. Because of that sacrifice, countless souls around the world, including myself, have been given the opportunity to hear the holy names of the Lord and learn the science of devotional service.

I am especially grateful for your books, which continue to illuminate the path of bhakti amidst the confusion and distractions of modern life. Through your translations and purports, the teachings of Bhagavad-gita and Srimad-Bhagavatam become

living guidance, helping us understand our true identity as eternal servants of Krishna.

Srila Prabhupada, I pray for the sincerity, determination, humility, and devotional spirit required to assist in your mission. Please bless me that I may serve cooperatively with devotees, overcome my shortcomings, and contribute in some small way to spreading Krishna consciousness. May all my activities become an offering in service to your desire that the holy name be heard in every town and village.

As we prepare for another year of service and outreach, including the efforts to bring Lord Jagannatha's mercy to the people of Soweto through Ratha Yatra, I pray that I may remember that success lies not in external achievement but in faithful service to your instructions. Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for your mercy, your books, your example, and your unwavering dedication to delivering the conditioned souls. I remain forever indebted.

*Your aspiring servant,
Bhakta Tshepo Tumiso*



Tulasi Devi Dasi
Tongaat
South Africa



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

ON THIS MOST AUSPICIOUS OCCASION of your Vyasa-pūjā, I offer my heartfelt gratitude for your unlimited mercy upon the fallen souls of this age of Kali. Although we are most undeserving, bewildered by

ignorance and bound by sinful habits and material desires, you compassionately reached out to save us from the darkness of material existence and guide us back to the shelter of Sri Sri Radha and Krsna.

You left the sacred land of India at an advanced age, carrying only the order of your spiritual master and complete faith in Lord Kṛṣṇa. Enduring great hardships, uncertainty, heart attacks at sea, physical suffering, and countless inconveniences, you never gave up your mission.

With extraordinary determination and dependence on Kṛṣṇa, you crossed the ocean to deliver the most precious gift—the Holy Name of the Lord—to the people of the world.

Because of your sacrifice, millions have received the opportunity to chant Hare Kṛṣṇa, study the eternal teachings of Bhagavad-gītā and Śrīmad-Bhagavatam, and learn the true purpose of life. Through your books, lectures, bhajans, and personal example, you have illuminated the path back home, back to Godhead.

You taught us that humility and tolerance are the ornaments of a devotee and the gateway to attaining the lotus feet of Kṛṣṇa.

Srīla Prabhupada, you not only gave us your books, teachings, bhajans, and the Holy Name, but

you also gave us your disciples—your faithful sons and daughters, your soldiers in Lord Caitanya's sankīrtana army. Through their service and sacrifice, your mercy continues to flow throughout the world. By your personal example, you demonstrated what it means to be a pure servant of Kṛṣṇa: completely humble, tolerant, compassionate, and fully surrendered to the order of your spiritual master. You showed us the practical path by which even the most fallen souls can attain pure love of God.

On this most auspicious day of your Vyāsa puja, I pray to always be sheltered by your merciful glance of compassion upon me. I pray that I may in some small insignificant way please Your Divine Grace in this very lifetime and I pray that upon quitting my body I attain Your lotus feet. I pray to remain your insignificant servant of your servant of your servant dear Srīla Prabhupada.

*Your unworthy granddaughter,
Tulasi Devi Dasi*



My Dearest Great-Grandfather, Srīla Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet. All glories to you.
All glories to guru and Gaurāṅga.

 Tulsi Devi Dasi
Pretoria
South Africa

I AM DEEPLY GRATEFUL TO YOU; words cannot fully express my gratitude. Please accept this humble offering of song from me.

Srī Guru-vandana

(Sung during Guru-puja, worship of the spiritual master, by Narottama Dāsa Thākura*)*

(1)
*śrī-guru-charana-padma, kevala-bhakti-sadma
bando mui savadhana mate
jahara prasade bhai, e bhava toriya jai,
kṛṣṇa-prapti hoy jaha ha'te*

(2)
*guru-mukha-padma-vakya, chittete koriya aikya
ar na koriho mane asha
śrī-guru-charane rati, ei se uttama-gati
je prasade pure sarva asha*

(3)
*chakhu-dan dilo jei, janme janme prabhu sei
divya-jnan hride prokashito
prema-bhakti jaha hoite, avidya vinasha jate
vede gay jahara charito*

(4)
śrī-guru karuna-sindhu, adhama janara bandhu

*lokanath lokera jivana
ha ha prabhu koro doya, deho more pada-chaya
ebe jasha ghushuk tribhavana*

Jaya Jaya Prabhupada!

The lotus feet of the spiritual master are the only shelter through which one can attain pure devotional service. By his mercy one crosses the ocean of material existence and attains the mercy of Krishna. His instructions purify the heart, awaken

transcendental knowledge, destroy ignorance, and bestow pure love of God. He is an ocean of mercy and the well-wisher of the fallen souls. May I always remain sheltered at his lotus feet.

All glories to A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada!

*Your servant and great-granddaughter, always,
Tulsi Devi Dasi*



Ujjvala Das Chetty 🍷
Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

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

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

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

THANK YOU FOR BUILDING A HOUSE in which the whole world can live in, I'm not sure where I would have been currently, if I never found the Hare Krishna movement through your mercy through your books and devotees of this society.

I express my extreme gratitude and fortune.
I'm forever indebted to you Srila Prabhupada for

bringing the teachings of Lord Caitanya Mahaprabhu to every town and every village.

I wish to remain forever in your service, kindly continue to be merciful upon this insignificant soul.

*Your Humble Rascal Servant,
Ujjvala Das Chetty*





Dear Srila Prabhupada,
O Saviour of the entire world!
Please accept my most humble obeisance's!



Ujjvala Prema Devi Dasi
Midrand
South Africa

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

THE AUSPICIOUS DAY OF YOUR APPEARANCE, is an opportunity to remember you in a special way.

I just read in one of your BTGs, that this phrase “Krishna consciousness”, which is the name you gave to this society in 1966, is derived from Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu's sannyasa name. Krishna Chaitanya which literary means “Krishna consciousness” How amazing!!! How auspicious!

Srila Prabhupada, you dedicated everything in your possession to fulfilling the desires of the Lord and your spiritual master. Since we are inexperienced and certainly not free from the contamination

of material existence, we need your mercy and guidance. Please bless us that we may enthusiastically and happily serve in your mission. Please overlook our bad qualities and allow us to keep serving you.

We beg you to please shower your mercy upon us and bring about purity in our hearts. May we always remain connected to you.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada!

*Yours in service always,
Ujjvala Prema Devi Dasi*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances on this most auspicious occasion of your Vyasa-puja.



Umapati Dasa
Nairobi
Kenya

I AM AN INSIGNIFICANT SERVANT of your dear disciple, His Holiness Gopal Krishna Goswami Maharaja. By his merciful instructions, I am serving here in Nairobi, Kenya—a place where you personally came three times, installed the beautiful deities of Sri Sri Radha Banke Vihari with your lotus hands, and predicted that Nairobi would become the jewel of Africa.

Srila Prabhupada, I have full faith that your divine prediction will be fulfilled when the temple president, leaders, and all devotees are local devotees, firmly rooted in Krishna consciousness. This will only be possible by your causeless mercy.

By your grace, the Nairobi temple is striving to serve your mission. We are distributing your tran-

scendental books, and in recent years Nairobi has come first in Africa in book distribution. At our HKTC, 60 students live and practice daily sadhana, and through Food for Life we distribute 1,500 plates of prasadam every day. We also engage in Harinama sankirtana regularly.

By your mercy, we have a 100-acre farm with 150 cows. Recently, we began preaching in Nakuru, and on April 5th we opened a new preaching center there. Inspired by your example of preaching in Eldoret, we are now building a temple there as well.

Srila Prabhupada, all this progress is happening only by your mercy. I pray to remain forever the servant of your servant, and to contribute in what

ever small way I can to fulfill your divine mission
in Africa.

*Your insignificant servant of your servant,
Umapati Dasa*



Vaishnav Pran Dasa
Pietermaritzburg
South Africa



My Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my respectful obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet.

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

*mūkaṁ karoti vācālaṁ
paṅguṁ laṅghayate girim
yat-kṛpā tam ahaṁ vande
paramānanda-mādhavam
(CC Madhya 17.80)*

ON THIS MOST AUPICIOUS OCCASION of your Vyasa-puja, I feel most unqualified, but I will endeavour to glorify you.

Thank you so much for engaging me in your mission of propagating Krishna conscious. Your Divine Grace there is not a moment that I am not thinking of you.

Practically everyday when there are many challenges, the first question that goes through my mind is what would Srila Prabhupada do? Just thinking of you gives me the strength to go on serving you. You are my go to person when I'm distressed. I've

noticed that by pouring my heart to you, in a few days the solution to the issue manifests. Thank you, Sila Prabhupada.

Your books are Krishna conscious time bombs.

I have taken up a project of book distribution which I know is close to your heart.

Please bless me so that I can complete this project to please you. Lastly please forgive me for my offenses in my service to you.

*Your insignificant and low servant,
Vaishnav Pran Dasa*



Vaisnava Priya Dasi
Durban
South africa



Dear most servant of Krishna,

In Kali-yuga every living entity is struggling
With maya, always making her world so dazzling,
Your service so rare and unparalleled
For their thirst, you came to quell

Full of kindness, and full of humility,

You engaged everyone, even with their little facility,
You are an unlimited ocean of mercy and a friend to the poor
Making the spiritual world available, as easy as through the back door

Fortunate are the souls who have understood your message
For them maya can no longer provide any bondage
All glories to your unlimited mercy, all glories to your unlimited kindness
By Your Grace these lost souls are now engaged in divineness.

In the darkness of Kali-yuga, a jewel so rare
Who brought to this world with compassion and so much care,
The glories of the Supreme Lord and his abode, now conversant
All glories to Your Divine Grace, Lord Krishna's dear most servant

Vaisnava Priya Dasi



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



Vaisnavi Mistry
Midrand
South Africa

A FEW MONTHS AGO, I watched Abhay Charan, and it helped put into perspective the harsh realities of Kali-yuga and how we should respond to them. I often struggle to understand how people can become so influenced by false narratives and temporary promises of happiness. However, through your teachings, I have come to realise that these challenges can be overcome by placing even a little faith in Krsna.

Being a teenager in today's world comes with many struggles, especially regarding association. The people we surround ourselves with have a great influence on us, not only at school but sometimes even at the temple. I pray that I may always seek the

association of devotees and like-minded souls who will help me remain steady and centred in Krsna consciousness. I will do my best to follow your guidance and instructions.

Thank you for everything you have done for me and for countless others. I can never repay your mercy, but I hope that through my service and sincere efforts, I may offer something in return, however small it may be.

Your grateful great-granddaughter and eternal servant,
Vaisnavi Mistry



My most beloved eternal spiritual master, Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet.
All glories to Your Divine Grace eternally.



Vamsi Gita Devi Dasi
Phoenix, Durban
South Africa

BY SOME INCONCEIVABLE GOOD FORTUNE, I first met you many years ago at a Ratha-yatra festival. We had just completed our first long and tiring procession and were taking prasadam that was so mercifully distributed there. As we walked through the festival grounds, we stumbled upon the book tent.... and there you were.

You looked so real, seated cross-legged (in your murti form) amongst your transcendental books, silently giving darshan to everyone who entered. Your compassionate eyes seemed to look directly into my soul. I stood there in awe, completely drawn toward you without even understanding why? I offered my obeisances and simply gazed at your lotus eyes as you gazed mercifully back at me. I am sure everyone who entered that tent must have felt the same spiritual magnetism.

And from that very moment, my journey in your ISKCON began.

Life in ISKCON has truly been a rollercoaster for me, filled with purification, mercy, lessons, and transformation. It is where I became vegetarian. It is where I first heard the all-purifying holy name of Lord Sri Krsna. It is where I began attending temple programs and where I met devotees who slowly became my family over the years.

Most importantly, it is through your mercy that my gurudeva entered my life. By your causeless compassion I received initiation and entered the brahminical order of life. Through your movement I met my partner, and I try to raise a Krsna conscious family cantered around devotional service.

Today, by your mercy alone, I am steadily chanting my prescribed rounds. I am trying to read your books more sincerely and now trying to study them deeply as well. Temple programs, Deity service, kirtan, and taking krsna-prasada have become way of Life.

Srila Prabhupada, people often say, “life happens,” and “nothing happens by chance.” but I know with certainty....you happened to me in this lifetime, and because of that, everything changed forever.

The scriptures declare:

“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.”

- *Śrī Gurvaṣṭakam (Verse 8)*

You found me when I was lost. Through your books, your devotees, your temples, your kirtans, and krsna-prasada, you gave meaning to my life. You gave me shelter at the lotus feet of Sri Sri Radha-Krsna.

Sometimes I do not know what is right or wrong in this complicated material world. The Lord gives us free will, yet I constantly make mistakes. Still, I continue to survive only by your mercy. Even when I fall short, your association remains constant through your instructions and vani.

Your Divine Grace, I desperately pray that I may continue molding this life in such a way that I may always have you in my heart — birth after birth.

As you once said “I will never die. I shall live from my books, and you will utilize.” - *Srila Prabhupada-lilamṛta 2.46*

And truly, Srila Prabhupada, you are still living amongst us. Every temple bell, every harinama, every Bhagavad-gita class, every devotee gathering, every plate of krsna-prasada, all carry your mercy.

Serving and preaching for you has become my aspiration in life. Let me always remain connected to your mission of spreading Lord Caitanya’s mercy throughout the world. Let me help push forward your ISKCON movement and assist, even in the smallest way, in bringing lost souls back to Krsna.... just as you so mercifully rescued me.

The seventh verse of the Sri Gurvastakam states, “The spiritual master is to be honored as much as the Supreme Lord, because he is the most confidential servitor of the Lord.”

My dear Srila Prabhupada, when you feel I am worthy, please one day offer me at the lotus feet of Sri Krsna as your insignificant servant. Until then, please allow me to continue praising and worshipping you, serving your devotees, chanting

the holy name, and trying to live according to your instructions.

If I always remain with you, then I will never truly be alone, because in your shelter I have already received everything valuable this life could ever offer.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for saving me.
Forever indebted to your causeless mercy.

*Your most fallen servant,
Vamsi Gita Devi Dasi*



To my Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to your wonderful lotus feet.
All glories to Sri Sri Radha Radhanath. All glories to Sri Sri Nitai Gaura Hari.

 Varshana Ramdass
Durban
South Africa

ANOTHER YEAR HAS PASSED, which has brought about a couple of memorable events thus inspiring us to continue preaching and distributing your books and yearly printed calendars with enthusiasm. This is only by your mercy.

Celebrating your Vyasa-puja is the most auspicious event in the Vaisnava calendar. Not only in South Africa but all over the world. You came to distribute the maha-mantra, you came to wake the sleeping souls from their deep slumber. Srila Prabhupada, you are the greatest Vaisnava of all times, by

your mercy the world received the process of Krishna consciousness, the science of bhakti.

I Pray that you please continue to guide and protect me so that by your causeless mercy I achieve the supreme goal of life, Krishna-prema. I love you Srila Prabhupada. Thank you for everything you have done.

Eternally Grateful.

*Your lowly great-granddaughter,
Varshana Ramdass*



Dear jagad-guru Srila Prabhupada,

 Vasu Ghosh Dasa
Johannesburg
South Africa

ON THIS DAY OF YOUR VYASA-PUJA, I count myself fortunate in being a member of ISKCON through the selfless loving dedication of your kind self and your disciples in spreading Krishna consciousness.

I wholeheartedly appreciate the magnanimous gift of Krishna consciousness. I am indebted to you

jagad-guru Srila Prabhupada lifetime after lifetime.
Happy Vyasa-puja.

*From,
Vasu Ghosh Dasa*



Vasudha Devi Dasi
Durban
South Africa



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

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU for bringing me to your ISKCON. If I had not come into contact with the devotees I do not know what should have been the outcome of my life. Thank you for your books, I have gained so much knowledge by reading some of them.

Srila Prabhupada, one of your instructions was that to help assist others in their Krsna conscious practice then we will be assisting you. This will be most pleasing to you and ultimately, we will please Lord Sri Krsna.

Lately I have been experiencing some major health issues. It is only by your mercy I have overcome those and I am back doing my regular service at the temple. I pray I always am able to serve on behalf of you and my gurudeva.

Thank you, always.

Your servant.

Vasudha Devi Dasi



Veda Priya Dāsī
Phoenix
South Africa



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

BY YOUR UNLIMITED CAUSELESS MERCY, I have recently been initiated into the guru-paramparā through your glorious disciple and my most beloved spiritual master, HH Partha Sarathi Dasa Goswami. I can never properly express my gratitude for the gift of devotional service that has come into my life through your mercy and the mercy of the guru-paramparā.

Although I am still very new and inexperienced on this path, I pray to always remain connected to your instructions and mission. By the mercy of guru and the Vaisnavas, I have the opportunity to assist weekly in deity backup service and garland service for their Lordships. These services have brought

great meaning and purification to my life, and I pray that I may continue to perform them with sincerity, humility, and devotion.

Śrīla Prabhupāda, thank you for bringing Krishna consciousness to the world and for giving fallen souls like me a chance to engage in devotional service. Please bless me that I may remain faithful to the process of bhakti, always serve the devotees, and one day develop genuine love for Lord Jagannath.

Your aspiring servant,

Veda Priya Dāsī



Vedavyasa Dasa
Durban
South Africa



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

WHERE WOULD EVERY ONE OF US BE today if it had not been for you and the sacrifice you made at an elderly

age to travel across the world and spread Krishna consciousness to every conditioned soul that you

had come into contact with?

The answer is simply we would be lost and shackled to the chains of maya in the material world living lives engrossed in sinful activity.

Although the path of devotional service also has many obstacles, being connected to parampara gives us a clear vision of the rationale for everything that is happening.

We are most grateful for this matchless gift that you have given the world.

I pray that we as your devotees can also serve you, by attempting in my unqualified state, to continue to help with the mission of ISKCON, such as

book distribution and engaging people in Krishna consciousness etc.

I pray that we as your devotees can always remain at your lotus feet as a surrendered soul and that you will ultimately give us the strength we need and guide us toward Lord Krishna's eternal abode.

Thank you for everything you have done for the entire world from your most selfless and loving heart.

*Your fallen but ever so grateful servant,
Vedavyasa Dasa*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
All glories to the Supreme Lord, Sri Krsna. All glories to the Golden Lord Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu.
All glories to Srimati Radharani. All glories to Srimati Tulasi Maharani.

 Veenesh Dhayalam
Germiston
South Africa

*Hare Kṛṣṇa, Hare Kṛṣṇa, Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa, Hare Hare/Hare Rāma, Hare Rāma,
Rāma Rāma, Hare Hare.*

THANK YOU FOR BEING MY SHELTER, thank you for being my storm. Thank you for everything and thank you for being my everything. Thank you for your mercies and your blessings. Thank you for being my guide and for being my direction. Thank you for your forgiveness and for your protection.

Thank you for your love and understanding. Thank you for always being my side and walking with me. Thank you for always being with me. Jay Sri Radhe Krsna, Jai Sri Tulsi Maharani.

Veenesh Dhayalam



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

 Venu Priya Dasi
Durban
South Africa

EVERYTIME I GO TO THE TEMPLE, I remember the song “Yadi Prabhupada Na Hoito”. If it wasn’t for you, who would have taught us the mercy of the holy name? Who would have created this house for everyone to live? Who would have introduced us to Lord Krsna, Lord Chaitanya and Lord Jagannatha? Who would have taught us to prepare the sumptuous

krsna-prasada. and to feed those would are desperately in need of sustenance both physically and spiritually? Would every festival have been celebrated with so much of pomp and opulence? Would the Ratha-yatra festival been celebrated outside of India?

We owe so much to you. I owe so much to you!

You have given my life so much of purpose. When I was younger and deciding on a career, I steered clear from teaching, despite most of my family being in that field. Yet today, I relish teaching the youth Srimad-Bhagvatam and I am so grateful to the Mayapur Institute for this opportunity. Yet again, I am reminded that without you, none of this would be possible. The Srimad-Bhagvatam and all the other scriptures, would not have been available to us and I would not have had the opportunity to read and understand Srimad-Bhagvatam, Bhagavad-gita or Sri Caitanya-caritamṛta. Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, for giving us so much, without you, we would be lost souls, like ships being tossed in the ocean during a bad storm. You have shown us the path to Kṛṣṇa.

Even after departing this material world, you continue to guide us through your books and lectures.

I am eternally grateful to you for the life you have given me. A life that I am trying to perfect through your teachings. One day, through your mercy, I may also reach that stage, like Mother Kuntī,

where I am able to ask Kṛṣṇa to give me more suffering, so I can always remain at His Lotus Feet and always think of Him.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada for being my inspiration. You have proven that age is but a number. At your advanced age, you accomplished so much, taking Kṛṣṇa consciousness to the West, establishing ISKCON, saving the flower children of America and making them not just your disciples but Kṛṣṇa devotees. Just like Lord Rāma fulfilled His obligation by accepting His banishment as His dharma, you also fulfilled your obligation to your spiritual master. You led by example, making it clear our responsibility in following the instructions of our spiritual master.

My debt to you can never be repaid. I owe so much to you. All I can do, is appreciate everything you have done for us, be grateful to you and follow in your footsteps. You are forever my inspiration, my mentor, and my ever well wisher.

Your lowly servant,

Venu Priya Dasi



Veronica Panday 🐼
Durban
South Africa



My Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Dandavat pranama.
Koti koti pranamas.

WORDS CANNOT EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE towards you.

My heart felt, thank you for everything. Please help me with my chanting.

Striving for Vrinda prem.

Your grandchild,

Veronica Panday



Vikash Bunjun 🐼
Vacoas-Phoenix
Mauritius



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

WITH YOUR BOLD VISION YOU BUILT a house in which the whole world can live. This is truly manifested

when one travels the world and finds shelter at one of the ISKCON centres. We quickly mingle with

the devotees and experience the temple bliss. Your vision was truly global at the very beginning, hence, the 'International Society', and your teaching are perfectly transcendental ignoring caste, creed, nationality, status etc. You give us our true identity, which is the spirit soul, the eternal servant of God, Krsna.

At the forefront you would always put Krsna forward as opposed to many contemporaries with their ego coming first. And yet Srila Prabhupada I'm still

failing to take advantage of your grace. Chained into material existence, I struggle to navigate the worldly waves of existence and find no comfort deep in my heart. I pray for your continued mercy and Krsna's mercy to elevate paving my way upward, uprooting the unwanted desires and experiencing true bliss.

*Yours truly,
Vikash Bunjun*



Hare Krishna Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humble obeisances at your lotus feet.
All glories to Your Divine Grace,

TODAY ON YOUR VYASA-PUJA, I find myself overwhelmed with gratitude that I don't even know how you left everything at 70 years old, crossed the ocean with nothing but faith and a few copies of the Sri-mad-Bhagavatam and gave your life to spreading the glories of Krishna, so that people like me could hear about Krishna. If you hadn't done that, I wouldn't be here chanting and trying to understand what life is really for.

I am still trying very hard, but I'm struggling to chant attentively, however knowing that you

never gave up on people like me gives me hope. Your patience and example keeps me going.

On this Vyasa-puja, my small resolution is to chant my rounds attentively and to read more of your books. Please bless me so I can follow through.

I pray that you please keep me under your shelter.

*Your eternally indebted servant,
Vilasa Manjari Devi Dasi*

 Vilasa Manjari Devi Dasi
Durban
South Africa



Our Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
We offer our humble obeisances unto your lotus feet.
All glories to Your Divine Grace.

You crossed oceans at an advanced age,

To spread the teachings of Bhagavad Gita and Srimad Bhagavatam as devotion to Krishna (bhakti-yoga).

To encourage chanting of the Hare Krishna maha-mantra:

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

 Virachandra Dasa,
Keli-Kunja Dasi
and Subhadra
Durban
South Africa

Hare Rama, Hare Rama, Rama Rama, Hare Hare

To revive what you saw as humanity's forgotten spiritual relationship with God, whom you identified as Lord Krishna.

To create a spiritual community based on simple living, devotional practice, vegetarianism, and disciplined spiritual life.

To make Vedic philosophy accessible worldwide through books, temples, lectures, and communities.

You often said your mission was not to create a new religion, but to teach a universal spiritual science centered on devotion to God.

You translated and commented on many Sanskrit texts, especially the Bhagavad-gītā As It Is, which became one of the most widely distributed editions of the Gita in the world.

Supporters view you as a pure spiritual teacher who brought bhakti traditions to a global audience. Historically, you are widely recognized as one of the most influential Hindu spiritual teachers of the 20th century.

Thank you Srila Prabhupada, we are eternally indebted to you.

*Your insignificant servants,
Virachandra Das, Keli-Kunja Dasi and Subhadra*



Virbadhra Dasa and Mani Manjari Devi Dasi
Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
All glories to Jagad-guru Srila Prabhupada.
Please accept our most humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet.

THIS IS A GLORIOUS DAY for the entire ISKCON movement, we are so grateful that you came to the West to help us in our spiritual life. On this auspicious day of yours, we beg for your forgiveness. Please engage us fully in devotional service.

By your mercy you came to give us immortality.

Your greatness is the maha-mantra which has saved the world.

Never forsake us.

*Your grandchildren,
Virbadhra Dasa and Mani Manjari Devi Dasi*





Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda,
Please accept my obeisances.
All glories to Your Divine Grace on this holy occasion of your Vyāsa-pūjā.



Viren Bishun
Durban
South Africa

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.

SRILA PRABHUPADA, you have given us numerous instructions on how to develop our taste for Kṛṣṇa consciousness and have highlighted that everything we require is within your books.

“If you want to stay in Kṛṣṇa consciousness you will have to develop firm faith in guru and sastra. Therefore, you must study my books very scrutinizingly, follow the four regulative principles very strictly and chant 16 rounds daily avoiding the ten offenses. Don’t take this movement as something cheap.” - Letter to: Srutadeva, 30 October 1976, Vrindaban.

“In my books the philosophy of Krishna consciousness is explained fully so if there is anything which you do not understand, then you simply have to read again and again. By reading daily the knowledge will be revealed to you and by this process your spiritual life will develop.” Letter to: Bahurupa, 22 November 1974, Bombay.

In following your instructions and in trying to please you Srila Prabhupada, I undertook to study the Bhakti Sastri course a few years ago and very soon will sit for the exam for the final module, of this edifying course of study. It has been a wonderful journey of self inquisition, reflection and dedication. A lot of self doubt and nerves but a committed student I have remained.

Profound realizations of the sacrifices you

made to give us all you could in a short space of time, amongst a plethora of other realizations have formed the foundation of my studies.

This course of study has challenged me in a multitude of aspects but has brought me so much closer to you, Srila Prabhupada and I remain eternally grateful to you for this. You have assured us of our success just as you have stated below.

“So I am requesting all of my students to read my books very seriously every day without fail. In this way, if your mind becomes absorbed at least one or two hours daily in the transcendental subject matter of Srimad-Bhagavatam, Bhagavad-gita, and other books then very easily you will make your advancement in Krishna consciousness.” - Letter to: Bhargava, 13 June 1972, Los Angeles

In your nectarean forthright manner you further verify: “If I depart, there is no cause for lamentation. I will always be with you through my books and my orders. I will always remain with you in that way.”

Thank you for all your sacrifices Srila Prabhupada.

Thank you for being present in our lives, in your books, in your lectures, and in your society.

An aspiring servant of your servants,

Bhakta Viren Bishun



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
All glories to you on this beautiful Vyasa-puja day.
Please accept my humble obeisances at your divine lotus feet.



Vishaka Devi Dasi
Lenasia
South Africa

YOU ARE THE GREATEST, Srila Prabhupada. You are my life and soul and also to the devotees in this world

because you are keeping us alive. This world is chaotic but devotees 'big' and 'small', with your mercy of love and education, shine with tremendous services to ISKCON. At 82, please Srila Prabhupada, my heart is in the dhama, especially Jagannath Puri, where recently I was able to stay for two months and I stayed another two months in Mayapur. Allowing

me to absorb Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu's mercy. I am grateful to my guru maharaja for bringing me gently to your lotus feet and I pray to remain there eternally.

*Your servant,
Vishaka Devi Dasi (PSDG)*



Vishnu Premi Dasi, 🌸
Mahadyuti Dasa
and Shyamadyuti Dasa
Durban
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
All glories Srila Prabhupada. All glories Sri Sri Nitai Gaurasundar. All glories Lord Jagganath Lord Baladev Subhadra Maharani.
All glories Sri Sri Radha Radhanath. All glories Sri Sri Giri Govardhan.

SRILA PRABHUPADA on this most auspicious and glorious day of your Vyasa-puja we beg forgiveness for any offenses we have committed at your lotus feet. We pray that by your mercy and potency we can make spiritual advancement and follow the regulative principles strictly. We also pray that we can chant our 16 rounds more attentively and please help us not to commit vaisnava-aparadha.

All the services that we have been engaged in by your mercy and whatever praise or recognition

we have received we offer it to our guru maharaja's lotus feet and your lotus feet especially the hari-nama sankirtans and books that were distributed.

We can never ever thank you enough nor praise your glories, Srila Prabhupada.

Trying to be worthy servants of the servants of the servants,

Vishnu Premi Dasi, Mahadyuti Dasa and Shyamadyuti Dasa



Visnu Dasa, 🌸
Laksmi Priya Dasi,
Sudama
and Radha Sewparsadh
Johannesburg
South Africa



My dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our humble obeisances.
All glories to you on your most auspicious and glorious Vyasa-puja.

*nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale
srimate partha sarathi dasa goswami iti namine*

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

YOU HAVE GIVEN US THE GREATEST GIFT and saved us from material misery, a debt that is irrepayable. The tireless hours you spent translating books, traveling across the world, despite your age and health

challenges which never stopped or paused you. To follow your guru maharaja's instructions so fiercely and wholeheartedly, the faith you had is unimaginable. We pray to be able to have even an ounce of

that type of faith to be successful in preaching of Kṛṣṇa consciousness and to make you proud of us as grand disciples.

Please bless us so that we can never leave the shelter of your divine lotus feet as well as that of our dear guru maharaja, His Holiness Partha Sarathi

Dasa Goswami.

*Your servants eternally,
Visnu Dasa, Laksmi Priya Dasi, Sudama and Radha
Sewparsadh*



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

“TWO MEN LOOKED OUT FROM prison bars,
One sees mud, the other sees stars.”

I remember this poem from my school days and had a superficial understanding of its importance at the time. In time I got to appreciate its deeper meaning, and how it relates to you.

In everyday life, the people of the world are all complaining of the challenges they experience in this world. We all experience poor health, and many types of diseases, death of near and dear ones and so on. The emphasis of these conversations is on the challenges that arise as we try to maintain a comfortable life in this material world.

Your teachings are offering a different perspective to the same situation. You are showing how we can change the view from the “mud” to looking up at the “stars”. You’ve shown us that in every difficulty we can see Krishna’s hand. We can experience how He is helping us get closer to Him – by surrendering to Him and by making us aware we do not belong in this world. This existence is not meant for us to be comfortable in. It is meant to be used as a springboard for us to launch our return journey to Him.

Pure devotees like Queen Kunti prayed in SB 1.8.25

*vipadaḥ santu tāḥ śaśvat
tatra tatra jagad-guro
bhavato darśanam yat syād
apunar bhava-darśanam*

“I wish that all those calamities would happen again and again so that we could see You again and again, for seeing You means that we will no longer see repeated births and deaths.”

We may not be pure devotees like Queen Kunti but at the very least you’ve taught that we do not demonise this world, but utilise it to get closer to the creator and controller of this material world, Sri Krishna.

Thank you for offering me a viable alternative to just complaining like so many people and allowing me to be part of your party, of your group that sees the “stars” and not the “mud”.

On your Vyasa-puja day, I beg that you help me to be true to your teachings, your spirit and your mission.

*Aspiring to someday serve you sincerely,
Visvambhara Dasa*



 Visvambhara Dasa
Port Elizabeth
South Africa

Vrajasini Devi Dasi 🍁
Gauteng
South Africa



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

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

ON THIS MOST AUSPICIOUS DAY of your Vyasa-puja, I come before you with a heart filled only with gratitude and love, though I know my words are insufficient to properly glorify you.

As I reflect on this past year, I become ever more aware of how undeserved yet merciful it is that you have allowed me even a small opportunity to serve in your divine mission of Krishna consciousness. By your causeless mercy, I am able to attempt service here at home, and it is only by your grace that I remain even slightly steady in my sadhana.

Your mercy alone keeps me grounded and gives me the strength to face the blazing forest fire of material existence each day. Without your shelter, I am lost.

You have sacrificed everything—your comfort, your family, and your very life—to uplift the fallen souls of this world. Your boundless compassion

extends to all living entities, and through your teachings you have shown us how to see beyond selfishness and act with true spiritual vision.

O Srila Prabhupada, I humbly beg for your blessings, that I may one day develop even a fraction of that compassion, and become a worthy instrument to share the priceless treasure of Krishna consciousness.

Please kindly guide me and correct me when I am faced with obstacles and distractions, for I am weak and easily diverted. By your mercy alone, may I remain focused and sincere in my sadhana and service.

I place myself at your lotus feet, praying only to remain under your guidance, life after life.

*Your insignificant granddaughter and servant,
Vrajasini Devi Dasi*



Vrajesvari Dasi 🍁
Pont - Fer, Phoenix
Mauritius



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most humble obeisances at your divine lotus feet.
All glories to Your Divine Grace. All glories to this glorious event of your Vyasa-puja.

SRILA PRABHUPADA, at an age when most people consider retiring and spending their days in comfort, you performed the unimaginable. Even though you were already in the holy dhama, residing at Sri Sri Radha Damodar, at sixty nine years old, you set sail from India to America, carrying with you not wealth or support, but unshakable faith in Kṛṣṇa and complete surrender to the order of your spiritual master. In doing so, you did not simply travel across

the ocean—you brought the whole world together under one roof, creating a global spiritual family.

Srila Prabhupada, you embodied a rare and beautiful combination of qualities. You carried a quiet strength that sustained you through countless hardships. Your love, compassion and kindness was subtle, yet deeply felt by those whose lives you touched. Your heart asked nothing in return, and your mercy flowed unconditionally to all, regardless

of background or qualification.

Your life was a perfect example of total surrender—to Kṛṣṇa and to the instructions of your guru maharaja. At the same time, you were a bold and fearless preacher, never hesitating to speak the truth for the ultimate benefit of others. Your humility, even amidst global recognition, remains one of your most striking qualities.

You became a world-renowned spiritual leader, yet you remained the servant of your mission—relentlessly dedicated to spreading Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Your profound knowledge of scripture, combined with your deep compassion for all living beings, enabled you to touch hearts across cultures, languages, and continents. Despite immense

challenges, you established a movement that continues to guide and uplift countless souls.

Srila Prabhupada, you gave me an opportunity to be part of your spiritual family, by your mercy I pray for the sincerity to follow your instructions, the strength to serve with determination, and the humility to remain always dependent on your guidance.

Thank you for everything you have given to this world, and for giving us a path back to the lotus feet of Kṛṣṇa.

*Your insignificant servant,
Vrajesvari Dasi*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
All glories to your divine lotus feet, unlimited times.
A grand and blessed Vyasa-puja.

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

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

SRILA PRABHUPADA, I am so fortunate that this year you have bestowed me another chance to participate in your ever glorious Vyasa-puja. Srila Prabhupada, your appearance is so glorious to me personally and to the whole world since you opened and you are still opening our dirty hearts to the real goal of life, to go back to Krishna-loka.

Srila Prabhupada, I am not qualified to glorify you; but still in my little world I am amazed by the changes in my life that occurred through trying to follow your instructions. Your books are so amazing that each time I read I get a different realization and a different understanding and this shows how

powerful your books are. Indeed, your books are alive, and you live in them always. You are, indeed, the bona fide guru who is saving unlimited souls. Help me to get the ultimate benefit which I can derive from your books.

Jagad-guru, today on your special Vyasa-puja, I pray that I should remain at your divine lotus feet through your eternal instructions. Kindly pardon me for the offenses and unqualified behaviours towards bhakti and the devotees, for your shelter is my only solace in this material world.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, in unlimited amounts, for the chance to go back to Godhead. A



Yadunandana Dasa
Blantyre
Malawi

rare chance for this fallen soul. It is only by your mercy.

*Your lowly and unqualified servant of your servants,
Yadunandana Dasa*



Yamuna Priya Devi Dasi
Pretoria
South Africa



Dearest Jagad Guru Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my most humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet on this auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja.
All glories to Your Divine Grace. All glories all glories to you, Srila Prabhupada.

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

ON THIS SACRED ANNIVERSARY of your appearance, I am pausing to meditate on your extraordinary qualities. You are the embodiment of compassion, tirelessly carrying forward the mission of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu to deliver fallen souls like myself. Your unwavering determination, profound wisdom, and deep love for Sri Sri Radha-Krishna shine through every book, lecture, instruction, and personal interaction that you have gifted us in this material world and beyond.

When I search within my own heart, I see only my weaknesses, but when I serve through you, by your mercy, I find the strength to keep chanting, reading, and serving.

On this blessed day, I beg at your lotus feet that

I may continue to strictly maintain my vows. Please grant me the intelligence to chant my rounds with attention, to study the scriptures with sincerity, and to serve the devotees with genuine humility.

Please engage me in whatever way pleases you. Let my life be an instrument, however small, to continually assist you in spreading Krishna consciousness and serve in your ISKCON.

I pray to the Supreme Lord for your mercy to always meet me in my seva and sadhana. Thank you for never giving up on me.

*Your most insignificant servant,
Yamuna Priya Devi Dasi (BCAIS)*



Yavat Dasa
Centurion, Pretoria
South Africa



My dear beloved Srila Prabhupada, Hare Krishna!
Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet.
All glories to Your Divine Grace, the savior of the entire world!

RECENTLY, WHILE PARTICIPATING at the Sandton Ratha-yatra, I became engaged in a conversation with someone who was attending a program in your movement for the first time. Fifteen minutes into the conversation, while meditating on and praying to you, I spontaneously blurted out, "And in addition to the authenticity and purity of his message,

Srila Prabhupada was the greatest businessman the world has ever seen - he brought only 40 Indian rupees with him as he set sail for the West, and because of his sincerity, Lord Krishna transformed that into billions of dollars within a very short space of time - this is possibly one of the highest return on investments you will ever see!" I soon grasped that

the young gentleman was impressed with this and I labored on the point. All this manifested on my tongue simply by your mercy, and we spoke for over an hour about your mission, deep compassion, and hope for all living beings in this world.

When I returned home that night, I reflected on whether I had said the right thing, and began to think, “Simply by following four simple principles, and chanting a minimal number of maha-mantra on our beads, you gave us (and guaranteed us) access to the topmost abode in this entire cosmos, and beyond it. A place so rare, that only the most elevated and advanced individuals could attain. Yet by your divine and ceaseless compassion, you worked out a deal with your beloved Lord and offered this

incomparable opportunity to each and every living being within this universe. Certainly, that is the best return on any investment ever to have been forged within this material world, or outside of it!”

Thank you dear Srila Prabhupada.

Please bless me to always remain in the association of your dearest followers, imbibing their mood and love for you, through serving them selflessly, and thereby allowing me the common sense to appreciate and embrace this incredible opportunity that you have so generously offered to us all.

I love you with all my heart.

*With gratitude, your servant,
Yavat Dasa*



Dear Srila Prabhupada,



Yegan Reddy
Cape Town
South Africa

THE BIGGEST LIE IN THE MATERIAL WORLD is that money will eliminate all your problems and that it is what we’ve been waiting for

My Vyasa-puja offering to Your Divine Grave A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda is to say thank you for filling my darkened eyes and that you

are the only way to seek liberation from the cycle birth after death.

*Yours in service,
Bhakta Yegan Reddy*



My dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my respectful obeisances at the dust of your divine lotus feet.
All glories to you on this most auspicious day of your Sri Vyasa-puja.



Yogendra Dasa
Durban
South Africa

THIS YEAR, WE CELEBRATE THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY of ISKCON. Since you established this Krishna consciousness movement, so many temples have been established, countless books have been distributed, Ratha-yatras have been hosted around the world, millions of plates of Krishna prasada have been served, and so many sincere followers have come forward to offer themselves in your ISKCON.

How else could all of this have been possible had you not so mercifully preached the message of Lord Caitanya?

I only wish to contribute to your ISKCON, in my extremely limited capacity, under the guidance of your instructions, as well as those of my spiritual master.

I assure you that I will not venture outside of

your ISKCON. To be situated at your divine lotus feet within ISKCON is the safest place in the entire universe.

Please, my dearest Srila Prabhupada, despite my innumerable flaws, kindly keep me placed at

your divine lotus feet. There is nothing my heart desires more.

*Your eternal servant,
Yogendra Dasa*



Yogeshwar Dasa
Penford, Kariaga
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU for sending your servants and generals to South Africa to a very insignificant little town called Uitenhage. With the association and guidance of senior Vaishnava devotees I had the great fortune of reading your books.

These powerfull books have given me tremendous confidence and increased my faith and love for the Supreme Lord. With your powerful books I am able to counter the darkness of nescience and ignorance that confronts me in the form of radical religionists bigots and those who do not believe in

the Supreme Lord.

There are no words that can measure the gratitude I have for you my dear Sirla Prabhupada. For without you and your servants this soul would have drowned and spiritually died under the relentless attacks from maya.

Thank you for the opportunity of engaging me in your movement.

*Your forever great full servant of the servant,
Yogeshwar Dasa*



Zethu Mithemla
East London
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept my humblest obeisances at your lotus feet.
All glories to Your Divine Grace.

I AM ETERNALLY GRATEFUL for the legacy that you left behind for us, you remain a guiding light, a lifeline in these challenging times which we face in Kali-yuga. Your legacy, the teachings that you brought through your books are a rare opportunity for freedom from all kinds of disturbances and for this, we are so indebted to you. I pray to never lose sight of this journey that through your mercy,

I have embarked on. I pray that Your Divine Grace will continue to shower me with your causeless mercy, so that I may advance and always serve at your lotus feet.

*Your humble servant,
Zethu Mtshemla*





OFFERINGS BY ISKCON CENTRES







Dearest Srila Prabupada,
Please accept our respectful homage, all glories at your lotus feet.

ISKCON Cotonou
Republic of Benin

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

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

ON THIS SPECIAL DAY when we celebrate your Vyasapuja. We wish to take this opportunity to express our eternal gratitude and appreciation for your mission to save fallen souls throughout the world. In Benin, the desire of all devotees is to have a temple for good preaching. Guided by your disciples and their youngest followers, this goal has been achieved. This seems to align with your vision of seeing temples erected in every city.

You have acted in many other areas that change the mindsets of those who join the Hare Krishna movement. These include:

1. The publication of books such as the Sri-mad Bhagavatam, the Bhagavad-gita and other similar writings, which form the basis of the movement;
2. The distribution of the chanting of the holy names of God, which gradually cleanses

hearts and resonates in the streets;

3. The establishment of ISKCON, the Bhaktivedanta Institute, and BBT as means to effectively continue the movement of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu.

Srila Prabupada, we owe You an eternal debt that seems very difficult to repay. Therefore, we pray that You will bless us, give us strength in this life to feel Your presence in Your words, and make us true instruments in helping to spread the movement of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu. We also pray that Your Grace will help our temple, which reopened two years ago, to continue to grow as a center for spiritual education on Bhakti culture, love, and sincerity.

*Your humble servants,
devoted from Cotonou, Benin*



Our Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our most humble obeisances at your lotus feet on this most auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja.

ISKCON Durban
South Africa

SRILA PRABHUPADA, everything we possess, everything we are, and everything we hope to become is solely by your causeless mercy. At the age of seventy, you crossed the ocean with nothing but unflinching faith in the order of your spiritual master and an unshakeable desire to fulfill his instructions.

From that single heroic act of surrender, you gave the world your ISKCON, you revived and expanded Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu's sankirtana movement, and you bestowed upon us the priceless shelter of the holy names.

Here in Durban, we are simply trying, in our

small and imperfect ways, to uphold the standards you set and to serve your mission as you envisioned it.

Towards the latter parts of last year, Srila Prabhupada, we had the great fortune of celebrating the 40th anniversary of Sri Sri Radha Radhanath Temple. The festival was observed with as much opulence, devotion, and care as we could offer at your lotus feet. Many devotees, especially those who have been part of this temple's history for decades, felt that it was perhaps the most splendid celebration since the temple's opening. What touched our hearts the most, however, was seeing several devotees who had been estranged and away for many years return to your temple and to the association of devotees. Through personal outreach, loving exchanges, and your merciful atmosphere, they felt welcomed, valued, and reconnected. In this, we clearly saw your ongoing mercy, still drawing your spiritual children and grandchildren back home.

We also had the honour of observing the 50th anniversary of your coming to South Africa. Throughout the year, your devotees here in Durban worked tirelessly in your service, trying to glorify you and increase people's awareness of your life, your teachings, and your immeasurable contributions. As an offering to you, we organized fifty different programs around Durban, held in halls, parks, homes, and public spaces, each dedicated to narrating your glories and sharing your message. Wherever we went, we spoke of your journey, your books, your compassionate vision, and your untiring efforts to uplift humanity through Krishna consciousness.

In a very special endeavor, we carefully relived the steps connected to your time in Durban and took the devotees on a guided tour of the various locations in this city where you once walked, spoke, or stayed. Outwardly they may appear as ordinary places, but by your divine presence, we understand them to be holy tirthas, thereby eternally sanctified. Through kirtan, remembrance, and glorification of you at each site, we tried to help the devotees deeply appreciate how you have spiritually

transformed this land. By your mercy, Srila Prabhupada, we were also able to host what was practically the largest and possibly the most successful Durban Festival of Chariots since its inception, 38 years ago. Aware of the changing social climate and the needs of modern people, we tried to be innovative and thoughtful in our approach, while carefully striving to remain faithful to your mood and instructions. All the while, we tried to remember your guidance:

“We should always try to utilize our intelligence in Krishna's service. Intelligence means to understand Krishna and to serve Him nicely.”

—Letter to Satsvarupa, 22 February 1968

Following this instruction to the best of our ability, we were able to bring tens of thousands of people before Lord Jagannatha, Baladeva and Subhadra Devi. Through kirtan, prasadam, book distribution, dramas, cultural presentations and personal interactions, we tried to introduce them to you and your mission, praying that some lasting samskara of Krishna consciousness would enter their hearts.

At the same time, Srila Prabhupada, we find ourselves navigating some of the most challenging and unprecedented times in the history of ISKCON South Africa. There are social, economic and institutional pressures, and in this age of rapid communication, we sometimes face sharp criticism from “keyboard warriors” who scrutinize and judge our efforts from afar. We know we have many imperfections, and we accept that we must be held accountable to your standards for bonafide reasons. Yet in the midst of these difficulties, we also strongly feel the love and encouragement of hundreds, if not thousands, of your followers, both within South Africa and abroad, who act as our well-wishers, just as you are the ever well-wisher of all living beings.

Your personal example of enduring obstacles, opposition, and discomfort for Krishna's sake gives us courage. Simply by remembering how you tolerated everything, illness, misunderstanding and endless struggles, simply to give us Krishna consciousness, we find renewed strength to continue your work here, however small our contribution may be.

As a temple community, we are deeply aware of our shortcomings and limitations. Whatever service we offer is tiny and imperfect when compared with your vast vision and spotless standards.

Still, we are convinced that by your deliberate arrangement, Sri Sri Radha Radhanath Temple occupies a significant place in your mission for South Africa. Therefore, we beg you to kindly allow us to become worthy instruments in your hands.

On this Vyasa-puja day, Srila Prabhupada, we place the following prayers at your lotus feet:

- Please allow this temple to become an ever more transparent via medium for your instructions, your mood, and your compassion.
- Please empower the leaders and devotees here to protect, encourage, and inspire all who seek shelter at your temple or come in contact with your movement in Durban.
- Please help us remain steady in upholding your standards of sadhana, philosophy, and Vaishnava culture, even as the world around us changes.
- Please let our service bring tangible and

lasting spiritual benefit to the devotees and congregation of Durban, to the broader South African yatra, and to all who come in touch with your mission through this temple.

And above all, please never allow us to lose sight of your vision and mission as our sole goal and guiding purpose in life.

We offer this today not to showcase achievements, but as an offering of our ongoing attempts to serve your desires in this corner of the world. Whatever value or success is found in these efforts belongs entirely to you and your causeless mercy; whatever faults or shortcomings are present are ours alone.

On this sacred day of your Vyasa-puja, we again bow our heads and beg for your continued blessings, that we may remain fixed in humility, sincerity, and unwavering determination to serve your divine mission at Sri Sri Radha Radhanath Temple, now and for generations to come.

Your servants,
Sri Sri Radha Radhanath Temple



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,

On this most auspicious day of your Vyasa-puja, we, the humble devotees of ISKCON Jos, bow down at your lotus feet with gratitude and reverence.



ISKCON Jos
Nigeria

YOU ARE THE EMPOWERED REPRESENTATIVE of Sri Vyāsadeva, carrying forward the eternal message of Lord Krishna into every corner of the world.

As the Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam declares:

*“nigama-kalpa-taror galitaṁ phalaṁ
śuka-mukhād amṛta-drava-saṁyutam
pibata bhāgavatam rasam ālayam
muhur aho rasikā bhuvi bhāvukāḥ”* (SB 1.1.3)

You have given us this ripened fruit of Vedic knowledge, the Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam, in a language

and manner that even the most fallen souls like ourselves can taste its nectar. By your mercy, the eternal truths of bhakti are no longer locked in Sanskrit verses but are alive in our daily lives.

Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu predicted:

*“pr̥thivīte āche yata nagarādi grāma
sarvatra pracāra haibe mora nāma”* (Caitanya-bhāgavata, Antya 4.126)

And you, Srila Prabhupada, are the one who fulfilled this divine prophecy. From the bustling cities

to the quiet towns—even here in Jos, Nigeria—your disciples and followers chant the holy names, dance in ecstasy, and distribute prasādam, all because of your boundless compassion.

You taught us that real happiness lies not in material pursuits but in surrender to Krishna. You showed us by your own example how to live simply, chant sincerely, and serve tirelessly. Your life is the embodiment of the verse “*saṁsiddhir hari-toṣaṇam*” (SB 1.2.13) - perfection means to please the Supreme Lord.

Srila Prabhupada, we are deeply indebted to you. Whatever little service we render in Jos—whether chanting, distributing books, cooking prasādam, or teaching others—is but a small attempt to repay the ocean of mercy you have

poured upon us.

On this Vyasa-puja day, we pray for only one blessing: that we may remain forever engaged in your mission, united in service, and faithful to your instructions. Please allow us to become instruments in your hands, so that the holy name of Krishna may resound ever louder across Nigeria and the world.

We offer our obeisances again and again:

*“nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya
bhū-tale*

śrimate bhaktivedānta svāmin iti nāmine”

Your servants,

The Devotees of ISKCON Jos

Salika Dasa

Temple President



ISKCON Phoenix 🌺
South Africa



Dear Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept our most humble obeisances at your divine lotus feet. All glories to Your Divine Grace.

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

ON THIS MOST AUSPICIOUS OCCASION of your Vyāsa-pūjā, the assembled devotees, congregational members, and well-wishers of the New Jagannāth Purī Temple humbly offer our heartfelt gratitude and glorification unto you, our eternal founder-ācārya and ever well-wisher.

Srila Prabhupada, it is solely by your causeless mercy that our yatra has taken shape and continues to grow as a place of shelter, transformation, and spiritual nourishment. You have given us everything—your books, your instructions, your movement and most importantly, access to devotional service to Śrī Śrī Jagannātha, Baladeva and Subhadrā Devī, Sri Shyam Salagram Sila and Sri Sri Nitai Gaurasundara.

By your divine grace, our temple has gradually developed through the sincere service of your devotees. We wish to acknowledge, with gratitude, those who are striving to serve your mission:

The Deity Department, which consists of

devotees that serve by dressing the deities, doing the puja for their Lordships. cooking for the deities and making garlands for the deities, not forgetting the devotees that make all the arrangements in the background for the bhoga, collections of Laxmi and flowers to facilitate the services of the devotees to Their Lordships.

We also recollect the devotees that have served in the past and have departed this mortal world. They have contributed immensely to the current services that are rendered and have established the platform for those that are serving and those that will come in the future.

We also offer our appreciation to all devotees and volunteers whose sincere service sustains this yatra.

By your mercy, we have been able to establish daily worship, celebrate festivals, grow our congregation, and expand outreach efforts.

We are proud of the team that goes out on

harinam and book distribution almost daily and the team that is currently trying to reach out by engaging in Food For Life to those that require the sustenance.

On this auspicious day, we reaffirm our commitment to your instructions—to chant sincerely, serve cooperatively, and spread Kṛṣṇa consciousness.

Please bless us to remain united, humble, and fixed in your service. Your mercy is unlimited and we humbly beg that you always shower your mercy on all the devotees of New Jagannath Puri.

*Your eternal servants,
New Jagannāth Purī Temple*



Dearest Srila Prabhupada,
Please accept our humble obeisances.
All glories to you and our most merciful guru parampara.

“IF YOU WANT TO TRAVEL FAST, go alone, if you want to travel far, go together” – Ancient African Proverb

This ancient proverb perfectly encapsulates the mood and mission you wanted within ISKCON. You wanted us to work in a co-operative way to grow this house that you created, so ISKCON can give shelter to more and more people of this world. The Seven Purposes of ISKCON puts down the points of your dream and vision for ISKCON succinctly, and you personally demonstrated these ideals in your dealings with the devotees, friends and well-wishers of your society. You further fleshed out these principles on a day-to-day basis through your instructions, guidance and assistance you offered your serious followers.

You very directly said this also – “your love for me will be shown through your co-operation”. You made it very clear – you wanted us to work together in a spirit of co-operation – this will demonstrate our love for you, much more than the flowers we ritualistically offer you.

ISKCON was established 60 years ago. In some respects, this is a long time, but when one considers the nature, size and extent of your organisation, one can see that we’ve only just begun our journey

of growth and development.

Just like the larger ISKCON is working on this journey of going far and going together, we in ISKCON Gqeberha (Port Elizabeth) are also working on the journey ahead. For your pleasure, we are working on ideas to grow so we can give shelter to more needy people whilst helping our sheltered devotees to continue to grow on their path back to the Divine Couple.

We, being products of the age of kali are alas, very limited in our intelligence (SB 1.1.10). We do not have the ability to see the world through divine eyes. We know that it is only by your mercy that we can make some small contribution towards your dream of a united organisation. Just like Lord Krishna gave His friend and disciple, Arjuna, divine vision to see things as they are, we too pray to you for the intelligence and vision to contribute towards an ISKCON where we can all serve together, in a way that pleases you.

*With love and best wishes from your servants in the
remote part of South Africa.
ISKCON Port Elizabeth*



 ISKCON Port Elizabeth
South Africa



Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda,
Please accept our humble obeisances at your lotus feet.
All glories to Your Divine Grace.

AS I WRITE THIS OFFERING, my mind reverts to something very simple. A young boy is arranging a small Ratha-yātrā in the courtyard of his home — the house of your father, Gour Mohan De, in Kolkata: a modest chariot, a few neighbours, Lord Jagannātha emerging to meet everyone.

It is difficult for us to fully understand how that moment has now expanded across the world. Today, by your mercy, Lord Jagannātha travels through the streets of major cities on every continent.

People from all walks of life come forward. They pull the ropes, sing, dance, and accept prasādam. Many may not understand everything, but they feel something. We believe that what they are truly receiving is your compassion.

You desired this. You carried this wish. You gave this festival to the world.

Here in Sandton, Johannesburg, we are preparing for our fifth Ratha-yātrā. It is still growing. Some days it feels unsteady. There are many moving parts. Devotees are cooking, making samoosas, building, calling, inviting — trying to bring everything together. Not everything goes as planned, but the effort is sincere.

We are endeavouring to do this for your pleasure.

Over the past months and this past year, we have endeavoured, in our small way, to continue your mission here in South Africa. The temple remains a place where people can come. Outreach

continues in various spaces. Young people gather. Books are distributed. Prasādam is served. Slowly, something takes shape.

At the same time, we feel the weight of separation. Many of your followers are leaving this world — senior devotees who carried your mood so strongly. We feel their absence. We understand how much they held. And naturally, a question arises.

How do we serve you now?

We do not feel fully qualified, but we do feel responsible.

Thus, we strive to stay engaged. To stay united. To maintain the kīrtana. To keep the doors open. To continue inviting others. And in this effort, we pray that we are not alone — that through these small attempts, others can come closer to you.

Śrīla Prabhupāda, you have given everything — the holy name, your books, your example, and a mission that continues to progress even now.

We are simply begging for your mercy. Please allow us to serve with sincerity. Please help us remain steady. And if there is any value in what we are doing here in Sandton, please accept it.

This Ratha-yātrā is yours. This temple is yours. Everything we try to do is yours.

We strive to be yours.

*Your servants,
ISKCON Sandton Community
written by Vibhu Caitanya Dasa*



Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda,
Please accept our humble obeisances.
All glories to Your Divine Grace.

TODAY IS A SPECIAL DAY for all your followers around the world to always remember you, appreciate you,

and pour out their heartfelt gratitude to you.

We are somehow or other trying to spread

Krishna consciousness and the message of Lord Caitanya Mahāprabhu to everyone we meet in and around Soweto, South Africa. As you know, we are householders who have to spend so much time maintaining our family life, and at the same time organise ourselves to spread Krishna consciousness on your behalf, even under challenging circumstances. Our preaching programmes consist of book distribution, festival preaching – especially Ratha-yatra – Food for Life, youth outreach programmes, and of course the Sunday Love Feast.

Being neophytes makes it a little difficult for things to run as smoothly as we would wish, but by your mercy devotees are coming and the preaching is going on. By your mercy we wish that things can remain like this or expand. In your absence we are all challenged tremendously. We are confronted by how to spread Krishna consciousness effectively in an adverse environment, how to retain the

principles of purity, and choices of how to follow your instructions, just to mention a few.

But we do hope that if we remain sincere, cooperate amongst ourselves, spread the awareness of this movement, and follow your instructions, all success is guaranteed.

Thank you, Srila Prabhupada, and please kindly guide us always and protect us from maya. Again, we pray that birth after birth we may remain eternally engaged in your service, and in this way come to some standard so that our service may be of importance to you and your mission.

Begging to remain eternally at your lotus feet.

Your servants at ISKCON Soweto,

Mahāprabhu Dasa, Malini Devi Dasi, Bhaktin Manjari, Bhaktin Khumo, Bhaktin Segomotsi, Bhaktin Lebogang, Bhaktin Tshepiso, Bhakta July, Bhakta Ntsako, and Indranuja Dasa, to name a few



Most beloved Srila Prabhupada,

On the auspicious occasion of your 130th Vyasa-puja, please accept this humble offering on behalf of ISKCON Zambia.



ISKCON Zambia

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

*namo mahā-vadānyāya kṛṣṇa-prema-pradāya te
kṛṣṇāya kṛṣṇa-caitanya-nāmne gaura-tviṣe namaḥ*

vande 'ham śrī-guroḥ śrī-yuta-pada-kamalaṁ śrī-gurūn vaiṣṇavāṁś ca

PLEASE ACCEPT OUR millions of humble obeisances at your divine lotus feet. All glories to your incomparable service to Sri Guru and Gaurāṅga.

On this sacred occasion of your 130th Vyasa-Puja, the devotees of ISKCON Zambia offer our insignificant words of gratitude, knowing fully that no

words can adequately glorify your causeless mercy.

You fulfilled the prophecy of Chaitanya Mahāprabhu:

*“pṛthivīte āche yata nagarādi grāma sarvatra
pracāra haibe mora nāma”*

In every town and village My Holy Name will be sung.

By your sacrifice, this prophecy has reached even Zambia, a land far from the holy dhāmas, yet touched by the current of Gaura's mercy through you.

What began as a humble preaching center registered in 2015 has grown only by your blessings into a vibrant Vaiṣṇava community. Through your mercy, souls in Zambia have received the priceless gift of Krishna consciousness - harināma, śāstra, deity worship, prasādam, and association of devotees.

Recently our humble yatra was blessed to be declared Jagannath Dham by His Holiness Lokanath Swami — a mercy we see only as your arrangement. Our Ratha-Yatra has become a beloved annual festival, drawing many hearts toward Lord Jagannath.

Through your inspiration:

- Sunday Love Feast nourishes seekers weekly
- Food for Life serves as compassion in action
- Book distribution continues your mission
- Govindas offers sanctified prasadam outreach
- Srimad-Bhagavat Katha and Ram Katha are heard annually
- Kirtan Mela began in 2025 and touched many hearts
- Boat Festival began in 2024 and has become cherished
- Devotees have taken initiation in the guru-paramparā
- A growing devotee community is developing genuine spiritual roots.

By your vision we now aspire for the next step - acquiring land and establishing a temple in the city

as a permanent offering in your service.

Srila Prabhupada, Zambia has received mercy through many streams flowing from you. We remember with gratitude the visit of Radhanath Swami, the blessings of HH Lokanath Swami Maharaj since 2015, the pioneering efforts of Brahmananda Swami in earlier years, and the regular association of many senior devotees and Maharajas who continue nurturing this yatra. We see all this as your compassion moving through your servants.

Our tiny efforts are simply attempts to participate in your mission.

You crossed oceans in advanced age, endured hardship, and gave the world the greatest treasure — Kṛṣṇa. Because of that sacrifice, even in Zambia devotees chant Hare Krishna, worship Jagannath, hear Bhagavatam, honor prasadam, and aspire for bhakti.

How can we repay this debt?

We can only pray:

May we become instruments in your mission.

May Zambia become a place where your books are widely distributed, your holy name resounds, and a beautiful temple may rise in your honor.

Please bless us that we remain united in service, humble in spirit, fixed in sadhana, and faithful to your instructions.

On this Vyasa-puja, we place at your lotus feet our gratitude, our aspirations, and our lives.

You gave us everything.

“He reasons ill who tells that Vaishnavas die, When thou art living still in sound.”

Śrila Prabhupāda ki jaya! Gaura Premanande! Haribol!

May we always remain servants of your servants.

Your insignificant servants,

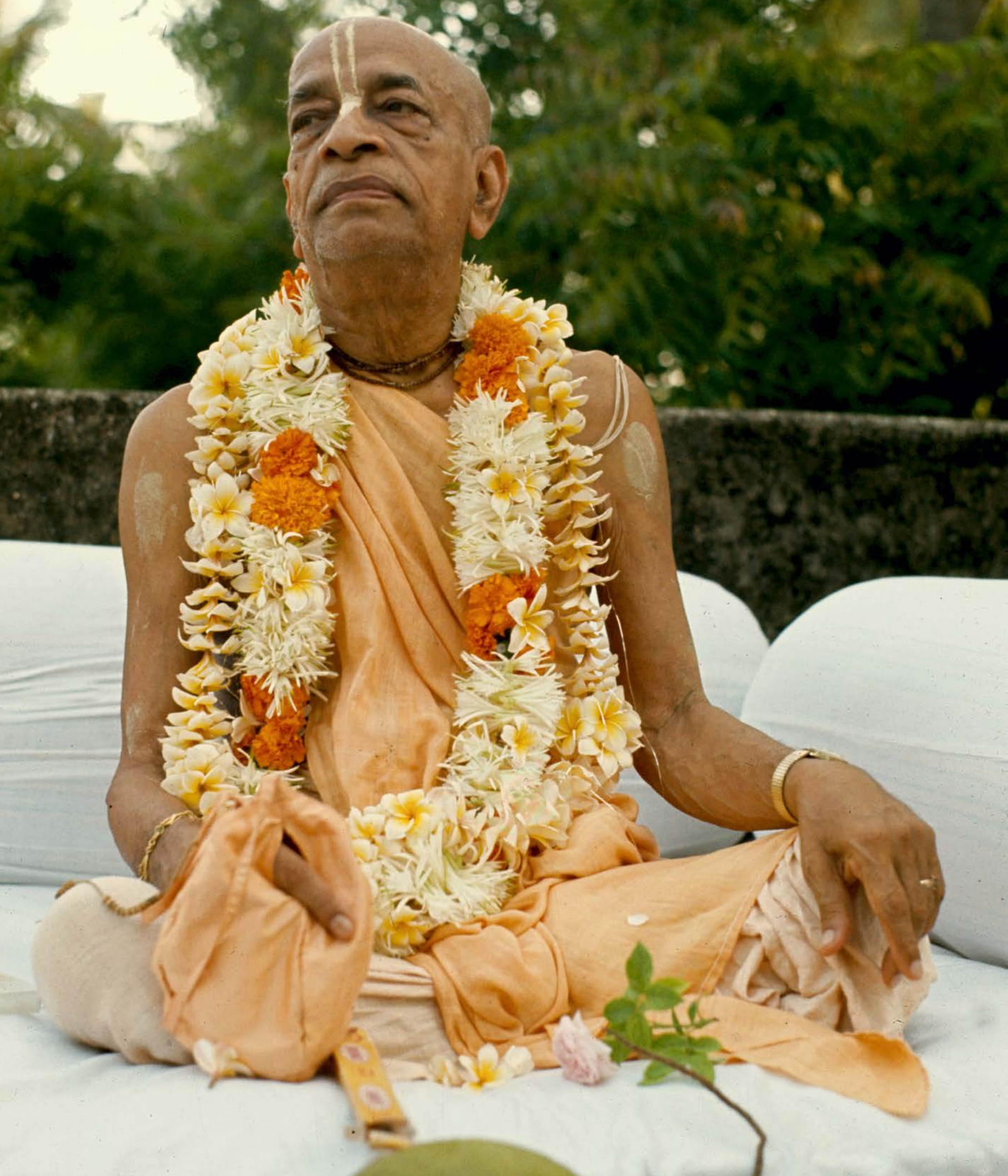
Jayagovind Dasa and devotees of ISKCON Zambia





OFFERING BY
BBT AFRICA







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

 The Bhaktivedanta Book Trust Africa
Johannesburg
South Africa

AS WE PREPARE THE TENTH EDITION of this Vyasa-puja offering book on behalf of BBT Africa, we find ourselves reflecting on the gift that we have inherited.

Many years ago, you accepted an instruction from your spiritual master that seemed impossible. To print books, to distribute them and to carry Lord Caitanya's message throughout the world.

At the time, there was no certainty of success and there were no guarantees when others had tried. There was only faith.

Today, decades later, we sit in Africa surrounded by the fruits of that faith. We serve in countries you have never physically visited and we publish books in languages you may never have heard. We meet people from cultures vastly different from India and the West. Yet somehow, through your books, there is no distance.

Again and again we witness the same miracle. A person opens a book seeking information and finds transformation. Someone searching for answers discovers purpose. A reader encounters your words and feels understood by a spiritual master they never met.

Your books continue to do what no institution or programme can do. They awaken remembrance. They remind us who we are, who Krishna is and what we have forgotten.

This feels especially relevant today. The world has never been more connected, yet people feel increasingly alone. Information is abundant but people are now lost more than ever. We can access almost anything and yet many struggle to answer the most fundamental questions of life.

In this day and age, your books do not feel old. They feel urgent. Every year we are humbled by the realisation that the work of BBT Africa is not simply the production of literature. We are caretakers

of something sacred. From editing manuscripts to translating, designing and printing.

All of it is part of an unbroken chain of service that began when you chose to carry the order of your spiritual master within your heart.

Across Africa, devotees continue to dedicate their efforts to extending that chain. Some translate, some edit, some distribute and some manage the practical details that few people ever see. Together, they are helping to carry your voice into places where it has never been heard before.

And yet, when we consider the size of this continent, we realise how much remains to be done. Millions have still not encountered your books and many more are still waiting for the opportunity to meet you through your words and for us, this is inspiring.

Because your life demonstrated that sincere service is never measured by the scale of the challenge but by the sincerity of the endeavour.

Srila Prabhupada, on this sacred day we offer our gratitude for the inheritance you have given us. You have entrusted us with your books and your mission.

You entrusted us with the hope that every soul, regardless of language, nationality or circumstance, deserves access to transcendental knowledge.

Please bless us with the humility to remain servants and the determination to continue carrying your books to every corner of Africa.

May we never forget that we are simply recipients of your mercy, attempting to pass that mercy on to others.

Thank you for trusting us with this service.

*Your servants,
The Bhaktivedanta Book Trust Africa*







OFFERINGS FROM OTHER SOURCES







To our dearest Śrīla Prabhupāda,
Please accept our most humble and profuse obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet.
All glories to Your Divine Grace.

 Food For Life South Africa
Durban
South Africa

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

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

IN MĀYĀPUR IN 1974, you gave a timeless instruction to His Holiness Jayapatākā Swami and the assembled devotees:

“We have to organize in such a way that nobody within a ten mile radius of the temple is hungry. Everyone should have food to eat.”

Śrīla Prabhupāda, these words were not merely an instruction for one temple or one moment in history. They were an expression of your vast compassion and your desire that Kṛṣṇa’s mercy should reach every living being. From that divine instruction, a legacy of prasādam distribution has spread across the world, bringing nourishment, dignity, hope, and spiritual benefit to countless souls.

Your words in your purport to Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam 3.24.5, echoing the teachings of Śrīla Viśvanātha Cakravartī Ṭhākura, resound within the chamber of our hearts:

“One should accept the instruction of the spiritual master as one’s life and soul.”

This sacred principle forms the foundation and identity of Food For Life South Africa. We exist only because of your mercy, your vision, and your instructions. Whatever service we are able to render is simply our small attempt to accept your words as our life and soul.

You further emphasized the importance of

prasādam distribution in your letter to His Holiness Girirāja Swami, written from Sydney on the 12th of April 1972:

“This prasadam distribution item is very, very important, and it is so much pleasing to me that in the beginning so many children are coming for taking prasadam, and that supply of rice has come automatically. Please continue this program rigidly. By prasadam distribution you will do service to the Lord, and the public will be pleased upon you as well.”

Śrīla Prabhupāda, these instructions are the heartbeat of Food For Life South Africa.

For Food For Life South Africa, prasādam distribution is the sacred service through which we try to carry your compassion into the hearts and homes of the people. Each plate served is not merely an act of relief, but a humble offering of Kṛṣṇa’s mercy, Lord Caitanya’s kindness, and your desire that no one should go hungry within the reach of the Lord’s temple.

In South Africa, where so many communities continue to face poverty, hunger, unemployment, inequality, and hardship, your instruction remains our guiding light. Every plate of prasādam served reminds us that Kṛṣṇa’s mercy is not limited by race, religion, language, wealth, or social position.

By your mercy, a simple meal becomes more

than food, it becomes an instrument of divine compassion when prepared and offered to Kṛṣṇa with love and devotion. A struggling family receives not only relief from the pangs of hunger, but the touch of Kṛṣṇa's mercy.

Śrīla Prabhupāda, whatever Food For Life South Africa has achieved belongs entirely to you. Any success is your mercy. Any appreciation we receive is your glory. Any expansion that takes place is because you planted the seed. We are simply trying, in a small way, to assist in the mission you so mercifully gave to the world.

On this sacred occasion of your Vyāsa-pūjā, we pray for your blessings.

Please bless us to serve with humility, unity, and determination. Please bless our cooks, volunteers, donors, coordinators, drivers, branch leaders, well-wishers, and every person who assists in this mission. Please bless us that we may never become proud, complacent, divided, or distracted from the true purpose of this service.

Please bless Food For Life South Africa to expand in a way that is pleasing to you. May more kitchens open. May more communities be reached. May more children, families, students, workers, elderly persons, and vulnerable souls receive

Kṛṣṇa prasādam. May this service spread throughout South Africa as an offering at your lotus feet.

You taught us that real welfare work means to satisfy both the body and the soul. You showed us that compassion is not sentimental; it is active, organized, disciplined, and surrendered. You showed us that love for Kṛṣṇa naturally expresses itself as love and concern for every living being.

Therefore, on this blessed day, we offer you our hearts, our hands, our service, and our prayers.

May every plate served by Food For Life South Africa be an offering to you. May every smile received be accepted as your mercy. May every act of service bring us closer to your lotus feet. May we always remember that this is your movement, your mission, and your prasādam distribution.

Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda, for giving us a life of purpose. Thank you for teaching us how to serve. Thank you for giving us the priceless gift of Kṛṣṇa prasādam. Thank you for allowing us, despite our many shortcomings, to be connected in some small-way to your divine mission.

*Praying to remain eternally engaged in your service,
Your humble servants at
Food For Life South Africa*



Food for Life Togo 🍌
Lomé
Togo



Dear Śrīla Prabhupada
My koti koti dandavats at the dust of your lotus feet.
All glories to your Divine Grace on this occasion of your Vyasa-puja.

I'M HERE TO THANK YOU for one of your miracles which continue to impact the lives of thousands of souls everyday in Togo and in many other places around the world.

Like Jesus Christ you provided both for the physical and spiritual needs of the suffering conditioned souls. Jesus fed a few thousands once, but you continue to feed millions everyday all over the world through your compassionate Food For Life global project.

Thank you Srila Prabhupada for making us your agents for bringing reliefs to many who are hungry and thirsty. Through this service even those who do not understand our philosophy are lovingly calling out Krishna's names with emotions.

Need I say more, the mission of Lord Chaitanya is being fulfilled:

Prithvite ache yata nagaradi grama sarvatra
prachara haibe mora nama

In as many towns and villages as there are

on the surface of the earth, My holy name will be preached.

*Servants of your servant
Sriman Varaha Acarya and the Food For Life Team*



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



ISKCON Gauteng Province
Management team.
Gauteng
South Africa

BY YOUR KIND MERCY we all have been chosen to be part of this ISKCON Gauteng Management team, thank you very much. We beg for guidance and empowerment to move forward together in the direction you desire. Please help us distribute your books and give Krishna Consciousness to everyone in Gauteng, every town and village.

We are all very different, like different flowers of different colours, sizes and fragrances. We humbly offer ourselves at your lotus feet, please accept us by picking us up and threading us in a garland. Strung by your lotus hands and offered to your beloved Sri Sri Radha Syamsundar, They will gladly accept. We are an ocean of faults but kindly engage us in your service because we all really want to help you in your wonderful preaching mission, however you see fit, Srila Prabhupada.

We want to embark on this journey together serving each other with respect and trust so that together in co-operation we can lovingly give you a united offering for your pleasure to express our

heartfelt appreciation to Your Divine Grace. We are nothing without your causeless mercy and feel very indebted to you Srila Prabhupada, because you gave us a matchless gift which we want to give to others. You are the captain of the ISKCON ship, and we are together in one cabin. We feel safe under your protection knowing that storms will come but we can brace them if we remain together with our purpose and mission crystal clear. Your Divine Grace is the center of our team, our worshipable savior and beacon of hope, emitting a transcendental effulgence that will lead us on this voyage and keep us enthusiastic and inspired on this journey of devotional service back home back to Godhead.

Thank you very much our beloved Srila Prabhupada, please be so kind as to help these grandchildren of yours.

*Your servants of the servants of the servants,
ISKCON Gauteng Province (IGP) Management team.*



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



Krishna Balam Youth Group
Johannesburg
South Africa

WHEN YOU BOARDED THE JALADUTA at the age of sixty-nine, there was no guarantee of success. There were no followers waiting for you, no temples prepared to receive you, and no certainty that the world would listen.

Yet because one pure devotee was willing to risk

everything to fulfil the order of his spiritual master, generations of souls, including ourselves, were given the opportunity to reconnect with Krishna.

Today, on the sacred occasion of your Vyasa Puja, we offer our gratitude for that extraordinary act of faith and for the legacy of devotion that

continues to transform lives across the world.

Srila Prabhupada, you were like a spiritual gardener sent by Krishna into a world overgrown with the weeds of materialism. Where others saw hopelessness, you saw potential. Armed only with the instructions of your spiritual master and unwavering faith in Krishna, you planted the seed of devotion in every corner of the world. Through your books, your kirtans, your lectures, and your personal example, those seeds took root. Today, we sit beneath the shade of trees that we did not plant, enjoying fruits that we did not grow, sustained entirely by Your labour and sacrifice.

Just as a gardener takes special care to nurture young saplings, you also understood the importance of inspiring young people to take shelter of Krishna consciousness. Through the movement you established, generations of youth have found purpose, friendship, guidance, and an opportunity to engage their energy in Krishna's service. We are deeply grateful to be among them.

For over two decades, young devotees have gathered under the banner of Krishna Balaram Youth Group (KBYG) to chant, serve, learn, and grow together. We often think of KBYG as a small lamp lit from the great flame of your compassion. The devotees who hold that lamp may change over time, but the flame remains the same. We remain united by a common desire: to serve your mission and create opportunities for others to experience the joy of Krishna consciousness.

Whatever light we are able to offer is simply a reflection of what you have given us. Whatever success we experience belongs to you, and whatever

service we render is only possible because of your guidance and example.

At times, we wonder whether our efforts are reaching others in the way we hope. We see the challenges of maintaining a youth program year after year and can become discouraged. But then we think of you. We think of a seventy year old devotee who crossed an ocean with no guarantee of success, armed only with faith in Krishna and the order of his spiritual master. In comparison, our obstacles seem very small. You remind us that our duty is not to measure the results, but simply to continue serving with sincerity.

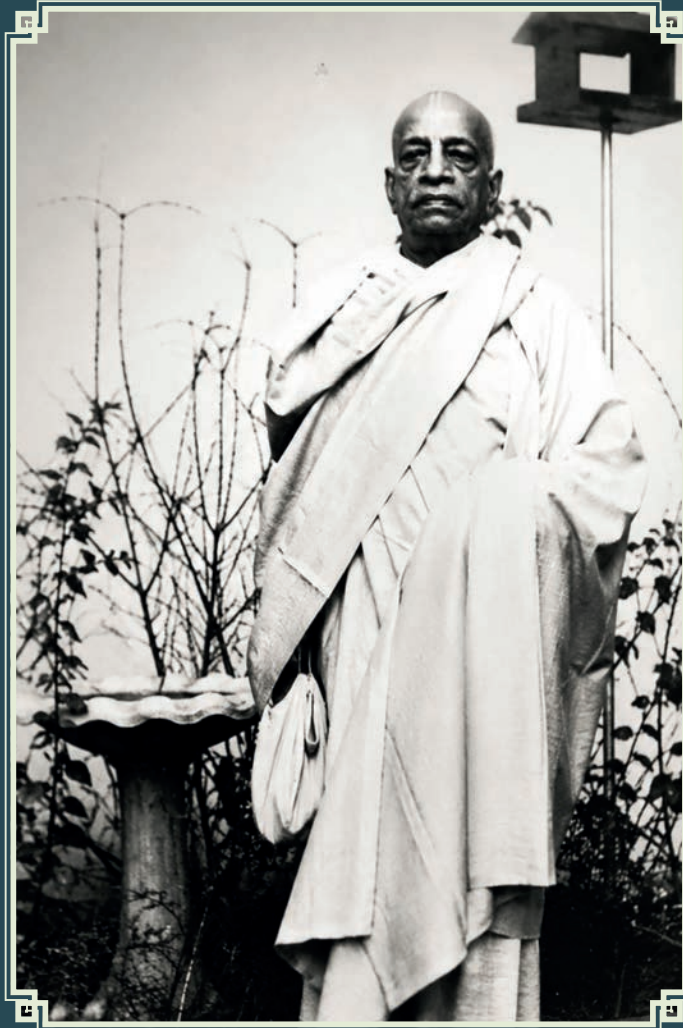
Please bless us that we may never lose sight of why we serve. Help us remain united in purpose, respectful in our dealings, and enthusiastic in our service. Please bless KBYG that it may continue to be a place where young devotees find shelter, friendship, inspiration, and a meaningful connection to Krishna consciousness.

On this most auspicious day, we offer our heartfelt gratitude for your life, your teachings, and your boundless compassion.

Please allow us to remain forever engaged in your service. Just as KBYG is but a small lamp lit from your flame, please bless us that we never become disconnected from that source and that we may always carry forward the spirit of service you so perfectly exemplified.

*At your lotus feet,
Your insignificant servants,
Krishna Balaram Youth Group*





One who has unflinching devotion for the Supreme Lord and is directed by the spiritual master can see the Supreme Personality of Godhead by revelation. For one who does not take personal training under the guidance of a bona fide spiritual master, it is impossible to even begin to understand Kṛṣṇa.

Bhagavad-gītā As It Is 11.54, purport