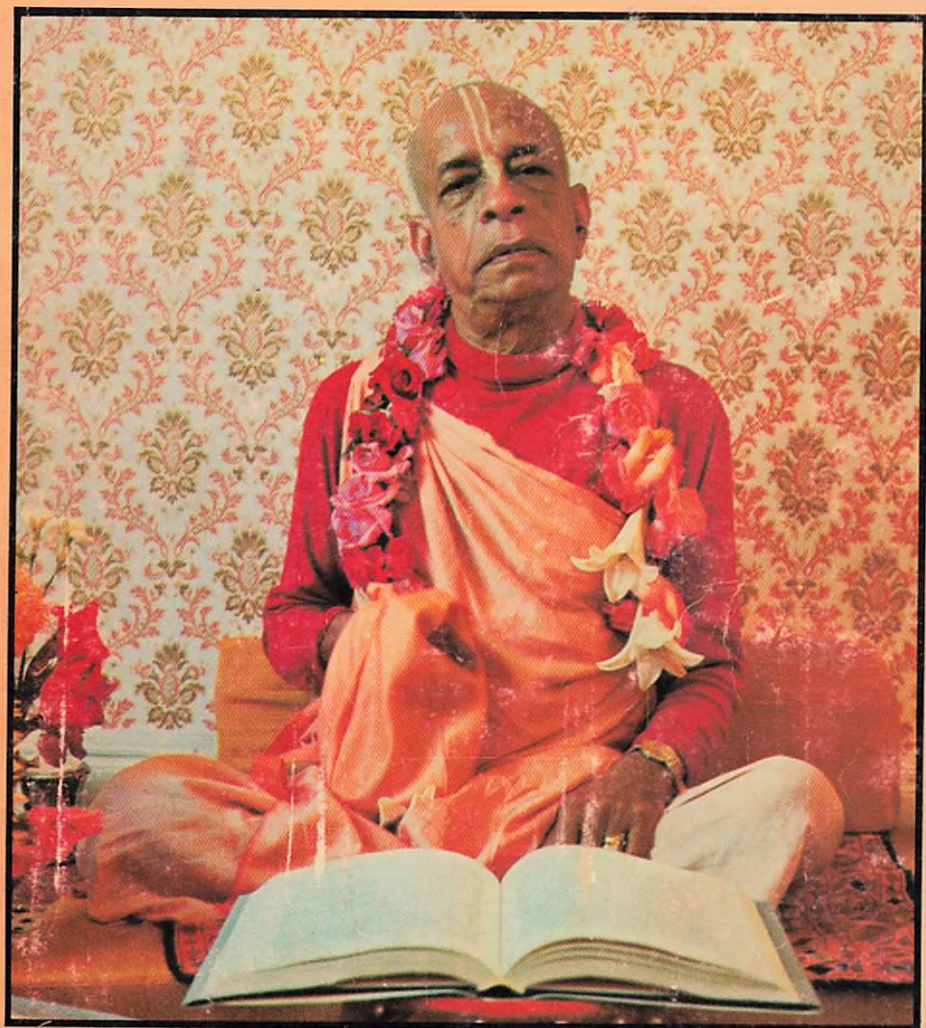


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śrīmate-bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine*

“I offer my respectful obeisances unto His Divine Grace
A. C. Bhaktivedānta Swami Prabhupāda who is very dear to Lord Kṛṣṇa,
having taken shelter at His lotus feet.”

*namas te sārāsvate deve gaura-vāṇī-pracāriṇe
nirviṣeṣa-sūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe*

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which are filled with voidism and impersonalism.”

ŲYĀSA-PŲJĀ

Homages

FROM THE
G. B. C.

It is stated in the *Padma Purāṇa* that of all types of worship, the worship of the Supreme Person is the highest, but higher still is the worship of the Lord's devotees.

Kṛṣṇa so favors His pure, unalloyed devotee that He is more pleased to see honor and respect shown His devotee than to receive such glorification Himself, just as the father is more appreciative of a compliment to his favorite son than to himself.

This Vyāsa-Pūjā is such an offering of worship to the lotus feet of a pure devotee of Kṛṣṇa, His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda, on the most auspicious anniversary of his appearance in this world.

In order to offer our meager thanks for the inconceivable and unlimited mercy bestowed upon us by our eternal spiritual father, all of Śrīla Prabhupāda's disciples have compiled these offerings of glorification to His Divine Grace. It is understood that no amount of praise would be sufficient to properly honor such a pure devotee of Kṛṣṇa, but the following humble attempt has been made and is now offered for his satisfaction. We offer our unworthy obeisances at the lotus feet of His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda and pray that he will remain with us many, many more years, because we are so weak and insignificant and are maintained by his mercy alone.

To the True Mahātmā:

His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedānta Swami Prabhupāda

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śrimate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine
namas te sārāsvate devaṁ gaura-vāṇī-pracarīṇe
nirviśeṣa-sūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tārīṇe*

All glories to you, Śrīla Prabhupāda, the true emissary of Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya Mahāprabhu. Mahāprabhu declared:

prthivīte āche yata nagarādi grāma

sarvatra pracāra haibe mora nāma

"In every town and village the chanting of My name will be heard."

It is you who has fulfilled these words of the Supreme Lord.

The great saint Thākura Bhaktivinoda predicted that soon a pure soul would come to benedict the world with Kṛṣṇa consciousness, and verily you are that pure soul, come to deliver us from the bondage of material existence. Constantly you preach to us the message of *Bhagavad-gītā* and describe endlessly the glory of Śrī Kṛṣṇa, thus revealing the meaning of the true *mahātmā*. Kṛṣṇa describes in *Bhagavad-gītā*:

*satataṁ kīrtayanto mām
yatantaś ca dṛḍha-vratāḥ
namasyantaś ca mām bhaktyā
nitya-yuktā upāsate*

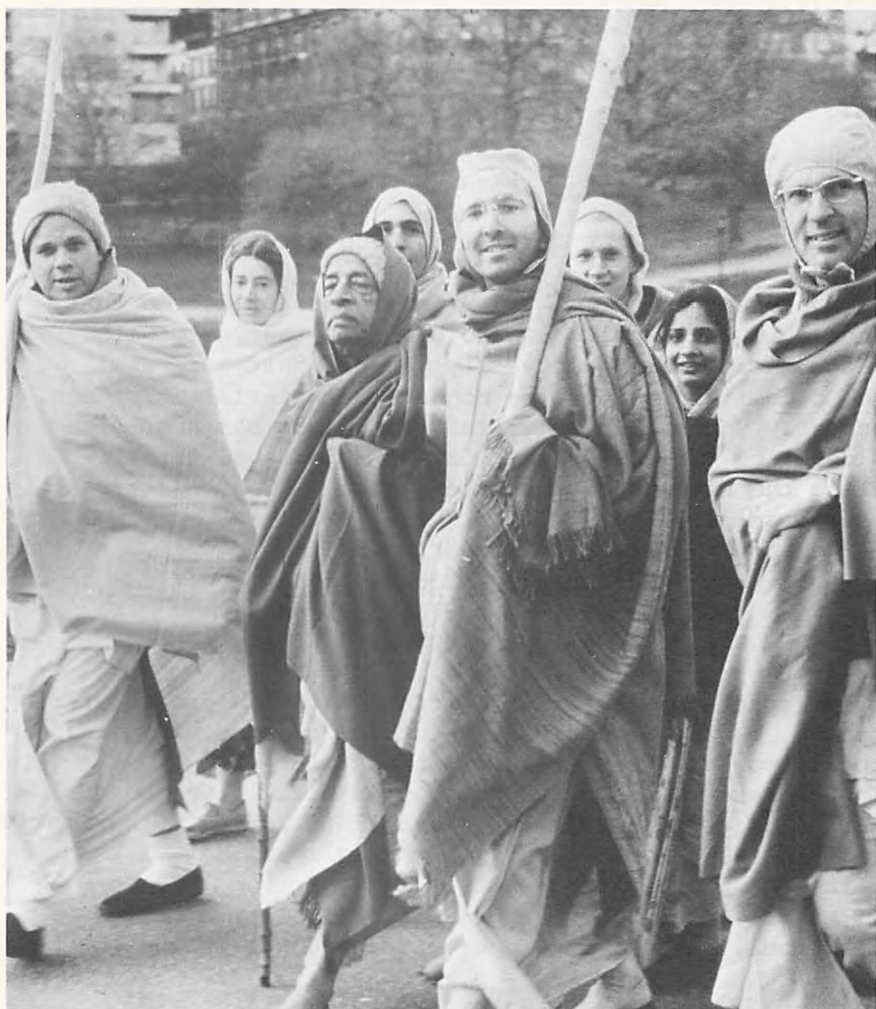
"Always chanting My glories, endeavoring with great determination, bowing down before Me, these great souls perpetually worship Me with devotion." (9.14)

Many are called *guru*, but you actually have the qualification of *guru* and *mahātmā*, as defined in the authoritative scriptures. One who accepts you as his spiritual master attains the perfection of life.

My only claim to your grace is that I am a most fallen soul, a wretched sinner entrapped within the bonds

of *tamas* (ignorance) and *rajas* (passion). You are *jagad-guru*, a liberated soul who can save the whole universe. Prostrated, I wait for your causeless mercy to descend.

Bali Mardan dāsa Gosvāmī
GBC--ISKCON New York
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Śrīla Prabhupāda, you have written as follows: "No one can give rapt attention who is not pure in mind. No one can be pure in mind who is not pure in action. No one can be pure in action who is not pure in eating, sleeping, mating and fearing." On this Vyāsa-pūjā day I offer my woefully inadequate appreciation to you, my spiritual master, who is guiding me back to home, back to Godhead. You are so expert a teacher that even such an incompetent as myself can make clear cut advancement. By giving me the practices and routine of spiritual life, you have made me strong in Kṛṣṇa consciousness. The Lord says in the *Bhagavad-gītā* as follows: "My dear Arjuna, winner of wealth, if you cannot fix your mind upon Me without deviation, then follow the regulated principles of *bhakti-yoga*. In this way you will develop a desire to attain to Me."

Śrīla Prabhupād, you have made me a GBC secretary, and my duty is to see that in all temples the rules and regulations of *bhakti-yoga* are being carefully followed. You have also made me a *sannyāsī*, which means that I must travel and preach as widely as possible. Actually a preacher of Kṛṣṇa consciousness must preach by his life, not just his speeches. He himself must be perfect, because he is trying to prove that there is God in an age of people who relegate the Lord as an imagination or dead or something impersonal. If I behave badly even in the slightest, people will only be encouraged to doubt or even scoff Kṛṣṇa, the Supreme Personality of Godhead. Lord Caitanya taught: "*āpani ācāri bhakti kariyā pracāra*," in this connection.

I have decided to give my life to preaching Kṛṣṇa consciousness here in Africa. I came here alone by your order, and now by your mercy it is developing. We are preaching to the different tribes, visiting their places, and also starting our own self-sufficient community. These people are not hard-boiled like the sophisticated citizens of America. They are soft and have a feeling for God. Actually I feel that they are purifying me, not that I have come to purify them. We stay with them in their cottages made of earth and sticks and chant Hare Kṛṣṇa and preach at six hour long meetings, and then we take *prasādam* of maize, roots, and vegetables. We are just completing our own cottage set on a hilltop overlooking the rolling hills and valleys and the lands and rivers of

Kenya. Now we have started the planting. Here the land is so rich that practically everything can be grown. As people start joining us we will build larger buildings and a temple out of stone. We want to develop the African life so that they can get necessities without so much toil and be happy in Kṛṣṇa consciousness.

The people of Africa are very much attracted to Lord Caitanya's movement. Wherever we go, by seeing them chanting Hare Kṛṣṇa and dancing in spiritual trance, my eyes have been opened to the new day that is coming, a bright future for the world filled with happiness and abundance all because of this great world wide spiritual movement. You began it all back in 1966 in New York's East Side in such a humble and charming way. How fortunate I am to have been a part of it right from the very beginning. I think my life was meant just to serve You. Please, Prabhupād, let me remain with You always, and let me somehow or other represent You, to speak what You speak and to act as You do. Let me fall down straight with straw in my mouth and offer You my life birth after birth. I shall be eternally happy in this way.

Brahmānanda Swami
GBC--Africa

THE SUN HAS RISEN

Imagine that you're trapped
Inside a room without a door;
There are no windows either,
No light, just walls, no more.

Within the room a dozen men
Scramble all about;
Asserting their authority
While poetry they spout.

"There is no rhyme or reason
To this place, we're here to stay."
"Just be!" they say. "Be free!
Don't let anything get in the way."

Yet all the time within that room
Chaos reigns supreme.
Embarrassed by their ignorance,
The men can only dream.

"That in the future I'll enjoy,
There isn't any doubt.
After all my plans are there,
Why shouldn't they work out?"

It was in 1965
America was discovered,
Full of forlorn man-like beasts
Who only sinned and suffered.

Blind men led by more blind men
Without a trace of sight,
Plunging ever deeper
Into an endless night.

They claim to know so many things.
They've even reached the moon.
They're like the fly who thinks he's king
By sitting on the throne.

The jewel upon the cobra's head
Distracts one from his threat.
And so with "material progress"
One forgets old age and death.

Unlike the room as mentioned here
There's actually an escape
From the futile struggle that goes
On, the hopeless masquerade.

A thousand blind men can be led
By one man who can see.
Thousands of sinful persons
Can be saved by a pure devotee.

His Divine Grace is teaching us
The purpose of human life.
He's cutting through our ignorance
With the transcendental knife.

Pure Kṛṣṇa consciousness
Is compared to the sun.
It purifies everything and
Puts darkness on the run.

Surrender at his lotus feet.
There is no other shelter.
Otherwise you'll be forced to act
By the modes of material nature.

More merciful than Kṛṣṇa Himself
Is Caitanya Mahāprabhu!
More merciful than Caitanya Himself
Śrīla Prabhupāda, that's you!

Your presence makes the world auspicious
To see and hear you gladdens the hearts of all.
How do you remain always young,
Surrounded by birth, disease, old age and death?

Your words, scented with the fragrance of Goloka
Are laden full with Kṛṣṇa nectar.
May my mind become attracted to that scent,
May my heart be a receptacle for that nectar.

Oh, sublime spiritual master! You have entered so expertly,
Picking open the lock of my heart.
Now, with the same expertise, please
Close the lock and never leave me.

Kṛṣṇa, master of the personified Vedas,
Is your constant support.
What can I offer to you who has everything?
Only my eagerness for your mercy.
No one can measure your unlimited mercy,
You, who are grateful for the smallest offering.

Oh, spiritual alchemist! Please melt my heart of iron,
That it may flow like gold under your lotus feet.
Riding the Vedic ship of truth, Gurudeva!
Your heaviness keeps the course steadfast,
Prevents my falling to Māyā's waves of illusion.
Oh, pure devotee! You are controlling even Kṛṣṇa.

Magnanimously distributing spiritual treasure,
Without limit, bestowing grace.
By your shyness, keeping Kṛṣṇa
From the eyes of the unfaithful.

Prabhupāda! I, lowly, a fallen soul,
Have no attraction for self-realization;
It is you alone, my divine master,
Who are my only attraction.

Please accept my *daṇḍavats*
At your divine lotus feet.
I pray that there for eternity
You will let me have a seat.

Jagadīśa dāsa adbhikārī
GBC - Midwest USA

I offer my worthless obeisances unto the lotus feet of my spiritual master. Such a wretched, miserable fool am I that I cannot appreciate the significance of my spiritual master and his priceless gift; knowledge of and devotion to the Supreme Absolute Truth Lord Kṛṣṇa. For the most part, I am lost in the ocean of material desires and illusions. Lust and the hankering for adoration and glory cling to my rascal mind and distract me from concentrating on following my spiritual master's instructions. The countless offenses I have committed at his lotus feet condemn me to the perdition of ingratitude and rebelliousness to his mercy. There is absolutely no good to be found in a scoundrel like myself. Who can comprehend, then, the mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda? Who can measure his kindness and wisdom? He engages *māyā's* slaves in *bhakti-yoga* and enlightens the fools of this dark world with the bright sun of *Bhagavān-vidyā*. He is not to be understood by the wrangling mind or self-interested intelligence. Only by chanting Hare Kṛṣṇa on the beads, a minimum of sixteen rounds daily, vibrating softly the *gāyatrī mantra*, bowing down in humility to the *vaiṣṇavas*, *Tulasī devī* and the Deity, and participating in the spreading of the benediction moon, *Hari-nāma-saṁkīrtana*, to all the suffering, conditioned souls in any way and every way possible, can we marvel in the ecstasy of Śrīla Prabhupāda's inconceivable level of Kṛṣṇa consciousness.

Certainly volumes should be recorded on the glories of our spiritual master. Descriptions both scientific and esoteric in his praise could be recited. But, ignorant and sinful as I am, Śrīmatī Sarasvatī does not reward me with clear, fixed-up knowledge and remembrance, or

poetic sentiment for his position. So I remain a self-preoccupied blubbing idiot, trying to eke out some sincere expression of appreciation of my spiritual master, and failing unforgivingly in doing so.

Karandhara dās adhikārī
GBC - India

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

To my Lord, Śrīla Prabhupāda, my eternal spiritual master,
my spiritual father, to whom I am eternally indebted for
delivering the wisdom and understanding of the Supreme
Personality of Godhead, Kṛṣṇa:

From the joyous and pure hours of morning glory,
I sing your praises, the Lord's emissary.

All that I do from sunrise to sunset
I offer to your lotus feet so as not to forget.

Without your grace my life would be nothing;
My knowledge and wealth would just add to my suffering.

Your lotus feet are the only shelter I've found,
By your mercy only, I am now homeward bound.

My dear Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa, I owe everything to You
For sending my master with the message bold and true.

Love of God is the goal to which to aspire,
In your unalloyed service I shall never tire.

The most blessed of holy days we now celebrate;
You have come to this world, our fears to mitigate.

With the untold message of Gaura-Nitāi;
Chanting and dancing is service most high.

As you dictate so shall I act;
My Lord and master, establish this fact.

There is no greater servant of Kṛṣṇa, our God,
Than my father and master, Śrīla Prabhupāda.

Taittirīya

GBC - Hawaii and Far East

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O jagad-guru, Śrīla Prabhupāda!

You've come as the external form of God.
We beg to offer you a respectable seat,
We beg to listen, at your lotus feet.

Our merciful master, Śrīla Prabhupāda!
Take pity and help us to follow God's law.
By desires we're tortured, we beg for relief,
We beg for the shelter of your lotus feet.

Only you know, and not hellish society,
The glory of Kṛṣṇa's Supreme Personality.
Now we are begging, we want to know Him too;
And only your lordship knows thus what to do.

To engage us in spiritual bliss,
That is your grace, the world's greatest gift.
You are free from all envy, you're our only friend,
Please accept our obeisances, again and again.

O jagad-guru, you have come in a line
Of jagad-gurus beyond space and time.
You've declared the best knowledge that can ever be;
Kṛṣṇa, the Supreme Personality.

We fall at your feet, we beg for your grace.
Please take us out of our present disgrace.
You're the emblem of *Bhagavad-gītā*;
Moving the world when you chant Hare Kṛṣṇa.

Without your mercy, we'll suffer forever,
Our hearts in a knot that we'll never sever.
O please intervene! We are lost helpless souls
Who fall in the dust of your lotus feet.

Hṛdayānanda dāsa Goswami
GBC - Mexico and South America



I offer my respectful obeisances,
To my beloved spiritual master Śrīla Prabhupāda,
Who is especially blessed by Lord Kṛṣṇa
To show us the beauty of surrender to the Supreme Lord.

To me surrender was something
Meant only for the defeated and foolish;
A pitiful submission to physical, mental or intellectual
Slavery, for those who had no will or creativity.

But by your mercy you showed us how to surrender
Envy, lust, pride and selfishness;
In return for a new birth of self
And a life of superexcellence as one of Kṛṣṇa's sons.

Being in your presence--so surrendered yet dignified,
Brought back a lost desire to serve God,
Which despite the taste left by former religious folly,
Ever so subtly pushed me closer.

Then our first challenges came,
From father, brother, friends, priest and outraged mother;
Who with defiance pulled together
At the tender creeper of devotion,
Testing the depth of my conviction and sanity,
And offering again a path I knew could not tolerate compromise.

But somehow from chanting,
Came words filled with undeniable knowledge,
Knowledge I had heard you sing, knowledge that had come
Through the milleniums, from the original person.

It could not be covered by empty, foolish speculation,
And at that point I saw them all fall away,
As birds from a limb
When they are frightened by an unexpected noise.

Soon however, I realized that the comfort of victory
Was far from secured; a new combat began,
Against the urges of the senses, against sleep
And envious feelings for those who served better than me.

Against material love, fame and power,
Against unnecessary comfort and renouncing duty.

How many times have I felt the razor's edge,
Of choice between truth and illusion,
And you were always there to save, encourage and forgive.
By your mercy only ordeal turned into blessing.

Still I see far, far into the distance,
A purified image of myself,
And I pray you will watch for me, for I do not know
How many lifetimes in front of me that image is.

O my Lord and master, Śrī Gurudeva,
When will the time come, when your word and instruction
Will be received by me as the sweetest nectar, and that
Ocean of bliss will rush in to fill my dry heart.

Please give me the strength and determination,
To always remember I am just a servant, to remember
The goal of all this work, to make my life
Non-different from what I speak.

Let me continue to serve you when you are not here,
Reciting the glories of your mercy, your blessings,
Which are overflowing, sweeping away the filth of Kali-yuga.
All glories to you, my father and master.

Your bliss reveals the repulsive face of
Material happiness. Your glory embarrasses the sun,
Moon and lotus. Please hear me, as I stand
Calling for your shelter.

Bhagavān dās adhikārī,
GBC Mediterranean

VYĀSA-PŪJĀ
Homages



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ADELAIDE

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We offer our most humble obeisances at the lotus feet of our *guru mahārāja*, His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda. Unfortunate as we are, lacking in any spiritual qualities, we cannot even humbly bow our heads at the feet of our spiritual master.

Birth after birth, for millions of years, we have wandered aimlessly throughout the material universe simply engaged in a fruitless search for flickering pleasure, like thieves, always anxious to steal that which is not ours, in hopes of satisfying our interminable cravings.

Śrīla Prabhupāda, you have picked us up - lifted us clear of the endless tossing of the ocean of material existence. You are light, destroying the dense darkness of our ignorance. Offering a gem that is pure, simple and unchanging, only you can show us our real selves. You are saying so simply "Here it is - accept."

But, degraded fools that we are, we are too foolish to surrender. We cling to old material conceptions of life. Śrīla Prabhupāda, please accept our obeisances again and again. May our minds somehow attach themselves to your lotus feet.

Yaśomatinandana dāsa brahmacārī
Sahadeva dāsa brahmacārī
Śivanātha dāsa brahmacārī
Rāmaprasāda dāsa brahmacārī
Bhūtanātha dāsa brahmacārī
Bhakta Keith

Baibabi devī dāsī
Gopāla devī dāsī
Rukmavatī devī dāsī
Bhaktin Penny
Bhaktin Diane

*Jaya Om Viṣṇu-pāda Paramahaṁsa Parivrājakācārya Aṣṭottara-
śata Śrī-Śrīmad Bhaktivedānta Goswami Mahārāja Prabhupāda*

*Jaya Om Viṣṇu-pāda Paramahaṁsa Parivrājakācārya Aṣṭottara-
śata Śrī-Śrīmad Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī Goswami Mahārāja
Prabhupāda*

We offer our prostrated obeisances again and again at the lotus feet of our beloved spiritual master, His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami, Śrīla Prabhupāda, who is distributing the truth, the Personality of Godhead, Kṛṣṇa, without adulteration.

"Just try to learn the truth by approaching a spiritual master. The self-realized soul can impart knowledge unto you because he has seen the truth." (Bg. 4.34)

We offer our respectful obeisances unto Śrīla Prabhupāda and his *guru-mahārāja*, Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī Goswami Mahārāja Ṭhākura, by whose grace we may be engaged in the service of the servant of the servant of Kṛṣṇa.

"One can understand the Supreme Personality as He is only by devotional service. And when one is in full consciousness of the Supreme Lord by such devotion, he can enter into the kingdom of God." (Bg. 18.55)

All glories to you, oh spiritual master, student of Sarasvatī! You are so kindly preaching the message of Lord Caitanya and delivering the western countries, which are filled with voidism and impersonalism.

Only you, Śrīla Prabhupāda, can save the fallen souls in this world of illusion, hypocrisy, sinful life, impersonalism, voidism, frustration, misery and suffering, because you carry with you the *Bhagavad-gītā* as it is. Where there is the devotee, there is Kṛṣṇa, the supremely powerful, and victory is sure. Of all translators of the *Gītā*, only you are coming in the disciplic succession, presenting the divine fruit from Kṛṣṇa, Brahmā, Nārada, etc. With the transparency of glass, you are passing on the message from your guru. In this way you qualify as a bonafide spiritual master.

Eight years ago, following the order of your guru, you came to the western world to preach Kṛṣṇa consciousness

to the *caṇḍālas* (dog eaters) and *mlecchas* (most degraded persons). With firm determination, conviction and great intelligence you began ISKCON, giving us the chance to render devotional service. You are the perfect example of a disciple following the orders of his *guru*, and you are now successful all over the world. We pray to be able to make our lives perfect by becoming your completely surrendered disciples. We pray to help fulfill your dearest desire by learning to distribute your books.

Your humble servants at Amsterdam Yatra,

Tulasī dāsa brahmacārī
 Ātmānanda dāsa brahmacārī
 Aṅga dāsa brahmacārī
 Madhumaṅgala dāsa brahmacārī
 Tīrthasādhaka dāsa brahmacārī
 Kṛṣṇakṣetra dāsa brahmacārī
 Rāmagati dāsa brahmacārī
 Pañcamukha dāsa brahmacārī
 Hetu dāsa brahmacārī
 Mahāvidyā dāsa brahmacārī
 Mṛgapati dāsa brahmacārī
 Bhakta Svarūpa Dāmodar
 Bhakta Benjamin
 Bhakta Robert
 Bhakta Jacob
 Bhakta Roelof
 Bhakta Eddy
 Bhakta Mark
 Bhakta Claude

Hari-Kṛṣṇa dāsa adbhikārī
 Maṇi-bandha dāsa adbhikārī
 Vimuktisaṅga dāsa adbhikary
 Satyā devī dāsī
 Kantā devī dāsī
 Viśvā devī dāsī
 Nābhasvatī devī dāsī
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 pāścātya deśa-tāriṇe*

Our dear Śrīla Prabhupāda,

All glories to your effulgent divine grace! You have come with the glorious message of Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu, at the request of Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī Thākura Prabhupāda, in order to deliver our wretched selves from this dark world, deep in the grip of impersonalism and voidism. Because you are absorbed in love for Govinda, you emanate ecstatic *prema*, "*prema bhakti yāhā hoi-te*," and you purify anyone and everyone that comes under your shelter. You rid us of the ignorance that covers us, "*avidyā vināśa yāte*." The *Bhagavad-gītā* gives us the system for receiving bonafide transcendental knowledge - "*evaṁ paramparā prāptaṁ imaṁ rājarṣayo viduḥ*" (Bg. 4.2), and you are coming in the powerful *Brahmā-Gauḍīya-Vaiṣṇava Sampradāya* disciplic line. We have practically seen the results of your devotional potency. So many disciples are now bright-faced and blissful simply by chanting the *mahāmantra* and following the four regulative principles (no eating of flesh, intoxication, illicit sex life or gambling). You once told a reporter that "No one wants to undergo any austerity...people want everything very cheaply," and thus "for something genuine, the followers may be very little-for something rubbish, the followers may be many." Because we have observed that so many *mlecchas* and other such degraded persons have actually given up their sinful activities and are following these afore-mentioned principles, having come under your shelter, we conclude that you are the representative of the Supreme Personality of Godhead. No one else could

accomplish such a feat. Still, not one of us can begin to appreciate or understand the depth of your love for Rādhā-Kṛṣṇa because we are conditioned to see through our blunt senses. All we can do is offer our inadequate, insincere obeisances and try to serve you by hearing, chanting, preaching and carrying out your instructions.

You have expressed your desire that we "take over the United States and make it Kṛṣṇa conscious," and in order to do this we should become serious about this preaching work. In order to make a revolution against this Godless society we must scrutinizingly study your books, which are reservoirs of beauty and truth, and then...

*tasmād ajñāna-sambhūtaṁ
hṛt-sthaṁ jñānāsinātmanaḥ
chittvainaṁ saṁśayaṁ yogam
ātiṣṭhotttiṣṭha bhārata*

(Bg. 4.42)

...armed with the weapon of knowledge we must fight and kill the demoniac mentality which has covered and contaminated the hearts of all conditioned souls. Your Divine Grace has stated that America is one of the best places, having taken up the motto, "In God We Trust." Therefore, taking full advantage of that motto and the political sentiment of the people in general, we've begun to describe who God is and how to trust Him, through the media of politics. In this way the public will hear your nectarine, transcendental messages about Kṛṣṇa. This is another example of Your Divine Grace's expertise in fulfilling Kṛṣṇa's will through transcendental cunningness and unwavering determination. You are showering your mercy on everyone, as the cloud pours water on the forest fire, by one means or another. Those who will not read or try to understand your books will have the chance to know your transcendental messages by reading the newspaper articles of the political clashes between the devotees and the demons. In this way the whole society will change their hearts through your causeless mercy. It is due to this inconceivable mercy that we have been allowed to act as instruments on your behalf.

We pray on this most glorious day of your appearance,

that we may remain ever fixed in your loving service, keeping a humble and submissive attitude, fully surrendering our minds, bodies and words unto you. We beg to put our unworthy selves under your divine protection as your eternal servitors.

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Balavanta dās adhikārī	Sanandānanda-mañjarī devī dāsī
Rādhā-mohana dās brahmacārī	Sūkṣmarūpiṇī devī dāsī
Jayasena dās brahmacārī	Śravaṇamaṅgala devī dāsī
Sudas adhikārī	Devāyanī devī dāsī
Gadi dās adhikārī	Ballabhī devī dāsī
Gokularaṅjana dās brahmacārī	Arcī devī dāsī
Amoghālīlā dās brahmacārī	
Jayadharma dās brahmacārī	Bhaktin Elaine
Kardamamuni dās brahmacārī	Bhaktin Linda
Haricaraṇa dās brahmacārī	Bhaktin Susan
Bahusīra dās brahmacārī	Bhaktin Doreen
Cārudeṣṇa dās brahmacārī	Bhaktin Heather
Rāmarāja dās brahmacārī	
Vaiṣṇavānanda dās brahmacārī	

Bhakta Gene
 Bhakta Ron
 Bhakta Bill Kelsey
 Bhakta John
 Bhakta Ben
 Bhakta Mike M.
 Bhakta Mike
 Bhakta Hans
 Bhakta Randy



In every country we will find the general populace more or less adherent to the rules and regulations of the society, while a small percentage willfully violates such state laws. Those souls who, incalculably long ago, acquired a rebellious attitude towards God, were sent into material nature to live out their fantasies of becoming the supreme god, the enjoyer and controller. Although every living entity is the eternal servant of God, Lord Kṛṣṇa, they are imprisoned in material bodies, acting helplessly under the direction of *Māyā's* mental and sensual impulses. Service to such illusions never satisfies the factual longing of the soul for real, unending pleasure and awareness.

The Vedic literature informs us that after passing through the 8,400,000 species of life, "It is time to inquire about Brahman." As spirit souls we require spiritual life, and therefore Lord Kṛṣṇa, out of compassion, sometimes sends his representative as the spiritual master. The spiritual master delivers to his disciples knowledge of the material and spiritual laws so that they can act properly, become liberated from material perplexities and achieve the Supreme Lord's eternal, blissful service and association.

Lord Kṛṣṇa cautions us in the *Bhagavad-gītā* that only a bonafide representative of His can reveal His message exactly as it is to the aspirant disciple.

*evam paramparā prāptam
imaṁ rājarṣayo viduḥ*

"This supreme science of *yoga* was thus received through the chain of disciplic succession, and the saintly kings understood it in that way."

Śrīla Rūpa Goswami informs us that a spiritual master is one who can control the six sense gratifying agents, i.e. the tongue, belly, genitals, mind, anger and words. If one is the servant of such impulses, how can he surrender to God to act for the Lord's interest? The spiritual master is one who utilizes his senses in the service of the Lord for everyone's benefit.

*yoga-yukto viśuddhātma
vijitātmā jitendriyaḥ
sarvabhūtātmabhūtātmā
kurvann api na lipyate*

"One who works in devotion, who is a pure soul, and who controls his mind and senses, is dear to everyone, and everyone is dear to him. Though always working, such a man is never entangled."

(Bg. 5.7)

His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedānta Swami Prabhupāda is an *ācārya* (teacher by example) coming in disciplic line from Lord Kṛṣṇa. His demonstration of aloofness from material sense gratification and his incessant glorification of Kṛṣṇa testifies to his absorption in the loving service of God.

"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 to be the Supreme Personality of Godhead, original and inexhaustible. Always chanting My glories, endeavoring with great determination, bowing down before Me, these souls perpetually worship Me with devotion."

(Bg. 9.13-14)

His Divine Grace is giving us real knowledge of life and pure existence, not simply the word jugglery of so-called scientists, philosophers, educators, etc. These rascal demons, though totally ignorant of any true spiritual knowledge, mislead and misdirect the general mass of people into material activities leading to more bondage. Śrīla Prabhupāda's pure and simple logic cuts through the labyrinths of bewilderment and fear created by such demoniac authorities.

Lord Kṛṣṇa and His devotees are served best by love. All living entities in conditional life suffer from forgetfulness of this loving attitude. Seeing this plight of the living beings, compassionate devotees attempt to end such distress by spreading Kṛṣṇa consciousness. The spiritual master's greatness not only lies in reminding his disciples about Lord Kṛṣṇa and devotional service, but

also in teaching them how to relate the same knowledge to others.

"For one who explains this supreme secret to the devotees, devotional service is guaranteed, and at the end he will come back to Me. There is no servant in this world more dear to Me than he, nor will there ever be one more dear."

(Bg. 18.68-69)

All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda!

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Prahlādānanda dāsa
Jitaprāṇa dāsa
Dharmabhāvana dāsa
Cinmayī dāsī

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*akṣiṇoḥ phalaṁ tvāḍṛśaṁ darsanaṁ hi
tanoḥ phalaṁ tvāḍṛśa-gātra-saṅgaḥ
jihvā-phalaṁ tvāḍṛśa-kīrtanaṁ hi
sudurlabha-bhāgavataṁ hi loke*

"O devotee of the Lord, the purpose of the visual sense is fulfilled simply by seeing you, and to touch your body is the fulfillment of this bodily touch. The tongue is meant for glorifying your qualities because in this world it is very difficult to find a pure devotee of the Lord."

(Hari-bhakti-sudhodaya)

Lord Kṛṣṇa never directly consorts with *māyā*; He simply casts His glance over the material energy and creation occurs. So also you, Śrīla Prabhupāda, come from Vṛndāvana untouched to rescue us from this ocean of illusion, yet the waves of this ocean never disturb you. Your body is the manifestation of Gaurāṅga's mercy, and by seeing you our spiritual sight is restored. What sunrise can match the gleam of your smile?

We come in touch with you by taking the shelter of your lotus feet, and because you have taken shelter of the lotus feet of the Lord, we become sanctified. You are spiritual touchstone, transforming iron-hearted materialists into devotees of the Lord. As Mahārāja Ambarīṣa would not touch anyone except pure devotees, similarly we only want your association.

How can we glorify you with our frog-like tongues? We are in this world of illusioned men. But you are not. You are our *guru-mahārāja*, come to take us home. There is no one more merciful than you. We are your servants, and we beg to offer you our respectful obeisances.

Akṣojānanda Swami
 Pañcadraviḍa Swami
 Anirdeśya Vapu dāsa brahmacārī
 Nṛsimhānanda dāsa brahmacārī
 Sutlesh dāsa brahmacārī

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

*namas te sārāsvate devaṁ
gaura-vāṇī-pracāriṇe
nirviśeṣa-sūnyavādi-
pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe*

Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda,

Our *daṇḍavats* are eternally offered at your lotus feet. As stated in *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam*, by taking shelter of the lotus feet of Kṛṣṇa, the ocean of birth and death becomes as tiny as the small pool in the footprint of a calf. Because you are the pure representative of Kṛṣṇa, you are mercifully engaging us in Śrī Caitanya's *saṅkīrtana* movement. Only by your mercy can one receive the mercy of God.

We are unqualified beggars approaching you for mercy. There is nothing for us to do in the three worlds but serve you. Please allow us to assist you in spreading Kṛṣṇa consciousness all over the world. As stated in *Caitanya-caritāmṛta*, only a *jagad-guru* can accept disciples all over the world.

By giving us your transcendental literature to distribute, you are making our lives perfect. We offer our eternal praises of Your Divine Grace.

Śivānanda dāsa adbhikārī	Madanamohanamohinī devī dāsī
Satya dāsa adbhikārī	Padmā devī dāsī
Janmunīlaya dāsa brahmacārī	Bhaktin Susanne
Alanātha dāsa brahmacārī	Bhaktin Barbara
Gopeśa dāsa brahmacārī	Bhaktin Jenny
Vāyuvāhana dāsa brahmacārī	Bhaktin Pat
Eka dāsa brahmacārī	Bhaktin Anna
Niṣpāpa dāsa brahmacārī	
Viśvarūpa dāsa brahmacārī	
Tīrthāṅga dāsa adbhikārī	
Bhakta Peter	
Bhakta Marc	
Bhakta Roland	

Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda,

Your appearance day is the most historic event in the history of man. In the material world everyone takes birth to enjoy with lust, desire and anger. Everyone wants to become Kṛṣṇa. Everyone is born envious of Kṛṣṇa. But your appearance is just to glorify Kṛṣṇa, as Lord Caitanya did.

*pātrāpātra-vicāra nāhi, nāhi sthānāsthāna
yei yāñhā pāya, tāñhā kare prema-dāna*

"In distributing love of Godhead, Caitanya Mahāprabhu and His associates did not consider who was a fit candidate and who was not, nor where such distribution should or should not take place. They made no conditions. Whenever they got the opportunity the members of the pañcha-tattwa distributed love of Godhead."

You are Lord Caitanya's most confidential associate, and have appeared to fulfill His mission. That is the purpose of your divine advent. Caitanya Mahāprabhu's mission was to spread Kṛṣṇa consciousness all over the world. "Prthivīte āche yata nagarādi grāma," in every town and village. Therefore you are Lord Caitanya's most confidential servant, because you are doing this work for Him. Many, many great scholars, sages and devotees have appeared from time to time in our Gauḍīya Vaiṣṇava line and elsewhere, but none of them can be considered as great as Your Divine Grace.

The purpose of the advent of Lord Caitanya was not to prove the supremacy of Vedic scholarship or the performance of pious activity, nor did He come to do any mundane welfare work for the people. His philosophy and Saṁkīrtana movement are not meant for only brāhmaṇas, kṣatriyas, or the intellectual class of men. The real purpose of Lord Caitanya's appearance is, as Narottama dāsa has said, "Patita-pāvana-hetu tava avatāra;" simply to deliver the fallen souls. Who has delivered so many fallen souls from such a condition as you? In our disciplic line there have been many great ācāryas; the six Goswamis, Viśvanātha Cakravartī, Bhaktivinoda Thākura, etc., who have written many,

many books about devotional service that are as great as *śruti* and *smṛiti*. The Goswamis of Vṛindāvana were authorities on different *rasas* of *bhakti*. They were great *mahā-bhāgavatas*. Indeed they were exalted personalities. But as far as delivering fallen souls, no one can equal Your Divine Grace. Therefore, you are not only our *ācārya* but you are the *ācārya* for this age. *Yuga-ācārya*. You are cent per cent the perfection of Lord Caitanya's teachings. You are the peak. No one can ever approach such a platform. In fact, Lord Caitanya is letting you do more than He Himself did 500 years ago. Of trillions of living entities He has chosen you to take Kṛṣṇa consciousness to every town and village. Therefore, this *saṅkīrtana* movement is more potent and powerful today than it was when the Lord was here.

In this *kali-yuga* everyone is full of lust, anger and greed, being engrossed in the modes of passion and ignorance. We, all your disciples, are also born in that same ocean of material desires. We have been suffering in the hellish darkness of the material worlds since time immemorial. But you are that beam of light, pure and transcendental to this godless world, glowing with love of God. All the evils that we know are completely unknown to you, and all of the bliss that you are immersed in is alien to us. And yet you have so kindly extended your all-merciful hands to pull us out from this dark well of material life. As Narottama dāsa Ṭhākura has said:

*cakṣudāna dila-yei, janme janme prabhu sei
divya-jñāna hṛde prakāśita prema-bhakti yāhā haite
avidyā vināśa yāte, vede gāya yāhāra carita*

"The spiritual master opens my darkened eyes and fills my heart with transcendental knowledge. He is my lord, birth after birth. From him ecstatic *prema* emanates; by him ignorance is destroyed. The Vedic scriptures sing of his character."

Lord Caitanya delivered Jagāi and Mādhāi, but left millions of Jagāis and Mādhāis for you. Just as it is said in *Caitanya-caritāmṛta*:

*saj-jana, dur-jana, paṅgu, jaḍa, andha-gaṇa
prema-vanyāya ḍuvāila jagatera jana*

"The Kṛṣṇa consciousness movement will inundate the entire world, and will draw on everyone, whether one be a gentleman, a rogue or even lame, invalid or blind."

Under your divine guidance the whole world is being inundated by your ISKCON. You have thus established the truth of the wonderful vision of *śāstra*. You have not only delivered all your disciples from the clutches of sinful life (meat-eating, intoxication, illicit sex, etc.), but have also inculcated in them divine qualities such as self-control, austerity, simplicity, non-violence, truthfulness, cleanliness, etc. Who but your divine self could have brought about such astounding changes? As Narottama said in his prayer to a *vaiṣṇava*:

*kāhāra nikaṭe gele pāpa dure yāya
emana dayāla prabhu keba kothā pāya*

"Whose association other than yours can cause all the sinful reactions of the most sinful man to run away? Who is so merciful as Your Divine Grace? Search as I may, I cannot find him."

So you are the greatest *vaiṣṇava*, because you are the most magnanimous, and because you are benedicting us with the highest perfection; *prema bhakti*.

You are so kind and humble that you do not take any credit for all your achievements. Taking unflinching shelter at the lotus feet of Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī and Śrīla Rūpa Goswami, you give all the credit to them. Your *guru-mahārāja* is now glorified all over the world. We who are so polluted by this *Kali-yuga* and have nevertheless been accepted by you, simply pray earnestly to the Supreme Lord Caitanya and the six Goswamis to help us in glorifying Your Divine Grace all over the world.

Here in India especially there are so many rascals, so-called *swamis*, *yogīs*, *avatāras*, etc. who have become popular. Even the gentlemen are cheated by such imposters, who are simply interested in name, fame, money and



women. In every Indian house there are pictures of these so-called gods. Because of so many hoaxes and stunts, intelligent people have lost faith in their own religion and culture. They are blindly running towards the western materialistic civilization. We want to restore their faith by showing the beauty of the Vedic culture and *vaiṣṇava* life. We want to install a picture of Your Divine Grace, the only perfect saint alive today, in each of these houses. We want to create a revolution in the impious lives of the inhabitants of *Bhārat Bhūmi*. We are convinced that only your mercy can do it. These are the people who are most misguided. They are actually poisoned; we must bring them back to their normal healthy conditions. Please give us sufficient strength to fulfill this mission. Their miserable conditions have left them callous and without trust for anyone. They run around like dogs barking at and biting one another. But your transcendental movement is for everyone. Just as Lord Caitanya devised many tricks to engage even stubborn, hard-hearted people like the impersonalists, fruitive workers, false logicians, blasphemers, non-devotees and the lowest amongst the student community, so you are also planning many tricks to conquer these atheistic offenders.

They may have many ideas about your disciples, but as soon as they see you they immediately bow down. Everyone likes you and that is our only hope. If they recognize you, they will forget everyone else. Because you are spiritual you can actually convince them with spiritual truth. Everyone else is material and therefore can impart only darkness in the name of light. Who can stand against you? Your patience and determination are limitless. One day, on your morning walk, a man started blaspheming you, saying that you are always criticizing everyone else. Your disciples were with you, and they were going to throw him away, but you stopped them, smiled and said; "I'm just saying what Kṛṣṇa has said in *Bhagavad-gītā*." After a while the man came to his senses. He bowed down and touched your feet, and you accepted him. You are causelessly merciful because of being always absorbed in love of Rādhā-Kṛṣṇa. You are on the transcendental platform, free from anxieties. You have no business dealings with mundane people; you only deal with them to show them your causeless mercy. "Somehow

they must become attracted to Kṛṣṇa." That is your only concern.

The transcendental Name of Kṛṣṇa being vibrated through your lips surpasses all the singing of the *gandharvas*, the celestial singers. As soon as the Name Kṛṣṇa is mentioned to you, your face beams like the morning sun. O Śrīla Prabhupāda, when will we deserve to be your disciples? When will we give up our petty little worlds? When shall we be allowed entry into the world of the *paramahंसas* with Your Divine Grace? We cannot even solve the petty differences between ourselves. Even after hearing so much from you, still we do not understand the value of the soul, especially the soul who has surrendered to Kṛṣṇa. Nor have we any appreciation of our Godbrothers.

But you have started this movement from zero. Long before starting ISKCON you struggled unsuccessfully for many years to find just one person who could learn pure Kṛṣṇa consciousness from you. Even though you now have thousands of disciples, you never lose sight of the value of each and every one of them. Each of them, disciples and *karmīs* alike, receive boundless mercy from you. You do not look at anyone's faults. Someone may be 99% in *māyā* and one percent in Kṛṣṇa consciousness. You just look at his 1% and immediately devise a trick to increase his Kṛṣṇa consciousness and expand his service.

My dear father, on this day of your divine appearance we make a meager offer of love at your lotus feet, and beg that you accept it. We pray for the strength required to recognize our godbrothers and godsisters as your loving children. We beg for the cooperative spirit to push on this movement throughout and even beyond this world. We pray that Kṛṣṇa may give us the intelligence to act for your pleasure.

This material existence is a nightmare, Śrīla Prabhupāda. Please, we do not want to come back here. You have brought us this far, now please take us further away from this hellish place, back to where the Supreme Attractive Person is playing upon His flute, enjoying eternal sports with the *Gopīs*. Please take us back to Kṛṣṇa.

*śrī-guru-karuṇā-sindhu, adhama janāra bandhu
lokanātha lokera jīvana hā hā prabhu kara dayā
deha more pada-chāyā, ebe yaśa ghuṣuka tri-bhuvana*

" Our spiritual master is the ocean of mercy, the friend of the poor, and the lord and master of the devotees. O Master, be merciful unto me. Give me the shade of your lotus feet. Your fame is spread all over the three worlds."

Girirāj dāsa brahmacārī
Chaitanyaguru dāsa brahmacārī
Śrīdhara dāsa brahmacārī
Lokanātha dāsa brahmacārī
Tatpara dāsa brahmacārī
Patit Uddhāraṇa dāsa brahmacārī
Vilvamaṅgala dāsa brahmacārī
Hari dāsa brahmacārī
Ekanātha dāsa brahmacārī
Niṣtraiguṇya dāsa brahmacārī
Shaṅkha dāsa brahmacārī
Nava Yogendra dāsa brahmacārī
Asurakulanāśana dāsa brahmacārī
Vaikuṇṭhaguna dāsa brahmacārī
Muktānanda dāsa brahmacārī
Kṛṣṇāgraja dāsa brahmacārī
Sutalesha dāsa brahmacārī
Anirdeshyavapu dāsa brahmacārī

Bhakta Amar
Bhakta Sevakram
Bhakta Suresh
Bhakta Panduraṅga
Bhakta Sudhakar
Bhakta Dilabar
Bhakta Kṛṣṇa dāsa
Bhakta Kardamamuni dāsa
Pitambar dāsa
Pālikā dāsī
Dīnatāriṇī dāsī
Adityā dāsī
Ambikā dāsī
Ramiyā dāsī
Indurekā dāsī
Kastarī dāsī
Maṇimañjarī dāsī
Raṅgā dāsī
Sheshīmukhī dāsī

Manasvī dāsa adhikārī
Jagat Purusha dāsa adhikārī
Vishāla dāsa adhikārī
Jashomatinandana dāsa adhikārī
Manmohan dāsa adhikārī

Ikṣvākuraṇī devī dāsī
Gandīva devī dāsī
Vishālinī devī dāsī
Rādhā Kuṇḍa devī dāsī

- 1) All glories to this holy day
 When to this place of death you came
 In Kali's camp, a humble sage,
 Whose weapon is the Holy Name.
 Not covered by material modes
 Or lost in "this demonic place,"
 Absorbed in Vāsudeva's abode,
 Dependent on Śrī Kṛṣṇa's grace.
 By such grace and fortune we meet.
 We bow before your lotus feet.
- 2) Caitanya's message you are preaching
 To flood the world with holy sound,
 The Bhāgavata is swiftly reaching,
 Through books and chanting, every town.
 You sing the words of Śukadeva
 And wake the sleeping jīva souls,
 And hearing you we are all saved
 From "scientists" and voidists cold.
 Oh deliverer of vibration sweet,
 We glorify your holy feet.
- 3) In torrents falling like the rain
 Your mercy washes clean our hearts.
 This mahāmantra steals the pain
 And from the cobra's trance we start.
 But even now, before you bowed
 Our minds to trash and nonsense run,
 Yet of your mercy, you have vowed
 To take us to param padam.
 Now we, with mind and word and deed,
 Take shelter of your lotus feet.

Śrīnātha dāsa	Harigadā dāsa	Bhakta Ted
Matureśa dāsa	Bhūdara dāsa	Bhakta Jim
Bṛhatrātha dāsa	Vivasvan dāsa	Bhakta Andy
Pyārīmohana dāsa	Nārīndra dāsa	Bhakta Neal
Ādi-keśava dāsa	Basu Gopāla dāsa	Bhakta Lewie
Pṛthuśrava dāsa	Kṛṣṇārcana dāsa	Bhakta Richard
Nityasiddha dāsa	Uttamauca dāsa	Bhakta Dan
Kamal dāsa	Vālmīki dāsa	

Sumatī dāsī

Treya dāsa and Pramadā dāsī

Nandā dāsī

Ajameda dāsa and Śakuntalā dāsī

Gandharvikā dāsī

Govinda-vallabhā dāsī

Bhaktin Millie

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

Oh! Śrīla Prabhupāda,

There are not enough words in the three worlds to glorify you properly. Words all go in vain. Our senses and minds, full of sins, in darkness due to the spell of material nature, would betray us upon trying to evaluate and venerate your mercy. Your mercy is spreading a flow of Kṛṣṇa prema all over the world. May our hearts be filled with that mercy, transcendental loving service to the Lord, and be freed of material desires. You have reminded us of our original positions as eternal servants of the Lord, blessing us with the chanting of His Holy Names. Fallen souls that we are, we only want to remain on your transcendental love ship, serving you unconditionally, crossing over the ocean of material miseries. Please accept our heads at your lotus feet.

*āśliṣya vā pādaratām pinaṣṭu mām
 adarśanān marma-hatām karotu vā
 yathā tathā vā vidadhātu lampāto
 mat-prāṇa-nāthas tu sa eva nāparaḥ*

" I do not know anyone except Kṛṣṇa as my Lord, and He shall always remain as such, even if He handles me roughly by His embrace. Or He may make me broken-hearted by not being present before me. He is completely free to do anything and everything, but He is always my worshipful Lord, unconditionally."

Krishna Kīśora dāsa adbhikārī
Nitya-tṛpta dāsa adbhikārī
Mahā-Viṣṇu dāsa adbhikārī
Atulānanda dāsa brahmacārī
Prema-prayojana dāsa brahmacārī
Nitya-Gopāla dāsa brahmacārī
Nārada dāsa brahmacārī
Devānanda dāsa brahmacārī
Jagadīśa dāsa brahmacārī
Rāmananda dāsa brahmacārī
Jayadharma dāsa brahmacārī

Tulasī Krishna devī dāsī
Saura Sānī devī dāsī
Viśākhā devī dāsī
Rādhā devī dāsī
Indumatī devī dāsī
Jaya Lakṣmī devī dāsī
Suci devī dāsī

Ramon Prabhu
Miguel Prabhu
Ruben Prabhu
Crunchi Prabhu

BUFFALO

*śrī-guru-carāṇa-padma, kevala bhakati-sadma
bando mui sāvadhāna mate yāñhāra prasāde bhāi
e-bhava toriyā yāi kṛṣṇa-prāpti hoy yāñhā hoite*

"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 Kṛṣṇa."

In this age of bewilderment and frustration it is almost impossible for the living being to find shelter, or freedom, from confusion. Everyone is talking of or

planning for some peaceful situation. Everyone is searching for what is natural. Because of our illusory identification with the body, wife, family and society, life seems to be a great burden. This illusory attachment carries us from body to body (*saṁsāra*), and in our search for happiness we are simply being burned by the fire of anxiety (*dāva*).

Śrīla Prabhupāda, you are the cloud that extinguishes this fire; just as the rain cloud draws the water from the ocean and distributes it evenly in all directions, so you are receiving, in great quantity, the mercy of Kṛṣṇa, and are in turn distributing this mercy to anyone who will receive it. Only by properly receiving this mercy will this fire be extinguished and real happiness be experienced.

Śrīla Prabhupāda, we have so many illusory material desires which bind us to this limited material sphere. Please don't let our minds bewilder us. We are trying to sincerely seek the shelter of your lotus feet.

We pray that our intelligence will become clear and our concentration steady. In this consciousness we will be capable of truly rendering service unto your lotus feet.

Your mercy is as vast as the ocean. We are asking for only a drop, because just a drop is capable of satisfying all living beings.

We further pray that our service may become both uninterrupted and unmotivated, for this is the only way to satisfy the self.

Hāsyakārī dāsa

Cedirāja dāsa

Ātmārāma dāsa

Madhuhāra dāsa

Kṛpāmaya dāsa

Lakṣmīvān dāsa

Lokavarṇottama dāsa

Nārī devī dāsī

Gopīnātha devī dāsī

Bhaktin Cheryl

Bhaktin Candy

Bhaktin Pam

Bhakta Bill

Bhakta Phil

Bhakta Ron

Bhakta Richard

Bhakta Keith

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

namas te sārāsvate devam
 gaura-vāṇī-pracāriṇe
 nirviśeṣa-śūṇyavādi-
 pāścātya-deśa-tariṇe

"...And the saint Mādhavendra recited the following verse again and again at the end of his life, and passed away while reading this verse:

'Oh my Lord Mathurānātha, oh merciful one, Thou art ever gracious to the poor and weak. When shall I have Thy sight? Oh my dear beloved one, my heart yearns for Thy sight and has been impatient and weak, and I can say no more. Alas! What shall I do?' "

Let us beg for the mercy of your lotus feet, O spiritual master, for you are so dear to Rādhā and Kṛṣṇa, the divine couple of Vṛindāvana. Let us bathe our hearts in the ocean of devotional service, and return with you back home, back to Godhead. Let us, who are very fallen and weak, follow your lotus feet as menial servants. Let us all worship and serve together this beloved jagad-guru, His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda.

Puṣṭa-kṛṣṇa Svāmī
 Jagad-guru dāsa
 Saras Prabhu

Brahmacārinīs

Śubhānanda dāsī
 Vara dāsī
 Modanī dāsī
 Rukmiṇī dāsī
 Neobis Prabhu
 Thais Prabhu
 Rosa Prabhu

Guigue Prabhu
 Debbie Prabhu
 Carolina Prabhu
 Celisol Prabhu
 Maria Elena Prabhu
 Elizabeth Prabhu
 Maria Rosario Prabhu

Grhasthas

Vīrabāhu dāsa - Kartā dāsī
 Roberto - Evelyn
 Horacio - Graciela
 Mrs. Elba

CHICAGO

Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda,

By Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa's supreme will we have had the great fortune to contact you and render service unto you. Although your glories cannot be appreciated or understood by our fallen selves, we beg to express our inadequate glorification of Your Divine Grace.

Kṛṣṇa's direction, received perfectly through Your Divine Grace, is to find out a bonafide spiritual master, inquire submissively from him and render service unto him. That service should be menial, without desire for prestige, without sophistication. You possess full qualification, and we can only offer our humble obeisances at your lotus feet, praying that you kindly continue to accept our service, though we possess qualifications in only a minute degree. Such a great soul as Your Divine Grace has the potency to reveal, even to the least intelligent, the

true knowledge necessary for spiritual realization.
 "Ācāryavān puruṣo veda," as the Vedic literature states.
 The Vedas say further:

*yasya deve parā bhaktir
 yathā deve tathā gurau
 tasyaite kathitā hy arthāḥ
 prakāśante mahātmanāḥ*

"Only unto the great souls who have implicit faith
 in both the Lord and the spiritual master are all the
 imports of Vedic knowledge revealed."

By Your Divine Grace only is there possibility for the
 development of this faith, therefore we offer our humble
 obeisances at your lotus feet and pray you kindly accept
 our daily offering of service with all the sincerity we
 can muster.

It is said in the Vedas that with the blessings of a
 bonafide spiritual master, even someone without following
 any regulations can become advanced; and without those
 blessings, no one, regardless of qualification, can make
 any advancement. As Śrīla Viśvanātha Cakravartī Ṭhākura
 has instructed:

*yasya prasādād bhagavat-prasādo
 yasyāprasādān na gatiḥ kuto 'pi
 dhyāyaṁ stuvaṁs tasya yaśas tri-sandhyāṁ
 vande guroḥ śrī-carapāravindam*

"By satisfaction of the spiritual master, the Su-
 preme Personality of Godhead becomes satisfied. And by
 not satisfying the spiritual master, there is no chance of
 being promoted to the plane of Kṛṣṇa consciousness. I
 should, therefore, meditate and pray for his mercy three
 times a day, and offer my respectful obeisances unto him,
 my spiritual master."

We are helpless at his lotus feet, though we have
 little practical realization of this fact. Please, there-
 fore, accept our prostrated obeisances at your lotus feet

and allow us to come to the transcendental platform.

Caught in the citadel of Durgā, so far from our transcendental home, and our eternal Lords Śrī Śrī Kiśōra-Kiśorī, we can only repeat the prayer of Raghunātha dāsa Goswami Prabhupāda and endeavor with sincere determination to execute its import:

"Oh mind! The aspiration of vain glory is dancing in my heart like an impudent dog-eating pariah woman. How could it be possible for my heart, so long under her influence, to be blessed with the holy love? Render, therefore, eternal loving service to the most beloved commander-in-chief of the Lord (Śrī gurudeva), who will instantly save thee from her clutches and confer upon thee the most precious gift of love for the Divine Couple."

Please accept our repeated obeisances and offerings at your lotus feet.

Your disciples at Chicago Yatra,

Śrī Govinda dāsa adhikārī	Śrī Lekhā devī dāsī,
Auḍulomi dāsa adhikārī	Sudarśana dāsa
Sundararūpa dāsa adhikārī	Lalanā devī dāsī,
Pratyatoṣa dāsa adhikārī	Śyāmānanda dāsa
Rādhāśyāma dāsa adhikārī	Rucī devī dāsī,
Samkīrtana dāsa adhikārī	Sanjaya dāsa
Nimāi dāsa adhikārī	Naiṣkarmī devī dāsī
Braja Kiśora dāsa brahmacārī	Rādhākuṇḍa devī dāsī
Jayadāsa dāsa brahmacārī	Damayantī devī dāsī
Kailāśacandra dāsa brahmacārī	Cit-śaktī devī dāsī
Candraśekhara dāsa brahmacārī	Nikuṅjarāsī Vilāsī devī dāsī
Pīyūṣkantī dāsa brahmacārī	Śubhadā devī dāsī
Niścinta dāsa brahmacārī	Ūrmilā devī dāsī
Paṇḍrika dāsa brahmacārī	Kṛṣṇamayī devī dāsī
Raṅganātha dāsa brahmacārī	Mekhalā devī dāsī
Viśālākṣa dāsa brahmacārī	Paramahansa devī dāsī
Bhakta Paul	Bhakta Zennon
Bhakta Rob	Bhakta Joe
Bhakta Dennis	Bhakta Chuck
Bhakta Charlie	Bhakta Luke
Bhakta Tom B.	Bhakta Tom
Bhakta Ed	Bhakta Lee
Bhakta Bill	Bhakta Mark
	Śrīkārī devī dāsī
	Kalalalapa devī dāsī
	Bhaktin Adele,
	Śyāmasundara dāsa
	Bhaktin Martha, Bhaktin Joan
	Bhaktin Sue, Bhaktin Debbie
	Bhaktin Barb

Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda,

We beg you to accept our most humble and heartfelt obeisances at your kind lotus feet. You are the dearmost personality in our lives. We live by your mercy. Your mercy exceeds the limitations of this material world and so our life is "deathless," being full of devotional service. That is the real test of the spiritual master. He can elevate his disciple and save him from the cycle of birth and death. We must always be serious to execute life's duty and serve you with unwavering faith and determination. *Samutkaṇṭhā* is the amount of eagerness required for one to go back to home, back to Godhead. This eagerness of the disciple is the reflection of the spiritual master's love for Kṛṣṇa and His parts and parcels. By his all-attractive compassionate nature (the nature of Lord Caitanya Mahāprabhu), the helpless, lonely and frightened conditioned souls are at last blessed with this long-sought relief from their rebellious life of fruitive activities.

Narottama dāsa Ṭhākura advises, "*sādhū-śāstra-guru-vākya, hrdaye kariyā aikya*." "One must consider the instructions of the *sādhū*, the revealed scriptures and the spiritual master in order to understand the real purpose of spiritual life." You have come as *jagad-guru*, and by our accepting your shelter we have executed this principle in full. Any good character or good fortune we may possess is all because you yourself are an unlimited reservoir of goodness and fortune. This only proves that you are non-different from your instructions. As you have always said, "My spiritual master is always with me." So you are always with us Śrīla Prabhupāda. You are expanding yourself more and more through so many volumes of great transcendental literatures, like *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam*, which you have tasted and so sweetly flavored. We were Kali's men of iron under his mechanical rule. Our lives were short-lived. We were quarrelsome, lazy, intoxicated with self-complacency, misguided, unlucky and above all always disturbed. You have touched our lives with transcendental knowledge, giving peace to our hearts and making us men of Gokula; devotees of Rādhā-Kṛṣṇa.

We offer you our humble homage on this holy day of

Vyāsa Pūjā. You are the representative of Vyāsadeva, the incarnation of God. You are the personification of the *Bhāgavatam*, the topmost achievement of Vyāsa. Dear Prabhupāda, you are the personification of the teachings of Lord Caitanya, and as such, you are as brilliant as the sun. You have arisen just after the departure of Lord Caitanya, accompanied by the chanting of the Holy Names. Persons who have lost their vision due to the dense darkness in this age of Kali shall get light from your association. Naturally we feel incapable of glorifying you properly, fallen as we are, but even if we were perfect in transcendental realization we still could not adequately glorify you, for you are our eternal spiritual master.

You are always so uncompromising in principle.

*pātrāpātra-vicāra nāhi
nāhi sthānāsthāna
yei yānhā pāya
tānhā kare prema-dāna*

(Cc. Ādi. 7.23)

Despite the criticisms of popular persons who say that you should not have accepted Europeans, Americans and other *mlecchas* as *brāhmaṇas* and offered them *sannyāsa*, you remain firm in the all-compassionate, magnanimous spirit of the *Pañca-tattwa*. In carrying out your mission, you have answered the critics as such:

"The Kṛṣṇa consciousness movement should be spread wherever possible, and one should accept those who thus become *vaiṣṇavas* as greater than *brāhmaṇas*, Hindus or Indians. Although jealous persons may be envious, if we stick to our principles and follow in the footsteps of the *Pañca-tattwa*, this movement will go on unchecked by imitation *svāmīs*, *sannyāsīs*, religionists, philosophers or scientists, for it is transcendental to all material considerations. Therefore, those who propagate the Kṛṣṇa consciousness movement should not be afraid of such rascals and fools."

We pray that by accepting this encouragement we will be able to make your mission our mission. We here at Cleveland ISKCON will take confidence in your instruction, and go out every day to preach, preach and preach anywhere and everywhere the wonderful message of *kṛṣṇa-prema*. In this way,

the Hare Kṛṣṇa movement will be invincible; and we will have pleased our spiritual master, who is forever preaching the message of Lord Caitanya and dancing in ecstasy.

Hare Kṛṣṇa, Hare Kṛṣṇa, Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa, Hare Hare
Hare Rāma, Hare Rāma, Rāma Rāma, Hare Hare

Baṭu Gopāla dāsa adhikārī, Pres.	Sukhasāgarī devī dāsī
Akhilānanda dāsa adhikārī	Mṛgākṣī devī dāsī
Mānasacandra dāsa brahmacārī	Gaurāṅga devī dāsī
Pyārī Charaṇ dāsa brahmacārī	Bhaktin Michele
Rasikānanda dāsa brahmacārī	Bhaktin Paula
Gopatī dāsa brahmacārī	Bhaktin Maryanne
Jagadīśvara dāsa brahmacārī	Duzer, Tutu
Mṛgendra dāsa brahmacārī	Kelly, Kim
Madhuvrata dāsa brahmacārī	
Gaṅga dāsa brahmacārī	
John and Marjorie Haslett	Bhakta Dan
Mr. and Mrs. Vutetakis	Bhakta Jim
Mr. and Mrs. James Svec	Bhakta Ron
Mr. and Mrs. Leon Williams	Bhakta Doug
Mr. and Mrs. Larry Williams	

DALLAS GURUKULA

We are asked to glorify our spiritual master with a few words for this Vyāsa Pūjā book. Actually anyone with only a little knowledge of ISKCON, Śrīla Prabhupāda or Kṛṣṇa can understand the difficulty of such an endeavor. One cannot speak just a few words in praise of the spiritual master. *Dhyāyaṁ stuvaṁs tasya yaśas-trisandhyam*; one should glorify the spiritual master three times daily. There are countless praises to be spoken.

The first thing Sanātana Goswami inquired of his spiritual master, Lord Caitanya, was *ātmatattva jijñāsā*. That means he wanted to know the meaning of spiritual life.

at the feet of Prabhupāda. So in terms of verbal glorification we may simply try to define Prabhupāda. As far as practical glorification is concerned, we are trying to teach the message of Prabhupāda to the students of Gurukula, who are in turn glorifying him. Here are some of their glorifications:

Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda,

Please accept my humble obeisances. You are so kind to come to America to preach this Kṛṣṇa consciousness. If you did not come then we would be going to hell. Only by the grace of your spiritual master did you come to America. You had the desire to preach so much that you have opened so many temples all over the world in just eight years time. You have delivered so many people from going to hell. Even though you had to go through so many temples just to come and preach, still you preached Kṛṣṇa consciousness. You were so determined to preach this knowledge of Kṛṣṇa that you have made many devotees.

All glories to His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda! You are following your spiritual master Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī so nicely. Thank you for opening Gurukula and bringing children from all over the world. You are the bonafide spiritual master because you are preaching this Kṛṣṇa consciousness. There are other spiritual masters, but you are the real spiritual master because you have come in a disciplic succession of bonafide spiritual masters.

Your servant,

Ekendra dāsa brahmacārī
Advanced class - Age 10

My dear Śrīla Prabhupāda,

You are very kind to all the fallen souls. You are like the dazzling sun in the midst of all the darkness. You have come to save us from birth, disease, old age and death. Also, from sex, killing of cows, etc. Because of

Lord Caitanya and you, there will be chanting of the Holy Name in every town and village. I hope to stay with you eternally. You are very, very dear to Kṛṣṇa. Yet we are just dogs and cats. You are helping us from dog life to human life, then to devotee stage. I can't even hope to think of how merciful you are. You are so determined to preach this Kṛṣṇa consciousness. I offer my respects to you so many times that only you and Kṛṣṇa would know. Also, I have no qualification to serve you.

My dear Prabhupāda, you are so kind to bring this Gurukula for all the children, because all the children will be Kṛṣṇa conscious, instead of dog conscious. Also, you are so kind to bring this Kṛṣṇa consciousness to the U.S.A. and teach everyone how to be devotees under the direction of your spiritual master Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī. You are called Om Viṣṇu-pāda Paramahansa Parivrājākācārya aṣṭottara-śata Śrī-Śrīmad A.C. Bhaktivedānta Goswami Mahārāj Prabhupāda. To those who can hear you, you never stop speaking to them. So please give us your lotus feet, which are pure and enjoyable to see and worship.

Your unworthy servant,

Bhaktin Carol

Advanced class - Age 11

He guro tvaṁ bhaktisiddhāntāt

"O Guru, you are from Bhaktisiddhānta"

O Guru! O Saviour! You are coming in disciplic succession from Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī Goswami. You come to this western part of the world just to save the fallen souls. All of us need your mercy, because we are so fallen. If it were not for your mercy I would be on my way to hell. I am so fallen, I deserve to be kicked again and again. Gurudeva! *Kṛpā-bindu diyā, kara ei dāse tṛṇāpekṣa ati hīna.* "Gurudeva! Give to this servant just one drop of mercy. I am lower than a blade of grass (by Śrīla Bhaktivinode)." You are like a bright sun, because you are a pure devotee of Lord Kṛṣṇa, and because you have

all knowledge of *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam*, *Bhagavad-gītā*, etc. I am very fallen, but still you have accepted me as your disciple. By your mercy, I am able to go to Gurukula. O Guru! O representative of Bhaktisiddhānta! I offer my obeisances unto you again and again.

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

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

Your most fallen servant,

Stavya dāsa brahmacārī
Advanced class - Age 12

Dearest Śrīla Prabhupāda,

You have turned our eyes and ears around to associate with the most transcendental feet of Kṛṣṇa. You are rapidly spreading the message of Lord Caitanya. You are the best example for us because we are so fallen. You have taken all of this trouble just to deliver us from this material world. Please let me serve your lotus feet. I am the most fallen, because I don't have any love for Kṛṣṇa. You have taken the impurities out of our dirty minds and replaced them with Kṛṣṇa consciousness. You are the most surrendered soul to Kṛṣṇa. Let me offer my obeisances unto you again and again.

Your fallen servant,

Dvārakādhīśa dāsa brahmacārī
Advanced class - Age 11

My dear Śrīla Prabhupāda,

The Deities are looking more and more beautiful every day. A lot of devotees are going out and preaching every day. You are a pure devotee of Kṛṣṇa. You are very glorious. Everyone dances very nicely in ārātrika and *sundara-ārātrika*. Dayānanda is a very nice ācārya. Śrīla Prabhupāda, you are the representative of this temple. You are preaching the message of Lord Caitanya. You are shining with effulgence.

Your servant,

Candramukhī devī dāsī
Intermediate class - Age 6

From Subhadrā to Prabhupāda,

I offer my respectful obeisances unto Kṛṣṇa's dearest swan because he is preaching Kṛṣṇa consciousness all over the world, and saving the fallen souls from repeated birth and death. Kṛṣṇa's dearest swan is Prabhupāda because he is pleasing Kṛṣṇa.

Intermediate class - Age 6

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. You have so kindly come out of compassion. All glories to our spiritual master Śrīla Prabhupāda. You are so kind, you have spread the Hare Kṛṣṇa *Mahā-mantra*. You are Kṛṣṇa's pure representative. You have been so kind that you have spread Lord Caitanya's movement. All glories to His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedānta Swami Prabhupāda. You have given us the greatest knowledge.

Your servant,
Līlā-smaraṇa dāsa
Intermediate class - Age 8

Advanced boys

Nirāgadeva dāsa brahmacārī
 Stavva dāsa brahmacārī
 Dvārakādhīśa dāsa brahmacārī
 Ekendra dāsa brahmacārī
 Bhakta Morgan
 Bhakta John
 Bhakta Joe
 Bhakta Jessie
 Bhakta Catton

Advanced girls

Bhaktin Angela dāsī
 Bhaktin Carol dāsī
 Bhaktin Christina dāsī
 Bhaktin Diana dāsī
 Bhaktin Lisa dāsī
 Bhaktin Stephanie dāsī
 Bhaktin Tonya dāsī

Intermediate class

Bhagavat-Śāstra dāsa
 Deva-deva dāsa
 Deva-kantī dāsa
 Dhanañjaya dāsa
 Dhīroddhata dāsa
 Keśava dāsa
 Līlā-smaraṇa dāsa
 Markendeya dāsa
 Raghunātha dāsa
 Sanatkumāra dāsa
 Vakreśvara dāsa
 Vṛndāvana dāsa dāsa
 Eric Twigg

Candra-kantī dāsī
 Candra-mukhī dāsī
 Dhāmayantī dāsī
 Kāma-gāyatrī dāsī
 Lakṣmī-rūpa dāsī
 Lalitā dāsī
 Līlā-mañjarī dāsī
 Prema-sukha dāsī
 Śyāma dāsī
 Śukla dāsī
 Subhadrā dāsī
 Tamālā dāsī

Kindergarten spiritual namesGovinda boys

Vīryavān Paṇḍita dāsa
 Samba dāsa
 Purāṇārka dāsa
 Kīrtana dāsa
 Kalpataru dāsa

Govinda girls

Ananya dāsī
 Alolacandraka dāsī
 Anaṅga dāsī
 Caitanya dāsī
 Lasikā dāsī

Govinda boys (cont.)

Loka Pāla dāsa
 Ānanda dāsa

Caitanya boys

Ananta Śeṣa dāsa
 Siddha Bābā dāsa
 Caitanya dāsa
 Yaśovara dāsa
 Dāruka Suta dāsa
 Viśvareta dāsa

Govinda girls (cont.)

Lalitāṅgī dāsī
 Sammohinī dāsī
 Yuvatī dāsī

Caitanya Girls

Jagannātha Purī dāsī
 Bhaktinā dāsī
 Bhaktī dāsī
 Śacīmukhī
 Ānandinī dāsī
 Kuntī dāsī
 Nandinī dāsī
 Vraja dāsī
 Kenaresvarī dāsī
 Lakṣmī dāsī
 Nāgajitī dāsī

PRESCHOOL

Nāgapatnī devī dāsī
 Dhāraṇī dhārī dāsa
 Gaṅgā dāsa
 Vaiṣṇava dāsa
 Śaraṅga dāsa
 Śatrighna dāsa
 Jagannātha dāsa
 Vilāsinī devī dāsī

Kāminī devī dāsī
 Harā devī dāsī
 Nārāyaṇajvāra dāsa
 Gopāla Bhaṭṭa dāsa
 Kham devī dāsī
 Taruṇa dāsa
 Prabhupāda dāsa

Householders

Dayānanda dāsa
 Nandarāṇī devī dāsī
 Hiranyagarbha dāsa
 Śaucāryā devī dāsī
 Giridhārī dāsa
 Vinoda Vāṇī devī dāsī
 Rṣabhadeva dāsa
 Kum Kum devī dāsī
 Maṇḍaleśvara dāsa
 Vimala devī dāsī (Īśvara Purī)
 Dvārakānātha dāsa
 Kṛṣṇa Priyā devī dāsī (Uddhava)
 Carucandra dāsa
 Sudarśanī devī dāsī
 Rūpa-vilāsa dāsa
 Candrikā devī dāsī
 Paratpara dāsa
 Īśvarī devī dāsī
 Babrubahan dāsa
 Vikrāminī devī dāsī
 Jñānagāmya dāsa
 Kṛṣṇa Kumārī devī dāsī
 Rājarṣī dāsa
 Vraja Rāja devī dāsī
 Akṣobhya dāsa
 Rāganātha dāsa
 Bir Lakṣmaṇa dāsa

Brahmacārīs

Bhakta Rūpa dāsa
 Jyotir dāsa
 Arjit dāsa
 Subandhu dāsa
 Mādhavendra Purī dāsa
 Nirnāśa dāsa
 Maitreya dāsa
 Bhakta Hal
 Bhakta Butch
 Bhakta Gary
 Bhakta Hector
 Bhakta Mike
 Bhakta Mike
 Rāmagopāla dāsa
 Baladeva dāsa

Brahmacārinīs

Kālindī devī dāsī
 Kṣamā devī dāsī
 Mahāsinī devī dāsī
 Patṛī devī dāsī
 Jagathatṛī devī dāsī
 Viśālākṣmī devī dāsī
 Bhaktin Sherry
 Bhaktin Debbie
 Bhaktin Donna

DENVER

The human form of life, obtained after over eight million births in the various species, is an immensely valuable opportunity. The body covers our remembrance of

past sufferings, but now we are beginning to perceive and understand our precarious situation.

Eternity and bliss are our birthright. Home is a place built of dazzling touchstone. Trees there are called "*kalpa-vṛkṣa*," or purpose trees, that fulfill all desires, and fields are white with sweet milk that vanquishes all hunger and thirst. In this abode lives our dearest friend Whose matchless beauty is the subject of Vedic songs; and Whose uncountable glories are always decorating the tongues of the topmost liberated souls.

A long time has passed since we've seen His moonlike face or heard His sweet gentle voice. We've grown accustomed to the coarse dealings of this world and forgotten our most intimate relationship. Countless days and nights, anger, lust, pain and terror have left us raw and insensitive, eagerly accepting the flickering sensations of blood, mucus and stool in exchange for spiritual communion.

We can only mock at Him, deny His existence and scorn His spiritual beauty. Mental concoction and word jugglery have become our sign posts for wandering since the dawn of creation.

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

Like children we stand helpless,
on the shore of material life.
The dense fog of ignorance
hangs like night, and the sea,
its incessant roar and pounding waves,
rings in our ears.

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

We have looked everywhere in Brahmā's creation, and now we have found the beginning of perfection. Just a moment's association with Your Divine Grace can deliver us.



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

According to revealed scripture, and all bonafide *sādhus* and *ācāryas*, you are to be respected, glorified and worshipped on the level of the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Kṛṣṇa. You are as good as Kṛṣṇa because you alone can deliver Him to the fallen souls. Only by the priceless fortune of your association can anyone in this material world make even the slightest advancement.

*naṣṭa-prāyeṣv abhadreṣu
nityam bhāgavata-sevayā
bhāgavatya uttama-śloke
bhaktir bhavati naiṣṭhikī*

You are as good as the Personality of Godhead because you and your association in transcendental service means "gradual promotion on the path of devotion." And the path of devotion culminates in *Kṛṣṇa-prema*, the perfect stage of existence.

Who can properly describe the auspiciousness of your presence here? How is it possible to understand you and your unfathomable mercy? Now, after only a few years' time, you have raised an army of purified souls from the filth and degradation of *Kali-yuga*. Following in the footsteps of Caitanya Mahāprabhu you have unleashed a flood of love of Kṛṣṇa, which now threatens to drown the whole world. You are actually the devotee. We can only run behind you begging for your shelter.

guro-prasādo balavān na tasmād ballavataram

"The causeless mercy of the spiritual preceptor is the most powerful; there is nothing stronger than that *guru-prasāda*."

Brahmacārīs

Ānanda Vardhana dāsa
 Mahā Śaktī dāsa
 Rādhā Dāmodara dāsa
 Naikātmā dāsa
 Svavāsa dāsa
 Vyāpi dāsa
 Śrīnivāsa dāsa
 Vīracandra dāsa
 Pañcānanda dāsa
 Rasāmṛta dāsa
 Bhakta John K.
 Bhakta Buddy
 Bhakta Ken
 Bhakta Ed
 Bhakta John S.
 Bhakta Doug
 Bhakta Martin
 Bhakta Don
 Bhakta Jack
 Bhakta Michael
 Bhakta James

Brahmacārīnīs

Rāma Tulasī dāsī
 Kadamba dāsī
 Bhaktin Paula
 Bhaktin Dori
 Bhaktin Suzanne
 Bhaktin Susan
 Bhaktin Cristen
 Bhaktin Bobbi
 Bhaktin Tessie
 Bhaktin Nina

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 Devī dāsī
 Prāṇaballava dāsa
 Anurādhā dāsī
 Dattātreyā dāsa
 Bhaktapriyā dāsī

DETROIT

Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda,

Please accept our most respectful obeisances on this
 Vyāsa Pūjā day. You are a bonafide spiritual master, the
 direct representative of the Supreme Lord Himself. We
 have all accepted you as our spiritual master, not on the
 basis of some whim or sentiment, but on the authority of
 the revealed scriptures and on the strength of your per-
 sonal accomplishment as a world preacher.

There are many qualifications by which a bonafide

spiritual master can be recognized. The most important is that he must be coming in direct disciplic succession from Kṛṣṇa Himself. You are in the Gauḍīya Vaiṣṇava *sampradāya* in direct line from Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu. Your spiritual master, His Divine Grace Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī Goswami Mahārāja, instructed you to preach Kṛṣṇa consciousness in the western countries. You have successfully executed this mission and are now world-famous. It is our duty as your disciples to perpetuate and increase your fame. Please help us to be faithful to you and to glorify you in every town and village.

Another qualification of a bonafide spiritual master is that he knows nothing but Kṛṣṇa. Just as a person who is ghostly-haunted speaks nothing but nonsense, so the pure devotee is always speaking about Kṛṣṇa. He is "Godly haunted." When asked once how one could be sure that you are the bonafide guru, you replied, "Just see who is the most addicted to Kṛṣṇa." Certainly no one can say that in the last eight years you have ever, even for one moment, spoken or done anything not in relation to Kṛṣṇa. Please help us to become as determined and fixed in our service to you as you are in your service to your *guru-mahārāja*.

Another qualification of the bonafide spiritual master is that he has taken a complete bath in the ocean of Vedic literature. You are widely recognized as the world's leading authority on Vedic scripture. You have translated *Śrī Īsopaniṣad*, *Caitanya-caritāmṛta*, and *Bhagavad-gītā*. Your purports to each verse of these texts are clear and illuminating. Your life's mission is an elaborate English presentation of *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam*. The *Bhāgavatam* is just as brilliant as the sun, and by your causeless mercy the dense darkness of ignorance in the western countries is being dissipated by its light. Please help us to manage our own affairs nicely so that you will be free to render this great service to your *guru-mahārāja*.

The bonafide spiritual master is expert in arranging things according to time, place and circumstances for spreading Kṛṣṇa consciousness. You have created ISKCON as the perfect vehicle for making devotees all over the world. Just by becoming fully engaged in ISKCON's activities, so many European and American *mlecchas* have be-

come Vaikuṇṭha angels. Through ISKCON, Lord Caitanya's program of chanting the Holy Name, dancing and feasting on *kṛṣṇa-prasāda* is now easily available to everyone. You have shocked your godbrothers by accepting women disciples and performing marriages, but you are acting strictly on the authority of Caitanya Mahāprabhu and the Vedic scriptures. You are denying no one the opportunity to hear from you and become your student. Please give us the ability to engage everyone somehow or other in your service.

The spiritual master is as good as God, but he never claims to be God. In the *Bhagavad-gītā* Kṛṣṇa says "Surrender to Me." You are saying "Surrender to Kṛṣṇa." You are presenting Kṛṣṇa's message as it is. You say that whatever success you have attained is due only to the grace of your *guru-mahārāja*. He has made you a jewel and you are making all of us jewels. Just as an ambassador to a foreign country is given all the honor due to the President himself, you are honored as much as the Lord Himself because you are His most confidential representative. Please help us to reflect your mood of feeling more lowly than even a blade of grass.

The spiritual master must be an *ācārya*, one who teaches by personal example. You have said that people will become convinced of our philosophy by our purity. You have without compromise insisted that your students strictly follow the four regulative principles and Rūpa Goswami's injunction to act only in the mode of goodness. It is your perfect purity which has given us the strength to give up sin and lead a holy life. Please help us to be unflinching in our determination to become qualified *brāhmaṇas* who can guide society by pure example.

It is undeniably established that you are the bonafide spiritual master. It is our responsibility to become your bonafide disciples. Your order must be our life and soul. Your greatest desire is that we distribute your books. Each of us must take this as our topmost duty. Those of us who are unable to go out and distribute books directly must think of ourselves as the servants of the book distributors and do everything we can to facilitate their service. There are soldiers in the front line and soldiers behind the lines to help them. We are all soldiers fight-

ing in your army to defeat *māyā*. Please accept us all as your eternal servitors. Please help us to hear you properly and to distribute your books profusely. All glories to Śrī Guru and Śrī Gaurāṅga!

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Yāmunataṭacāra dāsa	Bhakta Craig
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Khaṇḍaparasu dāsa	Bhakta Tom
Daruṇa dāsa	Bhakta Kamal
Caturbhāva dāsa	
Draviṇapradā dāsa	
Niṣtraiguṇya dāsa	

1. Let my eternal refuge be at your holy lotus feet
Both in times of material happiness and distress.
May my ears be ever anxious to hear the sweet
Nectar emanating from your lotus lips as you bless
The entire creation with your mercifulness.
2. Thank you for coming to take us all back home
Though our desire to go is pitifully weak.
Prabhupāda, what could we do had you not come?
So many fallen souls had reached the peak
Of degradation and miserable frustration.
3. Lust still burns inside our clouded hearts,
I see so many people come and go.
You teach them they're eternally Kṛṣṇa's parts
And parcels, and some may know
It's true, but still some fall again.
4. Oh Prabhupāda, I pray I'll never leave
Your divine association by your grace.
Lord Nitāi, please don't let māyā thief
Me away to try and enjoy someplace,
Other than Śrīla Prabhupāda's service.
5. Let nothing matter to me but to please your grace.
Lord Hari, please take all other desires away.
I know one day we'll see Kṛṣṇa's lotus face
If at Prabhupāda's feet we can faithfully stay.
Let my mind and heart desire this only and always.

ALL GLORIES TO YOUR DIVINE GRACE!

Pārtha dāsa brahmacārī
Barhiṣati dāsa brahmacārī
Purīdās dāsa brahmacārī
Nirañjana dāsa brahmacārī
Mahāvidyā dāsa brahmacārī
Bhakta Ross
Bhakta Finbar
Bhakta Robert
Bhakta Cy

Sarvamaṅgala devī dāsī
Bhavāni devī dāsī
Bhaktin Christine
Bhaktin Rosalie
Bhaktin Sheila
Bhaktin Elizabeth
Bhaktin Lizzy
Bhaktin Angela
Bhaktin Joyce

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Sambanātha and Guṇarāja
 Gopāla and Kapardinī
 Sukarma, Dayāmayī and Govinda
 Yadurātna dāsa adhikārī
 Acintarūpa and Govardhana
 Billy and Jean Prabhus
 Peter and Denise Prabhus

GAINESVILLE

"Prabhupāda;" one who has taken the position of the Lord. Such a great soul is very rare, and if by chance one gets the opportunity to associate with such an exalted personality, he should take it as the ultimate boon of life.

Many times people ask the devotees about their statements that Kṛṣṇa consciousness is for the "intelligent" class of men. Conditioned by the impersonal disease that everything is one or the same, foolish critics try to eliminate these natural distinctions amongst the various species of life, and put forward the mistaken theory that all paths lead to the same goal; that it does not matter what you do, because everything is illusion anyway. They therefore foolishly criticize the Kṛṣṇa consciousness movement for recognizing the individuality of all living entities, and they say the devotees discriminate by limiting Kṛṣṇa consciousness to the "intelligentsia" only.

In examining this argument, one quickly comes to the conclusion that this belief is simply a product of their mundane conditioning only. By "intelligent," we do not mean the ability to do well on material I.Q. tests, or make a lot of money, or speak several languages. No, to the contrary, an intelligent man is one who can actually understand that he is suffering, and that the cause of his

misery is lack of spiritual knowledge. The perfect example are the two Goswamis, Rūpa and Sanātana. Although they had all facility for material happiness - money, fame, power and knowledge - they were still not satisfied. Why? Because they did not know the purpose of life! They did not even know who they were!

Sanātana Goswami prayed to Lord Caitanya in the following way: "I am born of a lower family, my associations are all abominable, and I am fallen, the most wretched of mankind. I was suffering in the dark well of material enjoyment, and I never knew the actual goal of my life. I do not know what is beneficial for me. Although in the mundane sphere, I am what is known as a learned man, I am in fact so much of a fool that I accept that I am learned. You have accepted me as Your servant, and You have delivered me from the entanglement of material life. Now You can tell me what my duty is in this liberated state of life."

From this plea, we can learn a great deal about the nature of the real *guru* and disciple. Although Sanātana Goswami was such a great personality, still, in the presence of his spiritual master he considered himself a great fool. It is therefore stated that one who remains a fool in the presence of his spiritual master is a real *guru*, while one who says he is so advanced that he can speak better than his *guru* is a rascal.

Śrīla Prabhupāda, we see your following in the footsteps of Sanātana Goswami as your real qualification. In spite of so much success, in spite of so much honor and respect, you have never personally taken credit for your accomplishments, but have always placed them at the lotus feet of your *guru-mahārāja* for his satisfaction. That is real *guru*! *Guru* is not one who thinks that "Because my disciples are offering me respect as God (the *guru* is considered as good as God on account of his being the confidential servitor of the Lord), therefore I have become God." A real *guru* will never speak such nonsense.

The real *guru* knows that God never becomes God, but always is God. God means the Supreme, all-powerful; therefore, how can He be controlled by anything? How can God, the highest authority, the Absolute Truth, be controlled by ignorance? It is not possible. Because we our-

selves are controlled by material nature, and because we are thinking ourselves to be God, we therefore think that Kṛṣṇa's form must be material. We try to bring God down to our level.

When Kṛṣṇa told Arjuna that He spoke the science of yoga to the sun-god, Arjuna asked "The sun-god Vivasvān is senior by birth to You. How am I to understand that in the beginning You instructed this science to him?" Kṛṣṇa replied, "Many, Many births both you and I have passed, Arjuna. I can remember all of them, but you cannot." Kṛṣṇa's memory is perfect in all phases of time, and we cannot even remember what we were doing a few days before. Kṛṣṇa has the potency of God, but not ourselves.

In the *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam*, it is further stated "*tene brahma hrdā;*" this knowledge was imparted into the heart of the first created being, Lord Brahmā, by the same Kṛṣṇa that spoke to Arjuna 5,000 years ago and the sun-god some 120 million years ago. The fact that there is no difference between these various incarnations is confirmed by Kṛṣṇa Himself in the fourth chapter of *Bhagavad-gītā*:

*ajo'pi sann avyayātmā
bhūtānām īśvaro'pi san
prakṛtiṁ svām adhiṣṭhāya
sambhavāmy ātma-māyayā*

"Although I am unborn and My transcendental body never deteriorates, and although I am the Lord of all sentient beings, I still appear in every millennium in My original, transcendental form."

Kṛṣṇa, God, has form. He is not formless, or impersonal, and it is that form that evokes our love. What's more, Kṛṣṇa's form is *svarāṭ*, eternal and full of knowledge. God does not have to take knowledge from anyone. He is the source of all knowledge. We too may also have knowledge, but it is limited. I may know what is going on in my body, and you may know what is going on in your body, but we cannot know what is going on in each other's body. But Kṛṣṇa says:



*sarvasya cāhaṁ hṛdi sanniviṣṭho
mattaḥ smṛtir jñānam apohanaṁ ca*

"I am seated in the hearts of all living entities, and from Me come knowledge, remembrance and forgetfulness."

That is the difference between ourselves and God. God's knowledge is all-pervasive and perfect, whereas our knowledge is limited and subject to illusion. Lord Brahmā therefore prays:

*Īśvaraḥ paramaḥ kṛṣṇa
sac-cid-ānanda-vigrahaḥ
anādir ādir govindaḥ
sarva-kāraṇa-kāraṇam*

"Kṛṣṇa, Who is known as Govinda, is the Supreme Godhead. He has an eternal, blissful, spiritual body. He is the origin of all. He has no other origin, and He is the prime cause of all causes."

How great, then, the difference between meditation on the transcendental loving pastimes of Rādhā and Kṛṣṇa, and meditation on the fearsome *virāṭa-rūpa*, or the gross material manifestation of the Lord. How great the difference between directly serving your lotus feet and the lotus feet of the great *ācāryas* whom you represent, and the so-called Christians who claim to have a "personal" relationship with God, but who do not know who God is or how He is great. This knowledge which you are giving us, Śrīla Prabhupāda, is your real contribution to mankind.

Kṛṣṇa says in the *Bhagavad-gītā*; "Those miscreants who are grossly foolish, lowest among mankind, whose knowledge is stolen by illusion, and who partake of the atheistic nature of demons, do not surrender unto Me." So, just as the demons are not willing to surrender unto Kṛṣṇa, they are just as inimical to the prospect of surrendering to His pure devotee. Yet, in spite of so many obstacles, your firm dedication to the instructions of your *guru-mahārāja*, and your unlimited compassion for the conditioned souls suffer-

ing the pangs of repeated birth and death, has pushed this movement forward with great force and purity. That is your qualification!

There are so many rascals, Śrīla Prabhupāda. They publish translations of *Bhagavad-gītā*, and though Kṛṣṇa clearly says "*Sarva-dharmān parityajya mām ekaṁ śaraṇaṁ vraja*," "Give up all other nonsense and just surrender unto Me," they have not taught anyone to become devotees of the Lord.

You are delivering the real message of Godhead; you are the confidential servitor and representative of the Lord; you have never changed one word, one letter of the Vedic knowledge; in every action you prove yourself to be on the top rung of spiritual perfection (although in your own mind you feel yourself to be the most fallen); you are bringing light where there was once darkness; you have been authorized to speak on behalf of the Lord and the disciplic succession; for these and for innumerable other reasons, the Kṛṣṇa consciousness movement, under your direction, is the only spiritual shelter for the world today.

The non-devotees can't touch you Śrīla Prabhupāda. They can't come up to the standard of the ground on which you walk. They are simply rascals, contaminated with thoughts like "I am God," or "God is formless," or "God is void." If they do not accept *Bhagavad-gītā* as it is, and if they do not accept Kṛṣṇa as the Supreme Personality of Godhead, then they are simply rascals. That's all.

So what can we say but thank you. Thank you Śrīla Prabhupāda, for not cheating us, for giving us the reality at a time when everyone is simply concocting imaginary principles. Thank you for standing firm amidst our attempts to water it down and make it cheap. Thank you for tolerating our unceasing offenses and ingratitude for the great mission you have undertaken on behalf of your guru-mahārāja and Kṛṣṇa.

Following in the footsteps of Sanātana Goswami, we are now praying with all earnestness that this knowledge of devotional service may manifest in our hearts, and the desire and determination to spread this movement all over the world, become our sole desire in life. Now we have received so much instruction about our relationship with

Kṛṣṇa, and now we are simply hoping that by your causeless mercy we may somehow develop a taste for serving the lotus feet of Rādhā and Kṛṣṇa.

Amarendra dāsa adhikārī	Bhakta Jeff
Suresvara dāsa brahmacārī	Bhakta Andy
Saṅkarṣaṇa dāsa brahmacārī	Bhakta Norman
Bhakta Don	Bhakta Geoff
Bhakta Steve	Bhakta Peter
Bhakta Roger	Bhaktin Lisa
Bhakta Dennis	Bhaktin Heddy
Bhakta Jerry	Bhaktin Heidi
Bhakta Eric	Bhaktin Beth
Bhakta Buddy	Gāyatrī devī dāsī

GENEVA

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

*namas te sārasvate devaṁ
gaura-vāṇī-pracāriṇe
nirviśeṣa-sūnyavādi-
pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe*

Let us offer our unconditional homage to the lotus feet of our Gurudeva and eternal preceptor, Om Viṣṇu-pāda Paramahaṁsa Parivrājakācārya Śrī-Śrīmad Bhaktivedānta Swami Mahārāja Prabhupāda, whose appearance in this mundane sphere is the quintessence of Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa's grace. There is no other cause of our Gurudeva's advent other than the Absolute Godhead's benevolent desire to pluck His hapless children out of the raging vortex of conditional life. Therefore, let us realize that our spiritual

master's mission is ever untinged by temporary necessities, that it is unmistakably linked to the immutable Will of the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa.

For incalculable eons, the living entity is nurtured on the bewildering modes of material nature and is being washed away by the waves of birth and death, *jātasya hi dhruvo mṛtyur dhruvaṁ janma mṛtasya ca*. His voyage through bodies, time and space, so artfully faceted, allows him not the slightest suspicion of his unseemly predicament. His itinerary, unknowingly projected by his own forgetfulness of Śrī Kṛṣṇa's divine love and service, is a wearisome gauntlet that never seems to tire him, its faithful runner.

Our Gurudeva has come to boldly proclaim that such is not our true birthright. It is the death shroud of futile existence, *śrama eva hi kevalam*. He is therefore proffering the reality of our spiritual life - Kṛṣṇa consciousness.

The seed of divine love and service which the munificent Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa cast into the heart of Brahmājī was given, in turn, to Nārada, and then to Vyāsa and Madhva, until it again reached the self-same seed-giving Father in His effulgent form known as Gaurāṅga, Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu. It was received by the six Goswamis of Vṛndāvana-dhāma whose sole aim was to establish eternal religious principles for the universal benefit. Then that divine seed reached Ṭhākura Bhaktivinode, and he planted it into the ear of His Divine Grace Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī Ṭhākura. Its next recipient was our own Ācāryadeva, His Divine Grace Oṃ Viṣṇupāda Paramahansa Parivrajākācārya Śrī-Śrīmad Bhaktivedānta Goswami Mahārāja Prabhupāda. All the representatives of this Gauḍīya Vaiṣṇava sampradāya have declared that it is every person's right to accept Kṛṣṇa consciousness and devotional service. With abiding faith in the previous Ācāryas and undeviating adherence to the śāstras, our spiritual master has single-handedly brought Kṛṣṇa consciousness within the purview of the entire world. By attracting even the most fallen souls, such as ourselves, to the line of service drawn by his Guru Mahārāja, Śrīla Prabhupāda has demonstrated that the devotee can purify himself in any condition of life. This is confirmed in the *Bhakti-Rasāmṛta-Sindhu* where it

is stated that it is not possible to commit more sinful activities than the offenseless chanting of the Hare Kṛṣṇa *mantra* can purify. Therefore, the *bona fide* spiritual master is always engaged in delivering the Holy Name of Kṛṣṇa to the ignorant class of men. Were it not for our Gurudeva's compassion on the plight of the world, the Holy Name surely would not have adorned our lips.

On this Vyāsa Pūjā Day, the appearance of our Lord and master, Śrīla Prabhupāda, let us meditate how unfortunate souls, devoid of compassion and staggering in the darkness of material inebriety, might gain access to the Hari-nāma movement of Lord Caitanya. Many years ago, Śrīla Bhaktivinode Thākura proclaimed that one day, from all the corners of the planet, devotees would assemble at Yogapīṭha, Śrī Dhāma Māyāpura, and would circumambulate the birthplace of Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu, their tongues ringing "Jaya Śāchinandana, Jaya Śāchinandan." That this has just come to pass was only Śrīla Prabhupāda's grace. That somehow we are being a party to the fulfillment of the prophecy of the ācāryas is only Śrīla Prabhupāda's grace. That our lives may one day become perfect in Kṛṣṇa's service through the *saṁkīrtana* movement will only be Śrīla Prabhupāda's grace.

Oh, Śrīla Prabhupāda, our only fear is that material ambition may deny us that service to your holy lotus feet. Our redeemer, please bless us so that we may become strong and pure and thereby aspire uninterruptedly after Lord Caitanya's *saṁkīrtana* which you have so kindly extended to us.

Thus pray your most ignoble servants,

Guru Gaurāṅga dāsa brahmacārī
 Dayāṁgya dāsa brahmacārī
 Saṁkāsa dāsa brahmacārī
 Jayāntakṛd dāsa brahmacārī
 Bhakta Jean Christophe dasa
 Bhakta Olivier dasa
 Bhaktin Catherine dasi
 Bhaktin Maria dasi

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

*namas te sārāsvate devaṁ
 gaura-vāṇī-pracāriṇe
 nirviśeṣa-sūnyavādi-
 pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe*

We offer our respectful obeisances unto His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedānta Swami Prabhupāda, who is very dear to Lord Kṛṣṇa, having taken shelter at His lotus feet.

Our respectful obeisances are unto you, O spiritual master, servant of Sarasvatī Goswami. You are kindly preaching the message of Lord Caitanyadeva and delivering the western countries, which are filled with impersonalism and voidism.

Our dear spiritual master Śrīla Prabhupāda!

Please accept our most humble obeisances. You came to the western world to deliver the fallen souls, and we, your disciples, want to help you spread this Kṛṣṇa consciousness all over the world. This means that we want to give everyone a book or a record of the transcendental message of Śrī Kṛṣṇa. We know we can't do anything directly for the Lord, but Kṛṣṇa is so kind, He accepts our service through the transcendental medium of the authorized spiritual master.

Once your spiritual master was asked by a reporter why he was publishing a weekly magazine with the same theme about Kṛṣṇa. Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī Prabhupāda replied: "In this universe there are millions of planets, and there exist as many universes as mustard seeds in a mustard seed bag. There are innumerable universes coming out of the pores of Mahāviṣṇu's body when He exhales; and when He inhales, they all enter back into Him. And Mahāviṣṇu is only a portion of Kṛṣṇa! Just see

how big Kṛṣṇa is! And beyond this material world there is the spiritual world, full of innumerable gigantic spiritual planets called Vaikuṇṭhas, which are all resting in the effulgence of Śrī Kṛṣṇa, who engages in divine pastimes in Goloka Vṛindāvana. And you newsmen are publishing every day a magazine about the boring affairs of this tiny insignificant planet, never getting tired of this dull theme."

Therefore, it is not at all enough to print one magazine a week about Kṛṣṇa, who is so much more glorious. We should print a book a day about Kṛṣṇa. No, it would not even be enough to print a book each second about Kṛṣṇa.

You took the words of your spiritual master very seriously and translated all of these nice books, which are now being distributed all over the world. Nothing pleases you more than to see that your books are published and distributed. So, our desire is to translate as much transcendental literature as possible in German language, and distribute it profusely, forgetting all material desires, not caring about material love, friendship and society. Please bless us that our enthusiasm becomes boundless. Your mercy is all that we are made of.

*śrī-guru-karupā-sindhu, adhama janāra bandhu
lokanātha lokera jīvana hā hā prabhu kara dayā
deha more pada-chāyā, ebe yaśa ghuṣuk tri-bhuvana*

"Our spiritual master is the ocean of mercy, the friend of the poor and the lord and master of the devotees. O master! Be merciful unto me. Give me the shade of your lotus feet. Your fame is spread all over the three worlds."

Cakravartī dāsa brahmacārī
Bhibiṣaṇa dāsa brahmacārī
Śacīnandana dāsa brahmacārī
Jayagaura dāsa brahmacārī
Vedavyāsa dāsa brahmacārī
Harvirdhana dāsa brahmacārī
Gaura Kīśora dāsa brahmacārī

Yakṣa dāsa brahmacārī
Gaṇanātha dāsa brahmacārī
Niṣpāpa dāsa brahmacārī
Bhārata dāsa brahmacārī
Aya dāsa brahmacārī
Viṣṇujasa dāsa brahmacārī
Ikṣvāku dāsa brahmacārī

Vaidyanātha dāsa brahmacārī Ātmavidyā dāsa adhikārī
 Nikhilānanda dāsa brahmacārī Hṛmatī devī dāsī
 Bhakta Axel
 Bhakta Rabhe

HEIDELBERG

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

*namas te sārasvate devaṁ
 gaura-vāṇī-pracāriṇe
 nirviśeṣa-śūnyavādi-
 pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe*

Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda,

We bow down before you in great reverence, as we understand that your lotus feet are the only way to approach devotional service. All our attempts to approach Kṛṣṇa are useless without your benediction. By your grace only can one cross over the tossing waves of the material ocean and obtain Kṛṣṇa's mercy. Let us become absorbed in hearing the eternal words flowing from your lotus lips. Hearing the spiritual master's words, which are non-different from the Absolute Truth, is the perfection of life. Your words are like the sunshine, and wherever they may be repeated, darkness cannot remain.

By accepting the authority of the father a small child can understand everything nicely. Similarly, we accept you as our spiritual father for understanding God. Only by following your instructions with full faith can we come to the platform of understanding our eternal relationship with Kṛṣṇa. This is the highest goal of human life, approachable only by the most qualified personali-



ties. But your causeless mercy is so great that even *śūdras*, and those who are less than *śūdras*, are being picked up from the ocean of birth and death. You are the only one who can give us shelter. You are the master of all devotees. Please be merciful and bless us with the dust of your lotus feet.

Pr̥thu dāsa brahmacārī	Akrūra dāsa adhikari
Aṣṭarāthā dāsa brahmacārī	Harināmānanda dāsa adhikari
Tīrthadā dāsa brahmacārī	Mahāratī dāsa adhikārī
Uthala dāsa brahmacārī	Śilpakāriṇī devī dāsī
Premachanda dāsa brahmacārī	Renukā devī dāsī
Rāmamohana dāsa brahmacārī	Śāntī Matī devī dāsī
Mahākośa dāsa brahmacārī	Madanalasa devī dāsī
Bhakta Egon	Maṇi-maṇjarī devī dāsī
Bhakta David	Kamākṣī devī dāsī
	Bhaktin Marion
	Bhaktin Robin

HONOLULU

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

*namas te sārāsvate devām
gaura-vāṇī-pracāriṇe
nirviśeṣa-sūnyavādi-
pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe*

Our great-grandfather spiritual master, His Divine Grace Saccidānanda Bhaktivinoda Thākura, has declared in his *daśamūla* that the Absolute Truth is one, and cannot be approached with imperfect senses. The living entities have five senses for acquiring knowledge, and five organs

of action, and above these, there is another sense, the mind. None of these is competent to enter into the anti-material domain of the Supreme Lord. Conditioned souls are stuck in the temporary varieties of knowledge the material nature provides, and have no means to leap over the barrier of ignorance, save and except being coached by the spiritual master. The spiritual master, who sees the realm beyond, must needs be a *bhakta*.

Envious persons, with an eye to scrutinizing all phenomenon through their doubting intellect, are prone to inquire as to whether the exclusive passport of the *bhaktis* is fair or non-biased. The doubting souls cannot accept the priority of pure love and would make all means of acquaintanceship with the Lord equally one and the same in their result. Our preceptor and exemplar, Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu, has quoted a verse from the Purāṇas which puts the question to rest:

*Harer nāma harer nāma harer nāma eva kevalam
kalau nāsty eva nāsty eva nāsty eva gatir anyathā*

The purport is that there is but one means of deliverance in the age of Kali, and that is to chant Hari's Name, or specifically, the *mahā-mantra*:

*Hare Kṛṣṇa, Hare Kṛṣṇa, Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa, Hare Hare
Hare Rāma, Hare Rāma, Rāma Rāma, Hare Hare*

One who is able to succeed in chanting these anti-material Names without *aparādha*, offense, becomes at once famous throughout the universe. On the other hand, one who advances in mystic power, and employs his talents for material gain, as in the cases of Rāvaṇa and Hiraṇyākṣa, becomes infamous, and his life is a failure.

Success in life, and a pure and satisfied mind, are achieved through the association of the *bhaktivedāntas*. Even a moment in the presence of the servants of Kṛṣṇa, or even their causelessly merciful glance, is the most auspicious moment of the soul's conditioned sojourn, and guarantees access to *bhakti*, the sine qua non of ultimate eternity, bliss and knowledge. Indeed Kṛṣṇadāsa Kavirāja has stated in his *Caitanya-caritāmṛta*:

*ei brahmāṇḍa brahmite kona bhāgyavān jīva
guru-kṛṣṇa-kṛpāya pāya bhakti-latā bīja*

We are endlessly travelling throughout millions of species of life, touching every planet in the universe, but by the mercy of a pure devotee of Kṛṣṇa, one may receive the seed of devotion within the heart, which, if developed, leads to freedom from birth and death. The spiritual master is known as the vice-Lord, because of the plenipotentiary endowment from the Lord Himself. He is able to remold and reform the heart of his disciple and return it to its original godly shape, provided the disciple is surrendered to his instructions and is a willing servant. We must always understand that in matters of spirit there is no undue force applied to unwilling subjects. Those willing to remain in the material world are given facility to suffer for eternity under the hand of Durgā, and those willing to return back to home, back to Godhead, are given the opportunity when Kṛṣṇa sees fit.

Our spiritual master is our life and soul; his order is more dear than our life-breath. No one can afford to accept a cheat, whose orders will warp and destroy the life of devotion. It is exigent therefore, for us to inquire into the specifications of the devotee, so that we may recognize His Divine Grace when we have the opportunity of his audience. In a lecture delivered in London on October 6, 1969 His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda declared that there are but two prerequisites for the spiritual master. He must have thorough realization that he is not the body, that is, he is spirit soul. Secondly he must have heard from the right sources.

Let us for a moment examine this proposal. If the spiritual master has understood that he is not material but an anti-material living entity, he is not willing to take advantage of material facilities for sense gratification, nor is he willing to exploit others for gain. *Bhagavad-gītā* states that one who sees all living entities as having the same qualities neither laments nor desires. This exalted status of *brahma-bhūta* must be present before we can actually trust anyone. Otherwise there will forever be some kind of inebriation, and this is not acceptable in a spiritual master.

Simple understanding of the spiritual nature of one's existence is not enough to deliver him from all material difficulties. The further qualification is that the spiritual master must have heard from the right sources. This means sources in direct, unbroken connection with the Absolute Truth. If the truth is one, the alteration of the truth means duality and relativity. A relative truth will not lead one on the progressive path back to home, back to Godhead. But His Divine Grace has heard from Kṛṣṇa directly through disciplic succession, unbroken and unaltered.

His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda is possessed of all good spiritual qualifications, and therefore we must accept him as the captain of the ship crossing over the difficult ocean of the age of Kali. So many men have come preaching from India, but they have not borne the diploma of disciplic succession. Consequently their students have failed in the final examination at death. Let us forever remain obedient to our *guru-mahārāja*, because his service is our constitution, our life-force. Let us never pray to surpass His Divine Grace through meritorious works or fine words, but simply remain available, ready to do his bidding as he sees fit. In this attitude alone can we hope to attract his attention and receive the highest benediction of spiritual life, to serve the servant of the servant of the gopīs, a thousand times removed. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda! All glories to Śrī Guru and Gaurāṅga!

Sudāmā dāsa Goswami

Taruṇa Kantī dāsa brahmacārī
 Durdarsa dāsa brahmacārī
 Atulānanda dāsa brahmacārī
 Gauragovinda dāsa brahmacārī
 Praḡhoṣa dāsa brahmacārī
 Kṛṣṇacaitanya dāsa brahmacārī
 Gajahanta dāsa brahmacārī
 Karṇāmṛta dāsa brahmacārī
 Bhadravardhana dāsa brahmacārī
 Nitāi-gauracandra dāsa brahmacārī
 Śrutadeva dāsa brahmacārī
 Kanva dāsa brahmacārī

Śrī Rāga dāsa brahmacārī
 Dhanada dāsa brahmacārī
 Pāṇḍu dāsa brahmacārī
 Hariharā dāsa brahmacārī
 Bhakta Chris
 Bhakta Mike
 Bhakta Greg
 Bhakta John
 Bhakta Bryan
 Bhakta Terry
 Bhakta Rick
 Bhakta Chuck

Ramaṇotsuka dāsa brahmacārī	Bhakta Kevin
Yamadagni dāsa brahmacārī	Bhakta John
Aniruddha dāsa brahmacārī	Bhakta Peter
	Bhakta Paul

Women

Goloka Vāsinī devī dāsī
 Sarucī devī dāsī
 Nirūpādi devī dāsī
 Bhavatāriṇī devī dāsī
 Sharon Prabhu

Children

Jayadevī
 Vṛṇadevī
 Nipuno
 Ātmārāma
 Gokulānanda

Householders

Babhru dāsa adhikārī- Satyaki devī dāsī
 Premārṇava dāsa adhikārī- Jaya Śrī devī dāsī
 Kadambakānana-dāsa adhikārī- Kirtidākanyakī devī dāsī
 Janaka Ṛṣi dāsa adhikārī- Pāṇḍurāṇī devī dāsī
 Vyāsātīrtha dāsa adhikārī- Kajjalī devī dāsī
 Hari Ballava dāsa adhikārī- Kusā devī dāsī
 Turya dāsa adhikārī- Śaktimatī devī dāsī
 Balabhadra dāsa adhikārī- Chaya devī dāsī
 Varuṇa dāsa adhikārī- Rūpa Mañjarī devī dāsī
 Rūpa Manohara- Madana Sundarī devī dāsī

JAKARTA

We offer our prostrated obeisances at the lotus feet of our only beloved Guru and Father, who has left the most precious abode of Śrī Kṛṣṇa to come to this material world to save the most fallen souls and bring them all back to Godhead.

Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda,

Please accept our unworthy dedication, offered on this most auspicious day. Indeed there are no words worthy to be written in your praise, but we know you accept

whatever we can do or say about you.

Thank you for initiating pure and saintly devotees to deliver uninterpreted the message of Śrī Kṛṣṇa. It was only through them that three years ago the *mahā-mantra* was introduced to us. We were all drowning in the ocean of *Māyā*, the illusory energy, trying to overlord this material energy, covered with material hankerings and lamentations, attached to temporary sense pleasure. By your causeless mercy we were awakened by transcendental knowledge of the Lord, the Supreme Person, Kṛṣṇa.

The *saṁkīrtana* led by Your Divine Grace is so blissful to hear. The philosophical expositions of Your Divine Grace answer all our questions. The chanting of *japa* that you have taught us connects us with the spiritual atmosphere. You have shown us how to engage all of our senses fully in the service of the Lord.

The memory of your presence in Jakarta still fills our hearts with ecstasy. Your talks soothed our hearts, vanquishing all doubts. The flowers in the garden, the paths outside, everything has become spiritual because of your visit, and they constantly remind us of you.

We are in great joy to hear that you have planned to make Jakarta Australia's branch of ISKCON, and we are anxiously awaiting the arrival of the devotees you plan to dispatch. Though we do not have a Temple, *Pūjā* is done at least twice a day at our small altars at home and *prasāda* is offered thrice a day. Every week *kīrtana* is performed with *ārātriḥ*, *prasāda* is distributed, and a few *śloka*s of *Bhagavad-gītā* read and explained. We regularly chant on beads and preach to at least a few people a day.

Of all the world centers, ISKCON Jakarta seems to be the most fallen, nevertheless Your Divine Grace has entrusted us with the service of translating and publishing books in Indonesian language, in order to spread Kṛṣṇa consciousness. At present we are trying to sell Back-to-Godheads and some of your big books. Your mercy is pouring like rain on everyone, trying to make everyone worship Kṛṣṇa and go back to Godhead in this very lifetime. All glories to you! Your knowledge is deep and profound. Let us help you spread your mercy to the conditioned souls. We offer our repeated obeisances unto you, whom we wish to love more and more, and whose mercy we beg.

*śrī-guru-carāṇa-padma, kevala bhakati-sadma
vandoṇ mui sāvadhāna mate yāñhāra prasāde bhāi
e bhava tariyā yāi kṛṣṇa-prāpti haya yāñhā ha'te*

"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 Kṛṣṇa."

With our heads at your feet, we submit this humble offering. All glories to you, Śrīla Prabhupāda!

Aravindākṣī devī dāsī
Śrīmatī Kamala
Śrīmatī Kamala
Śrīmatī Lachmi
Śrīmatī Bharti
Bhaktin Kamlu
Bhaktin Pushpa

Bhaktin Levina
Bhaktin Joti
Bhaktin Kaushilya
Bhakta Dharmadas Dadlani
Bhakta Budi

And all the children who, by your grace, have learned to chant *Hare Kṛṣṇa, Hare Kṛṣṇa, Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa, Hare Hare/ Hare Rāma, Hare Rāma, Rāma Rāma, Hare Hare.*

KOWLOON

Most dear Śrīla Prabhupāda,

Please accept our very fallen obeisances. We beg for mercy at your lotus feet. To offer you praise that befits your actual position would require millions upon millions of tongues eternally chanting glorious hymns.

*prema haite kṛṣṇa haya nija bhakta-vāsa
prema haite pāya kṛṣṇera seva-sukha-rasa*

"The Supreme Lord, who is greater than the greatest, becomes submissive to even a very insignificant devotee because of his devotional service. It is the beautiful and exalted nature of devotional service that the infinite Lord becomes submissive to the infinitesimal living entity because of it. In reciprocal devotional activities with the Lord, the devotee actually enjoys the transcendental mellow quality of devotional service."

For one such as yourself, who is honored so much more than simply an "insignificant devotee," how is it possible for *mlecchas* like ourselves to offer you worthy praise? We simply beg for your mercy and the intelligence to follow your loving guidance, as a drowning man gasps for air. Our only desire is to remain eternally at your service.

Bhurijana dāsa adbhikārī	Jagateriṇī devī dāsī
Devaprastha dāsa adbhikārī	Gulab
Yaśodamatisūta dāsa brahmacārī	Sunile Khemaney
Minaketana dāsa brahmacārī	Renuka, Suresh Khilani
Bhakta David Tsang	Duru Santani
Richard Bellord and Cheung Wai Lan	
The Hong Kong and Kowloon Children's Classes	
The Harilila families	

LAGUNA BEACH

*mahātmānas tu mām pārtha
daivīm prakṛtim āśritāḥ
bhajanty ananya-manaso
jñātvā bhūtādim avyayam*

*satatam kīrtayanto mām
yatantaś ca dṛḍha-vratāḥ
namasyantaś ca mām bhaktyā
nitya-yuktā upāsate*

"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."

"Always chanting My glories, endeavoring with great determination, bowing down before Me, these great souls perpetually worship Me with devotion."

Your Divine Grace so mercifully gives description of, and direction to, that eternal realm of pure beauty and bliss, which is exemplified in your own nature.

Your very presence is that place of divine love, Vraja, for you fully know yourself to be Kṛṣṇa's, and never lose connection with Him due to your unswerving desire to please the All-Pleasing. He increases His, and your, wonder and affection in the inconceivable reciprocations of unconditional surrender, which is the ever-expanding intimacy of individuation amidst the sealing oneness of perfect attachment revealed in the central arena of creation.

*ya idaṁ paramaṁ guhyaṁ
mad-bhakteṣv abhidhāsyati
bhaktiṁ mayi parāṁ kṛtvā
mām evaiṣyaty asaṁśayaḥ*

*na ca tasmān manuṣyeṣu
kaścin me priya-kṛttamaḥ
bhavitā na ca me tasmād
anyaḥ priyataro bhuvi*

"For one who explains this supreme secret to the devotees, devotional service is guaranteed, and at the end he will come back to Me."



"There is no servant in this world more dear to Me than he, nor will there ever be one more dear."

You have thus brought Kṛṣṇa to the world by the magnetism of glorious devotion, and a band of disciples takes shelter at your lotus feet.

The ambassador of the Lord of all planets, most dear to Kṛṣṇa on this one, we anxiously submit ourselves to hearing and serving Your Divine Grace throughout the travel of time and space.

*tvaṁ naḥ sandarśito dhātrā
dustaraṁ nistitīrṣatām
kalimṁ sattva-haraṁ puṁsām
karṇa-dhāra ivārṇavam*

"We think that we have met Your Grace by the will of Providence, and thus we accept you as captain of the ship for those who desire to cross the dangerous ocean of Kali, which destroys all the good qualities of the human being."

Knowing not that which you do, your fullness immersed in the sublime; wanting that pleasing position in relation with you, to transmit your high message throughout vast time. Sometime, when our surrender to purity becomes complete; there you will introduce our spiritual function as we meet your beloved, Who is seen reflected in transcendental tears, welling up in appreciation of our ever well-wisher, who causelessly came after all these years.

We beg to remain bowed down before you or in the execution of your divine directives.

Svarūpa dāmodara dāsa brahmacārī	Bhakta Joe
Kṣudhi dāsa brahmacārī	Bhakta Steve
Bhojadeva dāsa brahmacārī	Bhakta Peter
Viśvāmṛta dāsa brahmacārī	Bhakta Jim
Hṛṣīkeśa dāsa brahmacārī	Bhakta Lucky
Bhakta Gary	Bhakta Dave

Ṛṣabhadeva dāsa adbhikārī
 Locana dāsa adbhikārī
 Bhakta Gaurāṅga dāsa
 Bhakta Michael
 Nirūpādi devī dāsī
 Dhātreyī devī dāsī

Śivānī devī dāsī
 Kṛṣṇa vilāsinī devī dāsī
 Rāthayatra devī dāsī
 Khandavāsī devī dāsī
 Kusumikā devī dāsī
 Bhaktin Rebecca

LONDON

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

"We offer our respectful obeisances to Śrīla Bhakti-vedanta Swami Prabhupāda, who is very dear to Lord Kṛṣṇa, having taken shelter of the Lord's lotus feet."

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

"Our respectful obeisances are unto you, O servant of Sarasvatī. You are kindly delivering the message of Lord Caitanyadeva to the western countries, which are filled with impersonalism and voidism."

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

"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."

How could we be so ungrateful
To disregard your instructions clear
You have shown the path to freedom
"Chant the Name! Become free from fear."

How could we be so ungrateful
To you who came to the west alone,
Showed us how to play *mṛdaṅga*,
Changed our hearts which were made of stone.

How could we be so ungrateful,
We have no attraction for the Name.
O, Hṛṣīkeśa! Master of the senses,
Help us control our minds insane.

How could we be so ungrateful,
You sit up all night and write
You are selflessly translating
The spotless Purāṇa that will give us light.

How could we be so ungrateful,
You've taught us how to cook and eat,
How to offer to Lord Kṛṣṇa,
And your holy lotus feet.

How could we be so ungrateful,
You have eased us of our malady,
You have gently administered medicine,
Cured the disease of *sūnyavādi*.

How could we be so ungrateful,
We only want a life of ease,
Lord Caitanya - Patita Pāvana,
Help us! Help us! Help us! Please.

O dearest Śrīla Prabhupāda,

We, your servants here at Bhaktivedanta Manor, are so anxious for your perfect association. Only by such transcendental company will we become eligible to view the lotus feet of Kṛṣṇa.

Your energy seems inexhaustible as you preach, write, travel, instruct disciples, constantly surprising us with your divine understanding of our dilemma. Our only prayer is that someday we may learn to please you as you are pleasing your own *guru-mahārāja*, Oṃ Viṣṇupāda Paramahansa Parivrajakācārya Śrī-Śrīmad Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī Goswami Mahārāja Prabhupāda.

Fresh in our minds are the memories of last year's wonderful Rathayātrā festival. You refused to ride in the chariot with Their Lordships Jagannātha, Subhadrā and Balārāma. Instead you led the devotees in chanting and dancing on the three-mile journey to Trafalgar Square. Sometimes you would stop, turn around and stare at the Ratha as it came to a halt. The whole parade would stop and watch you. Then, as if returning from another place, you would look back at the devotees and begin to leap into the air again and again, encouraging us to dance with you by simultaneously moving both your hands upwards and then downwards. We danced and danced until we were exhausted, but you were still fresh, almost unaffected by the excursion. On Janmāṣṭamī, you gave us Rādhā-Gokulānanda to worship and serve. You offered a most beautiful āratīka to Them and led the devotees in circumambulating Their Lordships, again dancing and leaping in ecstasy. Most of us couldn't believe our eyes as we watched you, and the ocean of bliss swelled up in our hearts and engulfed us. We think we will never forget the wonderful summer of 1973. You would sit on the lawn for hours answering our questions, meeting guests and reporters. We know you will never be able to spare so much of your valuable time in this way again. But of course the most wonderful thing is that now you are translating the spotless Purāṇa (*Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam*) for our benefit and for the benefit of the entire world. Let us hope and pray that the unfortunate souls in this age of Kali will take shelter of this most precious jewel.

We feel so incompetent to serve you. You demand such a high standard. *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam* says that men in this age are lazy, quarrelsome, misguided, unfortunate and above all, always disturbed. So these are our qualities. Śrīla Prabhupāda, you are truly magnanimous. You are constantly proving that you are our real father. One day we may begin to prove that we are your loyal, devoted children. Dearest Śrīla Prabhupāda, sometimes we feel like crying out loud for your mercy. But we know it is always there, we simply have to accept it. May we, your disciples here at Bhaktivedanta Manor, learn how to increase our menial service up to the point of saturating this entire planet with the sound of the Holy Names. Śrīla Prabhupāda, we don't deserve you. But that's why Lord Caitanya is called Patita Pāvana; He has given us you, who are His most devoted servant. All glories to Śrī Guru and Gaurāṅga!

Brahmacārīs

Tribhuvanātha
Rājasekhara
Moh-na
Dhyani
Sudarsana
Dhīranāyaka
Mahāvidyā
Kulaśekhara
Paramīśvara
Bhakta Robert
Bhakta Mick
Bhakta Patrick

Grhastha men

Mukunda
Mādhavānanda
Bhaja Hari
Tribhaṅgānanda
Devadatta
Haribolānanda
Purañjana
Īśvara
Vaikuṇṭhanātha
Arcanānanda
Jaya Lakṣmaṇa
Bhakta Jim
Bhakta Matthew
Bhakta Mike

Special Friends

Bhaktipremoda and Yaśodamayī
Ksirodaksayi and Kurti and family
Manu das and family
Satvastha dasa, Christine and family

Brahmacārīnīs

Komalāṅgī
Pūrṇacandra
Shyāmasundarī
Gaṅgāmayī
Bhakti Eileen
Bhakti Elizabeth

Children

Dhruvānanda
Ānanda
Madhumaṅgala
Kadamba
Rādhikā
Kāla
Bhakti Dharma
Bhakti Zora
Devaki
Dormia
Bhakta Mark

Grhastha women

Malatī
Kauśalya
Ramyā
Rāmadevī
Draupadī
Kamalākāntī
Īśvarī
Haripriyā
Sārادیyā
Sambhavi
Mantriṇī
Ikṣākuraṇī
Bhakti Maeve
Bhakti Vujka
Bhakti Sandra
Bhakti Syifa
Bhakti Ann

LOS ANGELES

The person *Bhāgavatam* gives perfect knowledge.

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

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

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

"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."

"Full and scientific knowledge is Kṛṣṇa, and everything is revealed to the person in Kṛṣṇa consciousness. In complete Kṛṣṇa consciousness, one knows that Kṛṣṇa is the ultimate knowledge beyond any doubts."

(Bg. 7.2)

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

(Bg. 4.34)

"Real knowledge culminates in Kṛṣṇa consciousness, the highest stage of transcendental knowledge."

(Bg. 4.33)

"No one can be a spiritual master without following the principle of disciplic succession. The Lord is the original spiritual master, and a person in the disciplic succession can convey the message of the Lord as it is to the disciple."

"A bona fide spiritual master is by nature very kind toward the disciple. Therefore when the student is submissive and is always ready to render service, the reciprocation of knowledge and inquiries becomes perfect."

(Bg. 4.34)

"The result of receiving knowledge from a self-realized soul, or one who knows things as they are, is learning that all living beings are parts and parcels of the Supreme Personality of Godhead."

(Bg. 4.35)

"When we speak of transcendental knowledge, we do so in terms of spiritual understanding. As such there is nothing so pure and sublime as transcendental knowledge. Ignorance is the cause of our bondage, and knowledge is the cause of our liberation."

(Bg. 4.38)

We understand that the pure devotee is a soul thoroughly surrendered to the Supreme Personality of Godhead Śrī Kṛṣṇa. And as such the Lord, being situated within his heart as the Supersoul, reveals perfect or absolute knowledge to the pure devotee from within. Therefore the pure devotee is the external manifestation of Supersoul. Or put another way; the pure devotee is a representative of perfect knowledge, or Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa. Kṛṣṇa is all-perfect. And you are that pure devotée Śrīla Prabhupāda.

"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."

(Bhāg. 9.4.57)

The Supreme Lord Kṛṣṇa first spoke this perfect knowledge to the sun-god more than a hundred million years ago and the knowledge was passed down by disciplic succession, through Lord Caitanya to Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī, and from him to His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda. Now you are the ācārya for this age, the pure representative of Kṛṣṇa, and the bestower of complete knowledge upon humanity. We can show our appreciation to you by learning this perfect knowledge and then teaching it to others without change.

This priceless gift that you have brought
 The perfect knowledge Kṛṣṇa taught
 Revives the consciousness asleep
 for crores of births in *māyā's* keep
 Springing anew with clearing sight
 perfectly bright of golden hue
 Lord Caitanya's *saṁkīrtana*



carries the message to heart pierced through
 These young boys and girls
 following your teachings, light the halls
 Where millions lie despondent, entrapped
 in the silence of ignorance they suffer and die
 This perfect knowledge picks them up
 uncovers their soul, gives them help
 You have done this, Śrīla Prabhupāda
 You came to us and taught the truth
 Humanity falls at your feet to ask:
 "What service may I do? What task
 To show the Lord I understand
 To help your program, to lend a hand."
 A billion lips chant Hari-nāma
 A billion hearts feel *kṛṣṇa-prema*
 You came alone and gave us this
 From your lotus mouth the nectar drops
 The swan-like man; you've saved us all
 Now we can study Kṛṣṇa's call.
 All glories to your lotus feet
 again and again and again.

Brahmacārīs

Ameyātmā dāsa
 Arjuna dāsa
 Bahurūpa dāsa
 Vamśīvadanasuvāsa dāsa
 Vāṇinātha dāsa
 Vamśīdhārī dāsa
 Bhuvaneśvara dāsa
 Bircandra dāsa
 Citraka dāsa
 Deva Deva dāsa
 Dhanurveda dāsa
 Dharmakṣetra dāsa
 Dhūmrakeśa dāsa
 Eugene Prabhu
 Gaṅgānārāyaṇa dāsa
 Gopavṛndāpāla dāsa

George Prabhu
 Harer Nāma dāsa
 Hasyapriya dāsa
 Joe Prabhu
 John Prabhu
 Kṛtāgama dāsa
 Lokasaraṅga dāsa
 Mahāvīrya dāsa
 Manābhirāma dāsa
 Mathurā Mohana dāsa
 Māyāpur dāsa
 Nadiā dāsa
 Pāṇḍu dāsa
 Pāvamāna dāsa
 Premarūpa dāsa
 Puṇḍarīka dāsa

Brahmacārīs

Ravīndranātha dāsa	Śrīkanta dāsa
Ragunandana dāsa	Surānanda dāsa
Rameśvara dāsa	Sureśa dāsa
Riktānanda dāsa	Tripurārī dāsa
Roger Prabhu #1	Uśikā dāsa
Roger Prabhu #2	Vāmānanda dāsa
Śaciḍulāl dāsa	Vaṁśī dāsa
Śataṅgati dāsa	Yogānanda dāsa
Sevānanda dāsa	

Brahmacārīṇīs

Anasūya devī dāsī
 Antardhyāna devī dāsī
 Cinmayī devī dāsī
 Devahūti devī dāsī
 Diane Prabhu
 Jambavatī devī dāsī
 Kathryn Prabhu
 Labaṅgalatikā devī dāsī
 Mādhavī devī dāsī
 Maṇīndra devī dāsī
 Mīna devī dāsī
 Nandalāl devī dāsī
 Pañcalī devī dāsī
 Rene Prabhu
 Rūpa Candra devī dāsī
 Śatadarī devī dāsī
 Sharamine Prabhu
 Tāraka devī dāsī
 Tuṅga Bhadra devī dāsī
 Tuṣṭī devī dāsī
 Ujjalā devī dāsī
 Vṛndāvanēśvarī devī dāsī
 Vṛndāvana Vilāsinī devī dāsī
 Yajñapriyā devī dāsī

Grhasthas

Amṛtānanda dāsa and Jaya Gopī devī dāsī
 Anila dāsa and Mahādhana devī dāsī
 Bahulāsva dāsa and Karuṇāmayī devī dāsī, Arjuna, Yāmala
 Bhagavatācārya dāsa and Kusumāpitā devī dāsī, Kṛṣṇāṅgī
 Bhāskara dāsa and Saubārdya devī dāsī
 Bir Rāghava dāsa and Birmala dāsī, Yamunā, Rūpa Manohara
 Brahmā Rūpa dāsa and Nirkula devī dāsī
 Bṛhad Bhānu dāsa and Suśarma dāsī, Gopī, Bhakti Sati
 Buñkima Vihārī dāsa and Hari-sevakā devī dāsī, Uddhava
 Candanācārya dāsa and Kasturikā dāsī, Rādhāsaktī
 Dānavīr dāsa and Mūlaprakṛti devī dāsī
 Dayānidhi dāsa and Linda Prabhu
 Dennis Shannon Prabhu and Joy Prabhu
 Dharmādyakṣa dāsa and Rasāṅgī devī dāsī and Maitreya
 Dineśvara dāsa and Bhāgavatī devī dāsī and Baladev
 Frank Saltzman and Maria Prabhus, Maria Rose, Kristie
 Gandharva dāsa and Kṛṣṇalīlā devī dāsī
 Gaṇendra dāsa and Dvijapriyā devī dāsī, Pārthasarāthi
 Gary Gamache Prabhu and Jean Prabhu
 Gary Watson Prabhu and Aja Prabhu, Hanumān
 Indradeva dāsa and Jaya Gaurāṅgī devī dāsī
 Jayatīrtha dāsa and Mañjulī devī dāsī
 John Maley Prabhu and Rhonda Prabhu, Jaya Rādhē
 Kāliyakṛṣṇa dāsa and Trisaktī devī dāsī
 Kanupriya dāsa and Caitanya devī dāsī, Draupadī, Gandhari
 Karuṇāsindhu dāsa and Sārāla devī dāsī
 Kṛṣṇakantī dāsa and Herapañcamī devī dāsī, Uttara
 Kuvera dāsa and Revatī devī dāsī, Govinda, Kṛṣṇānandana
 Lālakṛṣṇa dāsa and Pārvatī devī dāsī, Līlā, Candrāvalī
 Madhukanta dāsa and Karlapatī devī dāsī
 Madhukāra dāsa and Līlāsaktī devī dāsī, Mānasacandra
 Mahājana dāsa and Śaraṇagata devī dāsī
 Mike Pickup Prabhu and Linda Prabhu
 Milhiladīśa dāsa and Rasamañjarī devī dāsī, Maṇḍalibhadra
 Mundamālī dāsa and Padmamukhī devī dāsī, Ghee
 Muralivādana dāsa and Kaumadakī devī dāsī
 Mūrti dāsa and Mahatī devī dāsī
 Nandakumāra dāsa and Paurṇamāsī devī dāsī, Nandanandana
 Nārānārāyaṇa dāsa and Nīścintya devī dāsī

Grhasthas

Nārāyaṇa dāsa and Divya devī dāsī
 Prajāpati dāsa and Śatarūpā devī dāsī, Śatānanda, Śrīmad-
 Bhāgavatam
 Rajiblocan dāsa and Ramanī devī dāsī, Rāsa-līlā
 Raṇadhīr dāsa and Sandinī devī dāsī, Rādhāṣṭamī
 Rāmalāl dāsa and Campaka devī dāsī
 Sarvadarśana dāsa and Sajjanajīvana devī dāsī
 Siddheśvara dāsa and Lakṣmīpriyā devī dāsī, Kuntī
 Smaraṇānanda dāsa and Saṁsāramocana devī dāsī, Keśava,
 Rukmiṇī
 Stokakṛṣṇa dāsa and Saha devī dāsī, Bhāgavata
 Svarūpa dāsa and Kaṅkā devī dāsī, Kṛṣṇakumāra
 Śyāmakunḍa dāsa and Girīndramohinī devī dāsī, Kiba Jaya,
 Viśākhā
 Taruṇakṛṣṇa and Nitya devī dāsī
 Tīrthārthī dāsa and Jagarāṇī devī dāsī, Subala
 Toṣaṇa dāsa and Dakṣiṇa devī dāsī, Govinda
 Tradis dāsa and Nāgapatnī devī dāsī, Janmāṣṭamī
 Tribuṅga dāsa and Mahāmaya devī dāsī
 Vāmanajana dāsa and Novina devī dāsī
 Vidunka dāsa and Medha devī dāsī, Rādhā
 Umāpati dāsa and Ilāvatī devī dāsī
 William Stoll Prabhu and Inez Prabhu

Mothers

Arundhatī devī dāsī, Aniruddha
 Vijaya Lakṣmī devī dāsī, Narottama
 Candrāvalī devī dāsī, Candraśekhara, Nalanāyatekṣaṇa, Sathi
 Devadidhitī devī dāsī, Lakṣmī
 Francie Freeman Prabhu, Kṛṣṇa
 Karuṇamayī devī dāsī, Nīmāi Bhakta Prahlāda
 Kṛṣṇalauḍyā devī dāsī, Subhadra
 Manmohinī devī dāsī, Nīmāi
 Mohanaśinī devī dāsī, Subhadra
 Rāṣṭrapālikā devī dāsī, Ananta
 Śacī devī dāsī and Bhakti Rūpa
 Śyāмага devī dāsī, Abhimanyu

Santa Cruz devotees

Jivānanda dāsa and Harṣarāṇī devī dāśī, Govinda, Gopāla,
Gopīnātha

Doc Docstaker Prabhu and Sherry Prabhu

Jake Carignan Prabhu and Sarvānī devī dāśī, Sāmaveda

Cidānanda dāsa brahmacārī

Gavīra dāsa brahmacārī

John McLeod Prabhu

MANCHESTER

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

*namas te sārāsvate devam
gaura-vāṇī-pracāriṇe
nirviśeṣa-sūnyavādi-
pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe*

Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda,

Please accept our worthless obeisances at your most sanctified lotus feet. Śrīla Narottama dās Ṭhākura has sung;

*śrī-guru-carāṇa padma, kevala bhakati sadma
vandoṇ mui sāvadhāna mate*

"The lotus feet of the spiritual master are the only repositories of devotion. I bow down before him in great awe and reverence."

For many miserable births in this material world we have been vainly searching for happiness. During this

search we have attached ourselves to so many different masters and rendered service in so many different ways to the ultimate mistress of the material world, Mayadevi. In this way all of our energy has been uselessly wasted, and we have remained unsatisfied. In such a bewildered condition we have somehow or other become fortunate enough to be attracted to the transcendental message of Lord Caitanya, delivered by you, Śrīla Prabhupāda, and thus we have been rescued.

By hearing this message with submissive attention we have come to understand that you, as the bona fide representative of Śrī Kṛṣṇa, are our real master, for whom we have been searching after birth after birth. Let us now serve you with all the devotion we are able to muster, for your lotus feet are the only shelter from the path of birth and death. Let us cling to the protection of Your Divine Grace lest we are again cast amongst the false masters of the material world. Let us bow down repeatedly before you, our eternal saviour, for you are to be worshipped as Śrī Kṛṣṇa Himself is worshipped. If we can simply serve you steadfastly, giving all our attention to the fulfillment of your desires, then, being pleased with us, you will give us what only you are able to give - Kṛṣṇa! Therefore we pray to Him that we may become content simply to remain the eternal servants of Your Divine Grace, the saviour of the western world.

Ranchor dāsa adhikārī
 Tanumadya dāsa
 Acintyarūpa dāsa adhikārī
 Śukapradā dāsa
 Gopāla dāsa
 Bhakta David
 Bhakta Dave

Devamāyā devī dāsī
 Karpādinī devī dāsī
 Govardhana devī dāsī
 Āhlādinī Śaktī devī dāsī
 Bhaktin Jacqueline
 Bhaktin Dorothy
 Bhaktin Anna

"The Golden Moon of Śrīla Prabhupāda is Rising"

Kṛṣṇa says in the eleventh canto of *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam*; "My dear Uddhava, the spiritual master must not only be accepted as My representative but as My very self." Your Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda is thirty-second in the line of the Madhva-Gauḍīya *sampradāya*, the disciplic chain of spiritual masters descending from Lord Kṛṣṇa Himself. We, your sin-ridden children at Śrī-Māyāpurdhāma, the transcendental abode of Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu, take great pleasure in lying down like a stick in the dust at your lotus feet.

We admit that we do not understand the glories of Śrī Caitanya. But we accept the lotus feet of the Pañca-tattwa just because it is pleasing to you. Śrīla Narottama dās Thākura says;

*ei chaya gosāñi yāñira-mui tāñira dāsa
tān-sabāra pada reṇu-mora pañca-grāsa*

"I simply accept a person who follows in the footsteps of the six Goswamis, and the dust of such a person's lotus feet are my foodstuff."

(Cc. Ādi, 8.7)

The six Goswamis, Śrī Rūpa, Śrī Sanātana, Śrī Raghunātha Bhaṭṭa, Śrī Raghunātha dāsa, Śrī Jīva, Śrī Gopāla Bhaṭṭa, were prolific writers of glorious books which eternally enliven all the sincere souls throughout the universe. Śrīla Prabhupāda, out of compassion and duty, you have continued to write books in order to please Caitanya Mahāprabhu. Lord Kṛṣṇa, in *Bhagavad-gītā*, first distinguishes the spirit soul from gross matter, and in conclusion takes us to the point of full surrender, in devotion to the Supreme Person. Now, you have kindly given us *Caitanya-caritāmṛta*, the most advanced glorification of God, yet we are still floundering on the sensual and mental platforms. We thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda, for all of these nectarine books, which are gradually captivating our minds. Previous to reading them we had not even information or direction on why or how to submit our selves at your lotus feet. Who, other than yourself, could write such books?

ning stages, because you are trying to fulfill that desire. Your desire is no different than Kṛṣṇa's desire. We beg that we may hold on tight to, and always remember, your lotus feet, whether in happy or distressed conditions of life. Furthermore we pray to be always engaged in your transcendental service, and to be always pleasing to you.

Jayapataka Swami
Bhāvānanda Goswami

Brahmacārīs

Prabāsa dāsa
Janānibās dāsa
Śatadhanyā dāsa
Bhavabhūti dāsa
Ādi-deva dāsa
Ajāmil dāsa
Dīnadyal dāsa
Rasaparāyaṇa dāsa
Tīrtharāja dāsa
Pañkajanya dāsa
Īśeśvara dāsa
Patitapāvana dāsa
Jaganivās dāsa
Puṣkar dāsa
Satajit dāsa
Bhakta Brice
Bhakta Babendra
Bhakta Allen
Bhakta Santosa
Bhakta Sankarsana
Bhakta Ravi
Bhakta Nirmal Candre
Bhakta Ak
Bhakta Govinda
Bhakta Binode

Grhasthas

Baradarāja dāsa
Rukmiṇī dāsī
Janameñjaya dāsa
Tāra dāsī
Saptarāthā dāsa
Hemalatī dāsī
Īśān dāsa
Bibavatī dāsī
Anakadarigabi dāsa
Vṛndāvanbihārī dāsī

Brahmacārīnīs and children

Śrīmatī dāsī
Aloo dāsī
Amīyābalī dāsī
Mañju dāsī
Sumatī dāsī
Bhaktin Mary
Kṛṣṇa Sundar dāsa
Gaṇesh dāsa
Ādi Guru dāsa

When someone saves your life, how can you best thank him? Can he be repaid with gold coins or sweet words? By offering your bank-balance and humble supplications you were not able to dissuade cruel death from carrying you away, for your things are of little value. He who saved you gave you the most valuable thing, your life. But we are such rascals that we think to pay off our debt with a few trinkets, and continue on our merry way as if nothing had happened.

All living entities in the material world are struggling very hard.¹ Sometimes they are happy; other times, when they are afflicted with the threefold miseries, they are distressed.² We had no knowledge or faith in the spiritual path.³ Our fate was sealed by the unretractable law of karma.³ Blind to the brilliant sun of Vedic knowledge, we were quite content to glide down the royal path to hell.⁴ We were deep in the dark pit of material existence, entrapped in the coils of eternal time (*kāla-sarpa*), resigned to die.

But due to some cause indeterminable by us, we met Your Divine Grace.⁵ Pārvata-muni explains that the pure devotees like your own good self are touchstones, because by the slight touch of your association anyone can be converted into a great devotee also. Śukadeva Goswami explains the same; that any living being, no matter how sinful, even an animal, by service unto a *mahā-bhāgavata*, can come to know scientifically about the Personality of Godhead and thus free himself from the path of birth and death.⁶ We wanted a prolonged life in this world to continue on the path of *preyaḥ*, but in your association we have tasted a moment of full consciousness. Therefore we are now on the *śreya-panthā* engaged in *brahma-jijñāsā*, for you have taught us that *vāsudeva-parā gatiḥ*.

We, the Mexican people, are descendants of the *rakṣasa* enemies of the Personality of Godhead Śrī Rāma. After Rāvaṇa had been killed, those demoniac followers who survived fled to this land and founded our civilization. Even so, we have great hope of attaining *Kṛṣṇa-prema*, as Sanātana Goswami says:

*tathā dīkṣā-vidhānena
dvi-jatvaṁ jayate nṛpām*

"By being properly trained and initiated by a bona fide spiritual master one immediately gets his spiritual birth."

Vyāsadeva explains that just as the sun is all-pervading in this universe, and the air penetrates into the innermost region of everyone, so the spiritual master enters as if he were the Supersoul Himself.⁷ We are so conditioned that we cannot take instruction from the *antaryāmī* (God as the dearest friend and guide within the heart of the living being). *Paramātmā* is the embodiment of *sad-cit* or full transcendental knowledge. So you have come, the external manifestation of Himself, holding the shining torchlight of knowledge, just to lead us back to the *param dhāma*.

Godhead says to surrender to His pure devotee to learn the truth about Him.⁸ Actually this is a timeless principle of devotional service,⁹ and not a modern cheating invention for monetary profit. The *Bhāgavatam* says: "*nityam bhāgavata-sevayā*." Service unto the pure devotee is the way of great men on the path of purification. But what is the nature of that service? The Supreme Lord instructs Arjuna throughout the *Bhagavad-gītā* in this matter:

"Engage your mind always in thinking of Me, become My devotee. Worship Me and offer your homage unto Me.¹⁰

"O son of Kuntī, all that you do, all that you eat, all that you offer and give away, as well as all austerities that you may perform, should be done as an offering unto Me."¹¹

Kṛṣṇa also gave the very same instructions to Lord Brahmā:

"The people of the world act ceaselessly in the pursuance of some ideal. By meditating on Me through these deeds one will obtain devotion characterized by love in the shape of devotional service."¹²

But how can we, the lowest of the low and most materially contaminated of the mundane entities, expect to render such pure service to the Lord? Therefore God has said that *bhakta-seva* is *Kṛṣṇa-seva*. By dedicating the very fiber of our existence to your service we can at

once serve Bhagavān, and maybe then begin to return what you have given us.

Brahmacārīs

Madan Manohara dāsa
Rādhā-Kṛṣṇa dāsa
Rohiṇī Kumāra dāsa
Baladeva dāsa
Kṣiti Mohana dāsa
Acalesvara dāsa
Ramaṇya dāsa
Adhokṣaja dāsa
Puṣpaloca dāsa
Cāṇḍī dāsa
Kāśeśvara dāsa
Ugradamṣṭra dāsa
Rāma Govinda dāsa
Kṣetrasvarūpa dāsa
Naṭavara dāsa
Nanda Prāṇa dāsa
Carudeha dāsa

Bhakta Mario
Bhakta Miguel
Bhakta Jesus
Bhakta Santos
Bhakta Manuel
Bhakta Fernando
Bhakta Roger
Bhakta Jesus
Bhakta Octavio
Bhakta Abel
Bhakta Antonio
Bhakta Benjamin
Bhakta Enrique
Bhakta Jorge
Uddharana dāsa
Venudhara dāsa

Gṛhasthas

Satrajit dāsa
Bhārata candra dāsa

Brahmacārīnīs and Gṛhastha women

Niradhara devī dāsī
Nirlepa devī dāsī
Ma. Soledad Prabhu
Nohemi Prabhu
Rosario Prabhu
Georgina Prabhu
Alejandrina Prabhu

Ana Marcela Prabhu
Subhadra Prabhu
Draupadī Prabhu
Bhagamālinī devī dāsī
Saṅcāyanī devī dāsī
Ma. Guadalupe Ibanez Herrera
Bhadramūrti devī dāsī

Footnotes

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| 1. Gītā 15.7 | 7. Bhāg. 1.5.7 |
| 2. Gītā 13.22 | 8. Gītā 4.34 |
| 3. Gītā 4.38 | 9. Gītā 4.15 |
| 4. Gītā 16.19 | 10. Gītā 9.34; 18.65 |
| 5. Bhāg. 1.1.21 | 11. Gītā 9.27 |
| 6. Bhāg. 2.7.46 | 12. Brahma-saṁhitā 5.61 |

MIAMI

Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda,

We beg you, please accept our most respectful, humble, prostrated obeisances at your beautiful lotus feet. We are wondering if we will ever fully understand your position. We are feeling a gnawing anxiety wondering how we will ever repay even a small portion of the debt we owe to you. You have entrusted us with the most secret of all secrets, the king of wisdom and knowledge--Śrī Kṛṣṇa's transcendental message. Thus our attention has been diverted to our constitutional duty; we have been set upon the path of *yuga-dharma*. We have finally taken our birth in the human form of life.

By carefully following your instructions we may some day realize the purport of this transcendental knowledge, and become wholeheartedly enthused to serve you in your enthusiastic service to your Gurudeva. Only by this process can we attain the pure devotional service by which we shall meet God—face to face. Please, therefore, continue to guide us with your causeless mercy, compassion and patience.

Our position is too well-known and our hearts so hard as to be impervious, but you continue to serve Lord Kṛṣṇa, with or without us, and thereby enter deeper and deeper into the ocean of transcendental happiness. On the other hand, without our service to you, we would en-

ter deeper and deeper into the ocean of miseries, feel the most acute unhappiness and become the most miserable of human beings.

For the most part, we are sentimental fools and rascals, and our puny, clumsy offerings must make you alarmed at our insincerity and snail-like progress. Actually, we have no offering whatsoever save our respects, our obeisances, our entreaties to tolerate our offenses, our supplications to employ us in your divine purpose, and our thanks.

We pray that this Vyāsa-Pūjā finds you in the best possible health and that we may continue to serve you in the association of your sincere disciples. Jaya Prabhu-pāda! Jaya Prabhupāda! Jaya Gurudeva! All glories to Your Divine Grace!

Brahmacārīs

Akiñcana dāsa	Bhakta Ernie
Caitanya Jīvana dāsa	Bhakta Gary
Dharma dāsa	Bhakta George
Gopīprāṇa dāsa	Bhakta Joe
Nārada Muni dāsa	Bhakta John G.
Śrīman Paṇḍita dāsa	Bhakta John H.
Bhakta Carl	Bhakta Marty
Bhakta Cyril	Bhakta Raymond
Bhakta David C.	Bhakta Ron
Bhakta David H.	Bhakta Pedro

Gṛhastha men

Abhirāma dāsa	Sulocana dāsa
Bhakta Vatsala dāsa	Tamohara dāsa
Bhr̥ṣakapi dāsa	Vallabhasen dāsa
Haihayī dāsa	Yugalakṣīṇa dāsa
Madana Mohana dāsa	Bhakta Louis
Narahari dāsa	Bhakta Mark
Rādhā-Gopīnātha dāsa	

Brahmacārīṇīs

Sarvānī devī dāsī	Bhaktin Farnie
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Bhaktin Marion

Bhaktin Marsha

Bhaktin Rosa

Grhastha women

Bhāgavata Śaktī devī dāsī

Sulocana devī dāsī

Bhakta Līlā devī dāsī

Vijaya devī dāsī

Kīrtimatī devī dāsī

Vṛndādevī devī dāsī

Montrinī devī dāsī

Vṛndāvanēśvarī devī dāsī

Narmatā devī dāsī

Bhaktin Judy

Raghunandinī devī dāsī

Bhaktin Mataji

Rohinī devī dāsī

Bhaktin Donna

Sarvādi devī dāsī

Children

Vṛndāvane

Yadunandana

Lalitā

Armarīndra

Neils

Balarāma

Abhay Chara De

Pūrṇimā

Kṛṣṇa Prema

Jesse

MONTREAL

etaḍ eva hi sac-chiṣyaiḥ
 kartavyaṁ guru-niṣkṛtam
 yad vai viśuddhe bhāvena
 sarvārthātmārpaṇau gurau

"In order to repay the debt to the divine master (guru), the only thing a sincere disciple should do is offer everything he has, including his very being, favorably in the eternal service of his guru."

Śrīla Prabhupāda, only your disciples will be able to understand the meaning of this verse. Generally speaking, the *karmīs* (non-devotees) like to feel themselves independent, self-sufficient, and the controllers of their lives:

*prakṛteḥ kriyamāṇāni
guṇaiḥ karmāṇi sarvaśaḥ
ahaṅkāra-vimūḍhātmā
kartāham iti manyate*

"The bewildered spirit soul, under the influence of the three modes of material nature, thinks himself to be the doer of activities, which are in actuality carried out by nature."

But by your mercy we have learned our real constitutional position in relation to this temporary world, and more important, in relation to Kṛṣṇa, the Supreme Personality of Godhead. *Jñāna* refers to knowledge of self as distinguished from matter. *Vijñāna* refers to specific knowledge of the self in relationship to the Supreme Self. It is explained thus in the *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam*:

*jñānaṁ parama-guhyam me
yad-vijñāna-samānvitam
sa-rahasyam tad-aṅgam ca
gṛhāṇa-gāditam mayā*

"Knowledge of the self and Supreme Self is very confidential and mysterious, being veiled by *māyā*, but such knowledge and specific realization can be understood if it is explained by the Lord Himself."

Of course the *Bhagavad-gītā* gives us that knowledge, and it is spoken by the Lord Himself. But how is it that of all the translations of the *Gītā*, only yours has led people to become devotees of God, Kṛṣṇa? It is because you are a self-realized soul and pure devotee of Kṛṣṇa. Kṛṣṇa explains how this knowledge is taught in the *Gītā*:

*kintu prabhor yaḥ priya eva tasya
vande guroḥ śrī-caraṇāravindam*

"The spiritual master is honored as much as God on account of his being the most confidential servitor of the Lord. This is acknowledged in all revealed scriptures and is followed by all authorities. Therefore I offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of my spiritual master, who is a bona fide representative of Śrī Hari (Kṛṣṇa)."

(Śrī Gurvaṣṭakam, 7th śloka)

Also in the *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam* Kṛṣṇa says to His friend Uddhava that one should accept the spiritual master as the Lord's very self. No one can understand the glories of the spiritual master without following completely his instructions. And if a person is not able to engage his disciples in the transcendental loving service of the Lord, he should not pose himself as a spiritual master. But you are engaged in Kṛṣṇa's service, and have given us that boon also. You are serving Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu, and we are serving Him by serving you.

One serves the spiritual master according to the desires of the spiritual master, not according to his own desires. A servant means one who carries out the orders of the master. That you have taught us by your own example. It was the desire of your spiritual master that Kṛṣṇa consciousness be presented before the English-speaking people, and you have done it. In doing so, you have not compromised, but have spoken it as it is. That is the success and perfection of your activities, and our success is to assist you in your life's mission without selfish motivation or desires for personal sense gratification.

Brahmacārīs

Vicaru dāsa
Gokulānanda dāsa
Śivarāma dāsa

Bhartṛhari dāsa
Praghoṣa dāsa
Harakumāra dāsa

Jayabalarāma dāsa
 Premaniketena dāsa
 Priyabhakta dāsa
 Śukra dāsa

Bhakta Kevin
 Bhakta Rick
 Bhakta Barry
 Bhakta Michael
 Bhakta John

Grhasthas

Uttamasloka dāsa adbhikārī
 Māyāpur sha sha dāsa

Bahirṣmatī devī dāsī
 Sarvamayī devī dāsī

Brahmacārīṇīs

Jotiraditya devī dāsī
 Śrīkarī devī dāsī
 Candra devī dāsī
 Mohinī devī dāsī

Sādhvī devī dāsī
 Bhaktin Cindy
 Bhaktin Leona

Children

Rādhā Gopīnātha dāsa

MUNICH

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

There are many who claim to be spiritual authorities, to be guru, or even God Himself, and we must judge them by their qualifications. But without spiritual education no one can discern that which is genuine from that which is bogus. Factually very few people actually know what God is, or what they are, or what the purpose of life is. Ignorant and susceptible to self-interested cheaters, we

fail to comprehend our real duty towards the Supreme God, and glide down the hellish path of existence. Amidst the variety of so-called *yogīs*, who has even understood that he is not the body? Thus due to lack of transcendental association, the cheaters and the cheated continue their perpetual transmigration from body to body, through repeated births and deaths, within this material universe. Due to their misidentification with the body, or "skin disease," they remain plagued by unlimited anxieties.

The real *guru* comes to initiate the fallen souls on the progressive path of spiritual realization. The first symptom of the *guru* is that he is absorbed in transcendence, and he can lift others out of material anxieties by imparting transcendental knowledge. If one at all wants to relieve himself of his suffering, he must find and take shelter at the feet of the bona fide spiritual master. The second symptom of the *guru* is that he is always speaking of and glorifying God, as confirmed in *Bhagavad-gītā*:

"Always chanting My glories, endeavoring with great determination, bowing down before Me, these great souls perpetually worship Me with devotion."

In this way there are eight symptoms of the *guru*, as described by Śrīla Viśvanātha Cakravartī Ṭhākura in his *Gurvaṣṭaka*. When one contacts and receives the blessings of the spiritual master, he realizes his ignorant situation and becomes totally dependent on his *guru* for elevation to pure consciousness. The representative of the Lord is empowered to elevate the most fallen souls to become *vaiṣṇavas*, or advanced transcendentalists, lovers of God. Narottama dāsa Ṭhākura says that by touching the holy Ganges water one can get liberation, but simply by seeing the pure devotee the same effect is achieved. The pure devotee carries the Lord within his heart and can reveal Him to any sincere disciple. We should therefore desire even a small drop of mercy from the spiritual master in order to develop our eternal relationship with the Lord, and to experience spiritual bliss so that our attachment for material pleasures may be cast aside.

We therefore offer our service and surrender to His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda, a pure devotee of Lord Kṛṣṇa, and pray that we may some day bow

at his lotus feet with the humility that is required for obtaining the mercy of the Lord. We ask desperately that he kindly engage us in his service and permit us to attach ourselves to his mission. Śrīla Prabhupāda, you are an ocean of mercy. When you study us, you will find no qualifications, but we beg you, do not reject us. Our only hope is in serving those who serve you, in giving you pleasure by cooperating with your mission.

Avināśacandra dāsa brahmacārī	Bhakta Frank
Citrāveśa dāsa brahmacārī	Bhakta Frank
Durgamā dāsa brahmacārī	Bhakta Kurt
Aśokakumāra dāsa brahmacārī	Sudeṣṇa dāsa brahmacārī

Sutapā dāsa adbhikārī	Herta devī dāsī - Eva devī
Surabhī devī dāsī	Bhaktin Christine
Bhaktin Katy	

NAIROBI

Our dear spiritual master,

We began with a view to glorify you, Śrīla Prabhupāda, but instead find a lack of profundity, to our disgust. We can only resound the speeches of others and hope that their praises are somewhat just. There is no need to detail our lax or our needs. But we beg you to give us the devotional seed. Please accept our heartfelt obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet.

The powerful animosity of the conditioned living being aimed at the Lord is certainly undeserved by Him. But you destroy this wicked mood with the sharpened sword of truth, and bring them to surrender at His feet. How great your mercy, how marvellous your work!

We are your foreign troops, our brigade marching daily through the villages and towns preaching to the uncomplimentary half of Mahārāja Vena. We want to put a spiritual smile on the face of every African. The density of ignorance here seems impenetrable; yet, to our

surprise, they are coming to fly the Kṛṣṇa flag. We are boldly waving the flag of devotional service in the face of the corrupted generals and kings. The fight against the atheistic demeanor is led by you, and we beg to brave their resistance in the shade of your lotus feet.

GBC--Brahmānanda Svāmī	Jayānta dāsa brahmacārī
Paramesvarī dāsa brahmacārī	Sanat Kumāra Prabhu
Bhāgavat dāsa brahmacārī	Kṛṣṇa dāsa Prabhu
Rāmānuja dāsa brahmacārī	Mahārati dāsa Prabhu
Rasānanda dāsa brahmacārī	Prabhānu dāsa brahmacārī
Vivikāra dāsa brahmacārī	Śaktimatī devī dāsī
Śarma dāsa brahmacārī	Hāsyānanda dāsa brahmacārī

Nāma Haṭṭa TSKP

Jaya Om Viṣṇupāda Paramahansa Parivrājakācārya aṣṭottara-
śata Śrī-Śrīmad Bhaktivedānta-Tridaṇḍi-Goswami-Mahārāja-
Prabhupāda ki jaya!

With a humbled heart and prostrated obeisances we offer to thee this Vyāsa-Pūjā, an offering most deserved by one who represents Śrīla Vyāsadeva, the original spiritual master. You are so mercifully making unfortunates fortunate with the message of devotional service. Śukadeva Goswami stated to Mahārāja Parīkṣit the importance of hearing the Lord's pastimes in the twenty-ninth chapter of the fourth canto of *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam*;

"My dear King, one should stay at a place where the great ācāryas (holy teachers) speak about the transcendental activities of the Lord, and one should give aural reception to the nectarean river flowing from the moonlike faces of such great personalities. If someone eagerly continues to hear such transcendental sounds, then certainly he will become free from all material hunger, thirst, fear and lamentation, as well as all illusions of material existence."

So many times we, who are so weak, seem to neglect this most important service of hearing of the Lord's glorious pastimes, and in view of this fact, our hearts remain covered with the dust of conditional life. So now we take a little time to rectify this sad condition and pray to you, Gurudeva, that you'll bestow kindness upon us and give us an attraction for this purifying process. Our neglect is not any fault in the process. We thought ourselves as authorities, but now we seek refuge at your feet.

"O twice-born sages, by serving those devotees who are completely free from all vice, great service is done. By such service, one gains affinity for hearing the messages of Vāsudeva."

(Bhag. 1.2.16)

It is only by this service unto you, Śrīla Prabhupāda, that we may understand anything transcendental.

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

(Bg. 4.34)

"By regularly hearing the *Bhāgavatam* and rendering service to the pure devotee, all that is troublesome to the heart is practically destroyed, and loving service unto the glorious Lord, who is praised with transcendental songs, is established as an irrevocable fact."

So this first and most important step to self-realization cannot be overemphasized. Just as sound is the first thing to arouse a sleeping man, so the transcendental sounds of the messages of Lord Kṛṣṇa and your ambrosial words can arouse our dormant Kṛṣṇa consciousness.

And who can measure such kindness? Your pure transmission of the transcendental sound reaches every corner of this planet due to your selfless translatory efforts. Now *śruti*, *smṛiti*, *purāṇa* and *pañcarātra* are read in all parts of the globe, and nullify all past ideas of truth. You are teaching and distributing the highest gain, pure bhakti-yoga, and our service to the Lord becomes fixed by learning and distributing such literatures. Thank you Śrīla Prabhupāda.

that fulfills all desires, and your service we are finding recreative, exciting, adventurous and full of ecstatic surprises. Lord Caitanya has chosen you to push open wide the doors of the storehouse of love of God. Before you, His mercy was available, but now it is reaching everywhere without exception. By dint of your potency, every continent is proving fertile ground for introducing the Holy Names and cultivating ecstatic transcendently pure devotees of Śrī Kṛṣṇa, the Supreme Personality of Godhead. You have some very prominent disciples, and some obscure ones also, but always you are impartial, distributing Kṛṣṇa's mercy indiscriminately. We are just trying to become serious about your instructions to us; chant Hare Kṛṣṇa, read your books, and make New Orleans a "grand success." Somehow Rādhā and Kṛṣṇa have seen fit to come into our temple, but we understand it was due to Their Lordships' love for Your Divine Grace. These all-attractive Deities you have named Rādhā-Rādhākānta, the lover of Rādhārāṇī.

Our concrete advancements in the last year were small, but we offer you them in an attempt to glorify you as our infallible leader. More devotees have come, a dazzling new temple room was constructed, Gaura-Nitai in marble are awaiting installation.

Nityānanda dāsa
Vimala dāsa
Vṛkodara dāsa
Caturbāhu dāsa
Mahendranātha dāsa
Yogīndravandan dāsa
Virendra dāsa
Satyavrata dāsa
Muralimanohara dāsa
Bhakta Robbie
Bhakta Risun
Suvrata dasa
Dvibhuja dasa
Vic Frank

Kanyakumārī devī dāsī
Śāntī devī dāsī
Debraja devī dāsī
Hamsinī devī dāsī
Mitravindā devī dāsī
Śrīla devī dāsī
Premamayī dāsī
Steve, Kathleen and Candra
Bhaktin Twig

Śrīla Prabhupāda, you are the ocean of mercy, the friend of the poor and the lord and master of the devotees. Oh Śrīla Prabhupāda! Please be merciful unto us and give us the shade of your lotus feet. Your fame is spread all over the three worlds.

Coming into contact with the illusory energy, becoming envious of the Supreme Lord Kṛṣṇa, taking up the uniform of a prisoner, contemplating the objects of the senses and being scorched by attachment, lust, anger, delusion, bewilderment of memory, loss of intelligence, utter submergence in the depths of darkness and pain--this is our life's history in the *mahat-tattwa*. We have wept oceans of tears, being forced to carry the unbearable, massive load of miseries so rightly deserved.

We had totally forsaken our eternal Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa, who would never do the same to us. But, instead of leaving us in this pit of horrifying entanglement, He has sent His dearmost personal delegate, whose voice has crushed our uncrushable pride, and who has turned our guilty faces to have a glimpse of reality in the highest form--Śrī Śrī Rādhā-Vṛndāvanacandra.

Śrīla Prabhupāda, you have told us that if the bull (which represents the principles of religion) is protected nicely and given sufficient grazing pastures, then he will naturally eat up all the long grasses (which represent rampant irreligion) growing there. So all of us here at New Vṛndāvana are daily letting the beautiful strong bulls out to pasture to eat up the long grasses to their full satisfaction. Your simple, compassionate instructions are pouring forth like rivers of nectar from your lotus lips, entering our earholes. Consequently, we are feeling satisfied at heart and fully confident to meet Māyā's agents face to face, fighting down to the last confrontation as long as you remain with us as our bold commander-in-chief.

In *Bhagavad-gītā* Kṛṣṇa promises to appear whenever there is necessity of relieving the burden of the earth by means of annihilating the miscreants and establishing religious principles. This is certainly a time of such necessity because for thousands of years the most offenseless and important animal, the cow (who represents Mother Earth), has been trembling due to seeing her life put in

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

*namas te sārasvate devam
gaura-vāpī pracāriṇe
nirviśeṣa-sūnyavādi-
pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe*

Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda,

You are the topmost swan-like devotee and wandering mendicant, the jewel who is kindly delivering the message of Caitanya Mahāprabhu to the world. You have saved us from the most wretched states of existence, simply by giving us Kṛṣṇa. It is Kṛṣṇa's mercy to have given us you.

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

So fortunate are we to have received the seed of devotion after having travelled throughout the universe for so many billions of years. Śrīla Prabhupāda, you are the compassionate nature of the Lord. You cannot stand the sufferings of the conditioned souls, so out of your mercy you have descended to bring them back to the Kingdom of God. You are never stereotyped; you will do anything for Kṛṣṇa. You have come to this place of ignorance carrying the torchlight known as *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam*. Our eyes are being forced open by its brilliant glow.

You are selflessly serving your spiritual master with unalloyed devotion. You have unflinching faith in his words and in the Lord. You are kindly accepting our service, though it is grossly materially tinged. By your touch, our service becomes pure and acceptable to Kṛṣṇa. Your mercy is even greater than that of the Lord of Vai-kunṭha, for although He is merciful to all the *nitya-mukta* (eternally liberated) souls, you are merciful to both *nitya-mukta* and *nitya-baddha* (eternally conditioned)

souls. There is no possibility of ever repaying the debt we owe to you, but you are so humble that when you see your disciples advancing in Kṛṣṇa consciousness you feel indebted to them. Surely this humility is unrivalled.

The water that washes your feet can purify all places of pilgrimage. Following perfectly in the footsteps of the six Goswamis of Vṛndāvana, you purify all the reactions of the sinful activities of conditioned souls by pouring on them transcendental songs about Govinda. You are expert in increasing the limits of the ocean of transcendental bliss.

Śrīla Prabhupāda, you have given us so many wonderful books. This is another manifestation of your unlimited mercy. You are making access to yourself so easy. You are always finding ways to engage even unwilling persons in Kṛṣṇa's service. You are performing miracles, transforming *mlecchas* into *brāhmaṇas*. Your potency can transform the lowest soul into a pure devotee. You are a soul fully surrendered unto the lotus feet of the Lord, engaged cent per cent in His service, always hearing and chanting the message of Lord Caitanya and always very anxious to hear of the transcendental pastimes of Rādhikā and Mādhava. We pray to be benedicted with one drop of your mercy and compassion. We beg to serve in your mission of delivering all conditioned souls within the universe. May we eternally remain as insignificant servants under the dust of your lotus feet.

Bali Mardan dāsa Gosvāmī

Añjana
Anuttama
Apūrvā
Atīndriya
Bhadra Sen
Bhaktivinoda
Bhārgava
Bhṛṅgupati
Bṛsiṁha
Brajendranandana
Caturvyūha

Cakradhara
Devāmṛta
Draviḍa
Gadāgraja
Garīyan
Gaurahari
Gopāla Kṛṣṇa
Gopījanaballava
Gopīparāṇadhana
Harikeśa
Indrapramada

Indriyeśa
 Jagannātha
 Jagannātha Sūta
 Jāisacīnandana
 JayĀdvaita
 Janārdana
 Janēśvara
 Jiteśvara
 Kalpavṛkṣa
 Kṛṣṇa Kathā
 Lokamaṅgala
 Madhusūdana
 Maṅgalānanda
 Matsya
 Mohanānanda
 Murlidhara
 Navadvīpa
 Nanda Kiśōra
 Nayanābhirāma
 Nirantara
 Pañcaratna
 Pañkajanābha
 Parīkṣit
 Pippalai
 Preraka
 Rādhāvallabha
 Rāmabhadra
 Rasarāja
 Romapāda
 Rukma
 Sadācāra
 Santoṣa
 Sausīlya
 Śrīla

Sumahat
 Sunanda
 Tīrthapada
 Toṣan Kṛṣṇa
 Urukrama
 Uttariyodhara
 Vidyābhūṣaṇa
 Vilāsavigraha
 Vipramukhya
 Viṣṇu dāsa
 Yadubara
 Yamarāja
 Yogeścandra
 Avritt
 Bharat Jagannath
 Conrad
 Ed
 Frank
 Gabriel
 Gary
 Gene
 Glenn
 Gregory
 Jeff
 Jimi
 Ken
 Louis
 Mike
 Morris
 Norman
 Orville
 Paul
 Richard
 William

Taittiriya devi dasi

Alārka
 Anala-Lakṣmaṇā
 Bhadra-Tulasyānanda

Bhūmi
 Daivaśaktī
 Dharmakāla

Duḥkhaḥantrī
 Ekāyanī-Durlabha
 Gaurī
 Heranetrāṇī
 Jāhnavā
 Jadurāṇī
 Kāñcanbala
 Mahāmāyā
 Mamatā
 Naradevī
 Omkāra
 Prabala
 Praphullamukhī
 Rāgātmikā
 Ṣaṣṭi-Bhadrāsena

Śikhaṇḍinī
 Śravaṇīya
 Sunītā
 Uśā
 Vārāṇasī
 Viśākhā
 Yajñapriyā
 Yogamāyā
 Andrea
 Cindy
 Dawn
 Diane
 Inge
 Karen
 Paula

Please accept our prostrated obeisances at your lotus feet. By your grace we can see again. There are many fools and rascals who pose themselves as men of science and learning, but know not who they are nor what their relationship with God is. By definition, knowledge is information gathered from scripture, and science is the practical application of that knowledge under the guidance of a bona fide spiritual master. Since there are so many pretenders today, we always glorify you as a bona fide guru, and in our preaching work explain your relationship with Lord Kṛṣṇa. Any sane man will accept you as the representative of the Supreme Personality of Godhead, and take shelter of your lotus feet. We can conclude, therefore, that those who fail to be attracted to Kṛṣṇa after hearing you chant the glories of the Lord in pure devotion, are not sincere seekers of truth.

The Lord knows our heart's innermost desires, and thus He sends His representative for those who are serious about self-realization, with the invitation to come back home. Just as the sunrise is self-evident, knowing you to be the confidential servitor of the Lord is simple to see. But there are those who, like the owl who sleeps in the daytime, don't look for the truth in this human form of life, and thus become animals or lower in their next birth. They are unfortunate. We are like unto such fools. But somehow or other we are begging to surrender unto Your Divine Grace and learn the science of God. This submission, we can understand, is the proper use of our minute independence.

God is One, and the guru is in complete union and agreement with God. Our beloved Guru-mahārāja does not manufacture God or give his own ideas about the Lord's will. Instead he is qualified to speak on behalf of Kṛṣṇa without any adulteration. It is to be understood that when the spiritual master is speaking, the Lord is speaking through him. How can one who doesn't know Kṛṣṇa (His form, qualities, pastimes, etc.) claim to be a spiritual master? There is no question in our minds, or doubt in our hearts, that you, Śrīla Prabhupāda, are the jagad-guru. Our reluctance to fully surrender is simply due to our past conditioning. Now that you have liberated us from illusion's call, and satisfied us with the perfect

and complete philosophy of the Vedas, let us cling tightly to your lotus feet, leaving no chance of ever forgetting Kṛṣṇa again.

It is not possible to express our gratitude in words, nor can we repay you by any amount of service. We can simply give you our hearts and souls. Now you can do with us as you like, eternally. We are praying to Kṛṣṇa that we may not offend you. We wish to never withdraw from your shelter. Please forgive our offenses and bless us with Kṛṣṇa consciousness.

You are our only hope. Please bring us back to Godhead. This is our humble prayer.

Dharmarāja dāsa brahmacārī

Bhakta George

Bala-kṛṣṇa dāsa brahmacārī

Bhakta Rael

Adhiyajña dāsa brahmacārī

Bhakta Saurindra

PARIS

Dearest Śrīla Prabhupāda, no one knows better than you how mankind is bent on destroying itself piecemeal, nor does anyone feel the same profound compassion for these children-at-arms, born of an unspeakable age, blinded by the illusion of material pleasure.

For such petty minds as ours, it was hard to understand what could have motivated you to come to this wilderness of sin. You were disarming in the beginning, with your knowing smile, utter detachment, tolerance and a nature so gentle that you once tamed a butterfly in your Londonderry room. One could not help but be drawn in by your loving ways and broken English.

But quickly you surprised us with your ravaging attacks on godless society and the demons behind it - "Fools and rascals!" "Kick on their faces!" "Dogs, hogs, camels and asses!" Although many were shocked, it was what spiritualism had been lacking; relevancy and an understanding of the real problems, and the effect was a solidification of our own confidence in the strength and scope of

Lord Caitanya's movement.

Most astonishing was that you never lost your original softness of heart, despite the hard-line stand against hypocrisy and exploitation. It was reassuring for those around you to find the same gentle spirit, the same compassion and delicate touch behind the tit-for-tat philosophy and burning commentaries on the insanity passing on as advancement of mankind.

But what of those to come? How heavy a burden on those of the vanguard who have to demonstrate the same sensitivity and tact for the future generations. How serious the consequences for not following in the tradition of love and trust. And how great the need for determining now to put aside the false ego that colors our vision of what is to be done in truth.

This is the essence of our Vyāsa-Pūjā offering: that for the sake of your mission we are prepared to sacrifice all personal consideration and cooperate to spread the glories of Lord Kṛṣṇa.

The devotees of Paris temple offer their most humble obeisances unto the lotus feet of their spiritual master and pray together that by his grace the *saṅkīrtana* movement may flourish in all countries of the world.

Brahmacārīs

Janārdrādi dāsa	Rasada dāsa dāsa
Rādhikā Rāmaṇa dāsa	Viśvambhara dāsa
Diraṅga dāsa	Jagadadija dāsa
Dvijavara dāsa	Kapila dāsa
Sukirit dāsa	Prabhava Vighraha dāsa
Ādi Bhūta dāsa	Bhavasindhupoṭa dāsa
Jayakula dāsa	Parasurāma dāsa

Grhasthas

Bhagavān dāsa	Abhinanda dāsa	Bhugarba dāsa
Indradyumna dāsa	Viṣṇurata dāsa	Prthuputra dāsa
Yogeśvara dāsa	Vyala dāsa	Hāya Hāya dāsa
Hari Vilāsa dāsa	Narottamānanda dāsa	
Locānanda dāsa	Sudhojaya dāsa	

Bhaktas

Clement	Bernard I	Maureen	Jenny
Alain	Bernard II	Michele	Francine
Joreen	Dominique	Dominique	Danielle
Jiles	Serge	Joy	Jesline
Jeff	Dennis	Judy	Henrietta
Willi	Phillipe	Anne	Marie
Benjamine		Odile	

Women and children

Kṛṣṇa Bhāminī devī dāsī - Mañjarī
 Kṛpā Mayī devī dāsī
 Jyotirmayī devī dāsī
 Parijata devī dāsī
 Rameśvarī devī dāsī - Jagannātha
 Uśamatī devī dāsī - Caitanya, Raghunātha
 Jaya Lakṣmī devī dāsī
 Sītāla devī dāsī
 Brahmajananī devī dāsī
 Ratimañjarī devī dāsī - Sujata
 Kāntī devī dāsī
 Annada devī dāsī
 Maithilī devī dāsī
 Vanessa
 Arjuna
 Bhogini devi dasi

PHILADELPHIA

Our most worshipable Śrīla Prabhupāda,

Please accept our most humble obeisances at your lotus feet. Your lotus feet are the goal of practice of austerity, chanting of Vedic hymns and performance of penance of all kinds.

ing and dancing of the devotees! By your mercy, at dawn there is the sound of *maṅgala-ārātrika* all over the globe. Thousands have seen the ecstatic *arcā-vigraha* of the Lord. Your books fall into the laps of millions. Your preaching work is a torchlight. The *mahā-mantra* now dances tongue to tongue like an all-consuming fire. In Māyāpur, you brought about the fulfillment of Śrīla Bhaktivinoda Thākura's prediction that one day easterners and westerners would be dancing and chanting "Jaya Śacīnandana! Jaya Śacīnandana!" at the sacred place of Śrī Caitanya's appearance.

Now you are encouraging us to enter into the fields of politics, science and education, to make extensive Kṛṣṇa conscious propaganda so that others may be benedicted with this spiritual life.

THE FRIEND OF THE POOR. "It is very good, my dear child, that you have attained the Supreme goal of life by developing love of Godhead. Thus you have pleased me very much, and I am obliged to you. My dear child, continue dancing, chanting and performing *saṅkīrtana* in association of devotees. Furthermore, go out and preach the value of chanting *kṛṣṇa-nāma*, for by this process you will be able to deliver all fallen souls." (Cc. Ādi, 7.91-92)

Presently, there are many altruists, philanthropists and humanitarians busily engaged in building hospitals, feeding the hungry and helping to bring lowly persons into the mainstream of society. But Your Divine Grace is more anxious to maintain temples wherein the Deity of Kṛṣṇa is standing, benedicting all those who come before Him. You are more interested in the distribution of *prasādam*, which ends the real hunger of the living entity. You are urging the planet to make permanent solutions to the problems of birth, disease, old age and death, and go back to home, back to Godhead.

It is not such a great thing for someone to feed us when we are hungry, to give us needed money or cure some bodily ailment; but a friend of the soul, a friend beyond birth and death—such a friend is very, very rare.

THE LORD AND MASTER OF THE DEVOTEES. Once at a Rathayātrā festival Your Divine Grace sat on Subhadrā's chariot, surrounded by devotees who were holding ecstatic *kīrtana*. When you raised your hand to enthrall them, they

responded like puppets, dancing higher and higher.

When Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu was passing through a forest, His chanting of the Holy Name caused even the tigers and cobras to dance. Your purity is such that even our most fallen personalities are becoming devotees of the Lord, abstaining from illicit sex life, flesh-eating, intoxication and gambling.

*naṣṭa-prāyeṣv abhadreṣu
nityaṁ bhāgavat-sevayā
bhāgavatya uttama-śloke
bhaktir bhavati naiṣṭhikī*

"By regularly hearing the *Bhāgavatam* and rendering service unto the pure devotee, all inauspicious things within the heart are practically destroyed, and loving service unto the Lord, who is praised with transcendental songs, is established as an irrevocable fact."

"When Kṛṣṇa returns, He is garlanded with tulasī leaves. He puts His hand on the shoulder of a cowherd boy friend, and begins to blow His transcendental flute. The wives of the black deer become enchanted upon hearing the vibration of His flute, which resembles the vibration of the *vīṇā*. The deer come to Kṛṣṇa and become so charmed that they stand still, forgetting their homes and husbands."

Just as a father is anxious to reclaim his renegade son, similarly Kṛṣṇa is anxious for us to return to Vṛndāvana, our original home. You have come for the purpose of bringing us back. "This Hare Kṛṣṇa movement," you have said, "is to enable us to re-enter the family of Kṛṣṇa."

Sometimes when Kṛṣṇa is walking along with His cowherd boy friends, some of the cows scatter hither and thither. One of the cowherd boys will then run and bring the cows back, guiding them with his walking stick, explaining to Kṛṣṇa, "Your cows were going off here and there," and Kṛṣṇa will say "Thank you very much."

Your worthless servants of Philadelphia ISKCON

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

It is very difficult for us to offer much insight or deeply moving words pertaining to your unlimited greatness, Śrīla Prabhupāda, O beloved spiritual master. From the platform of limited and imperfect sense perception, it is difficult to appreciate the nature of one fixed in the transcendental loving service of the Lord. Just as a man feels insignificant while looking into unlimited space, so our endeavor to comprehend the nature and position of Your Divine Grace, seems so puny. Still, we are influenced by your humble, instructive words to relate something of what we have realized about the science of Kṛṣṇa consciousness.

Kṛṣṇa consciousness is based solely on the mercy of Lord Kṛṣṇa and His representative in the material world, the spiritual master. Until you came to these western countries, Śrīla Prabhupāda, all of us were completely devoid of any understanding of the real goal of life, which is to revive the lost consciousness of our eternal relationship with the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Lord Kṛṣṇa. Nor did we have any systematic process for realizing this goal. The propagandists of the modern education system say, "Because we cannot see God, therefore He does not exist, and has no bearing on our existence." While posing as men of knowledge, the so-called educators allure, and then poison, the innocent population of the planet with their disease of mental speculation, exactly as the cobra with a jewel on his head befools the innocent victim. Or just as an intoxicated man cannot see or speak of things with clarity, so these enemies of mankind, who are completely separated from the vision of the Absolute Truth by the Lord's curtain of deluding energy, speak all nonsense and thus contaminate the atmosphere with impure sound vibration.

Even without directly seeing the sun, one can realize its presence in the sky by its heat and light energy. Similarly, one can know that God exists by experiencing His diverse energies in the material world. When we see a skyscraper, we agree that an intelligent person is be-

hind such an ordered construction. Still, in the face of Kṛṣṇa's material creation, which is working in flawless harmony and order in accordance with His will, the rascal "educators" and scientists invent so many theories to either prove that Kṛṣṇa does not exist, or they simply make everything appear as unreal or meaningless. As is stated in the *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam*, in this age of Kali people have become increasingly faithless in God due to the propagation of so many ideas centered about exploitation and cheating for personal sense gratification. Without the presence of a pure devotee of the Lord, human society becomes lax in its progress toward the Personality of Godhead, degenerating into animalism and violence, with no real direction, save and except sense enjoyment and ultimate destruction.

When Lord Caitanya asked Rāmānanda Rāya what the most inauspicious thing for society was, he replied that not having the association of a pure devotee of the Lord was to be considered most unfortunate. By the Lord's grace we are so fortunate as to have your association, Śrīla Prabhupāda, both through your books and personally. Why we receive such mercy is incomprehensible. You have made this great, intricate science of God-realization understandable to persons like ourselves, who were born lower than *śūdras*. This has been made possible by your perfect realization of the science, as delivered to you by your spiritual master. If we could only realize our great fortune, we might be more enthusiastic in following the path you have outlined; but being unfortunate, we can boast of no sincere desire to surrender.

Because of your presence in the world we now have the chance to awaken our dormant understanding of and love for God, Kṛṣṇa. This human form of life is specifically awarded so that we can awaken this dormant love, and thus go back to home, back to Godhead. If this is not done, then we spoil our opportunity, arrived at after countless excruciating revolutions in the cycle of birth and death.

"The spiritual master is receiving benediction from the ocean of mercy. Just as a cloud pours water on the forest fire to extinguish it, so the spiritual master extinguishes the blazing fire of material existence. I

offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of such a spiritual master."

We are praying that we may somehow or other remain at your lotus feet, and aid you in your mission to fulfill the desire of your spiritual master, His Divine Grace Śrī-Śrīmad Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī Goswami Mahārāja Prabhupāda. We are praying to Lord Kṛṣṇa to give us the facility to establish a successful center in Pittsburgh, so that the message of Lord Caitanya may be continually distributed as He desires. In this way the fallen souls of Kali-Yuga will be given a chance to gain true insight into the divine reality of the Kṛṣṇa Consciousness Movement. We are praying to you, Śrīla Prabhupāda, to inundate the entire planet with your mercy by continuing your translations of the transcendental message of Kṛṣṇa, the Supreme Personality of Godhead. All glories to you, Śrīla Prabhupāda!

Mahendra dāsa adbhikārī
Lalitakumāra dāsa adbhikārī
Brahmavitta dāsa adbhikārī
Puru dāsa brahmacārī
Brahmā dāsa brahmacārī
Candrabhānu dāsa brahmacārī
Ajitānanda dāsa brahmacārī
Damaghoṣa dāsa adbhikārī
Bhakta Henry
Bhakta Terry
Bhakta Duke

Sukhadā devī dāsī
Jambavatī devī dāsī
Payaḥsvinī devī dāsī
Vidambhā devī dāsī
Araudra devī dāsī
Mitrā devī dāsī
Bhakta dāsa
Vṛndā devī dāsī
Bhaktin Susan
Bhaktin Bonnie

PORTLAND

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

namas te sārasvate devam
 gaura-vāṇī-pracāriṇe
 nirviśeṣa-sūnyavādi-
 pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe

Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda,

We beg to offer our most humble obeisances at your feet on this most blessed appearance day of Your Divine Grace. Had you not appeared before us with the transcendently sublime Vedic wisdom, surely our dilemma of repeated birth, disease, old age and death would have remained unsolved for thousands of years. As imperfect and conditioned souls, our own sentimental words are inadequate expressions of thanksgiving. Instead we refer to the third canto of *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam*, where Mahātmā Vidura declares:

"Those who are spiritual masters are very kind to the needy. They are always kind to their followers, disciples and sons, and without being asked by them, the spiritual master describes all that is knowledge."

An intelligent person who is sincerely endeavoring to expand his knowledge of the Absolute realm should seriously consider the advice of Lord Kṛṣṇa in the fourth chapter of the *Bhagavad-gītā*:

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

Such a seer of truth was Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī, who came in a line of pure disciplic succession from Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa. Because you, Śrīla Prabhupāda, heard patiently from Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta, your words now echo the transcendental potency of the Lord Himself. By your transcendental books and lectures, you are so kindly distributing Kṛṣṇa's message all over the world. Thoughtful citizens who can understand your literature receive prac-

Śreṣṭha dāsa brahmacārī
Sarvadr̥k dāsa brahmacārī

Bhakta Ed
Bhakta Pat

PUERTO RICO

We can find no more proper refuge for our prostrated obeisances than the lotus feet of our beloved spiritual father His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda.

*bhavad-vidhā bhāgavatas
tīrtha-bhūtaḥ svayaṁ vibho
tīrthīkurvanti tīrthāni
svāntaḥ-sthena gadābhṛta*

"My Lord! Devotees like your good self are verily holy places personified. You carry the Personality of Godhead within your heart, and as such, you turn all places into places of pilgrimage."

Once upon a time, by merciful arrangement, we came, afraid and quivering, into your garden. You sat in silence, legs stretched out before you, mustard oil on your body, shining in the noon-day sun. We sat and heard your voice break the silence: "It is stated in the *Upaniṣads*, when God sees you see. Accept or refute?" Of course, Śrīla Prabhupāda, whatever you say we accept as true. "HOW DO YOU ACCEPT?" (*Sādhū* means one who cuts.) We sat with our minds baffled, our voices airing confusion. You answered very simply, "The sun is one of Lord Kṛṣṇa's eyes. Without the light of the sun no one could see." Of course, how simple! "So," you said, eyes opening wide, "what is the power of your seeing?" As we thought we realized that the power of seeing was best utilized when seeing you.

As Satsvarūpa Mahārāja massaged you, we sympathized with his service and thought that the perfection of the hands was to touch you.

In morning kīrtana in LA, you fed the children

cookies, and we thought, "O to relish that Prabhupāda prasādam." But then you let us sing kīrtana and that was our prasādam. You let us glorify you, and that was our glory, the perfection of our speech.

*tanoh phalaṁ tvāḍṛśa-gātra-saṅgaḥ
jihvā-phalaṁ tvāḍṛśa-kīrtanaṁ hi
sudurlabha-bhāgavataṁ hi loka*

"O devotee of the Lord, the purpose of the visual sense is fulfilled simply by seeing you, and to touch your body is the fulfillment of this bodily touch. The tongue is meant for glorifying you because in this world it is very difficult to find a pure devotee of the Lord."

Hari-bhakti-sudhodaya

And we have come and gone from māyā's embrace; māyāra vāśe, yaccha bheśe, khāccha hābuḍubu bhāi." According to Śrīla Bhaktivinode Thākura, we are being carried away by the waves of māyā. Even now we are afflicted by our old habits, tottering on the brink of falldown; we can only pray that during the hard times of our service we are somehow forced to remember you Śrīla Prabhupāda.

Jagajīvan dāsa adhikārī
Śrutasrava dāsa adhikārī
Mahaśakti dāsa adhikārī
Yaśodajīvan dāsa brahmacārī
Śrīvās dāsa brahmacārī
Raghupatiprāṇa dāsa brahmacārī
Mahādyūti dāsa brahmacārī
Patatrirāja dāsa brahmacārī
Raṇajita dāsa brahmacārī
Bhakta Guillermo
Bhakta Amerigo
Bhakta John
Bhakta Michael
Bhakta Hector
Bhakta Lee

Sītā devī dāsī
Anaṅgamañjarī devī dāsī
Prayāga devī dāsī
Bhaktin Magalie
Bhaktin Toty
Kṛṣṇa dasi
Bhaktin Angela
Bhaktin Coqui

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya
 kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
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 nirviśeṣa-śūnyavādi-
 pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe*

"We offer our respectful obeisances unto His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda, who is so dear to Lord Kṛṣṇa on this earth, having taken shelter at His feet. Our respectful obeisances are unto you, O servant of Sarasvatī Goswami. You are kindly preaching the message of Lord Caitanyadeva and delivering the western countries, which are filled with voidism and impersonalism."

You are being so merciful to all conditioned souls by freely spreading the rays of the benediction moon. Your mercy is giving us the tremendous opportunity to become fixed as atoms of the Lord's lotus feet. And it only remains for us to surrender and take advantage of this opportunity to come closer to Kṛṣṇa. We thank and praise you eternally for this. You are honored as much as the Supreme Lord on account of your being able to give Kṛṣṇa to us. Śrīla Viśvanātha Cakravartī Ṭhākura confirms this in the seventh śloka of his *Gurvaṣṭakam*;

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

"The spiritual master is honored as much as the Supreme Lord on account of his being the most confidential servitor of the Lord. This is acknowledged in all revealed scriptures and is 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."

In order for anyone to make spiritual advancement one must obtain the mercy of the spiritual master. And when one develops faith in the Lord and the spiritual master, by the process of *śravaṇaṁ kīrtanam* (hearing and chanting), one will progress nicely in spiritual consciousness. The *śāstras* confirm this;

*yasya deve parā bhaktir
yathā deve tathā gurau
tasyaite kathitā hy arthāḥ
prakāśante mahātmanaḥ*

"Only unto those great souls who have implicit faith in both the Lord and the spiritual master are all the imports of Vedic knowledge revealed."

In order to gain the mercy of the Lord we must first gain the mercy of the spiritual master.

*yasya prasādād bhagavat-prasādo
yasyāprasādān na gatiḥ kuto'pi
dhyāyaṁ stuvaṁs tasya yaśas tri-sandhyaṁ
vande guroḥ śrī-caraṇāravindam*

"By the satisfaction of the spiritual master, the Supreme Personality of Godhead becomes satisfied. And by not satisfying the spiritual master, there is no chance of being elevated to the plane of Kṛṣṇa consciousness. I should, therefore, meditate and pray for his mercy three times a day, and offer my respectful obeisances unto him, my spiritual master."

The Lord Himself says to Arjuna, in the *Ādi-Purāṇa*, "My dear Pārtha, one who claims to be My devotee is not so. Only a person who claims to be the devotee of My devotee is actually My devotee." We also find His statement in the *Bhagavad-gītā*;

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

We pray, along with Śrīdhara Swami, "O all-merciful spiritual master, representative of the Supreme Personality of Godhead, when will my mind be completely surrendered unto your lotus feet? At that time, only by your mercy, I shall be able to get relief from all obstacles to spiritual life, and I shall be situated in blissful life."

*namo namas te'stu sahasra-kṛtvāḥ
punaś ca bhūyo'pi namo namas te
namaḥ purastād atha prṣṭhatas te
namo'stu te sarvata eva sarva*

"I offer my respectful obeisances unto you a thousand times, and again and yet again! Obeisances from the front, from the behind and from all sides!"

(Bg. 11.39-40)

As a closing gift we offer you the following prayer by Śrīla Narottama dāsa Ṭhākura;

*caḡsudāna dila-yei, janme janme prabhu sei
divya-jñāna hṛde prakāśita prema-bhakti yāhā haite
avidyā vināśa yāte, vede gāya yāhāra carita*

"You open our darkened eyes and fill our hearts with transcendental knowledge. You are my lord, birth after birth. From you ecstatic prema emanates. By you ignorance is destroyed. The Vedic scriptures sing of your character."

Kṛpāsindhu dāsa
Divyānanda dāsa
Atigarvitā devī dāsī
Manohara devī dāsī
Bhakta Norman
Bhakta Ray
Bhakta Chris
Bhakta Rene

Bhakta Ray
Bhakta Don
Bhakta George
Bhakta Robert
Bhaktin Pat
Bhaktin Claudia
Bhaktin Linda
Subhadrā devī dāsī

*śrī-guru-carāṇa-padma, kevala bhakati-sadma
vandoni mui sāvadhāna mate yāñhāra prasāde bhāi
e bhava tariyā yāi kṛṣṇa-prāpti haya yāñhā ha'te*

"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 Kṛṣṇa."

Throughout the length and breadth of the Vedas it has been declared that worship of Śrī Gurudeva is a necessary factor in the quest of the final resting place, Goloka Vṛndāvana, where one engages in eternal loving rasa with Kṛṣṇa. Therefore, Vyāsa-Pūjā is certainly the most auspicious event that all vaiṣṇavas celebrate. For without declaring our love for the spiritual master, how can we receive Lord Kṛṣṇa's benediction? In order to take to the true path of devotion, we must first find the guide who has already chalked out the way. However, we should not consider the guide to be an ordinary creature like ourselves. There is an incalculable difference between the person with limited knowledge of the empiric world and one in constant touch with the all-cognizant Śrī Kṛṣṇa. Such a "mahātmā" is so rare that all the three worlds feel the transcendental pleasure of his presence and activities. His glorious pastimes are broadcast throughout the universe. Our only business and pleasure should be to describe the fame and message of the Ācāryadeva to every last jīvātmā. After all, why are we living, if not to serve our spiritual master? Many neophyte devotees ask: "What is it that sustains one's eagerness and enthusiasm to serve the guru?" The reply is short and sweet; only love! Our ISKCON movement is based on love, moved by love, increases with love and is understood by love. There is no other motivation. Causeless love accompanied by knowledge and detachment from bodily designations keeps our hearts light, our minds clear and the goal always in sight--to please the spiritual master!

Therefore we humbly submit ourselves, devotees of ISKCON Rome, as solely dedicated to the pleasure of our spiritual master, Oṃ Viṣṇupāda Paramahansa Parivrājakācārya

Śrī-Śrīmad A.C. Bhaktivedanta Goswami Mahārāja Prabhupāda, and pray that we may some day be able to appreciate what His Divine Grace is giving us--*kṛṣṇa-prema*.

Dhanañjaya dāsa adbhikārī
Somaka dāsa adbhikārī
Svastika dāsa brahmacārī
Bhakta Corrado
Bhakta Ivan
Bhakta Luigi
Bhakta Italo
Bhakta Wayne
Bhakta Alberto

Bhakta Michelangelo
Bhakta Stefano
Bala Gopāla devī dāsī
Mṛdā devī dāsī
Alikṛṣṇa devī dāsī
Bhaktin Sabrina
Bhaktin Eugena
Bhaktin Alice

SAN DIEGO

In the *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam* it is stated;

naivopayanty apacitiṁ kavayas taveśa
brahmāyusāpi kṛta-mṛddha-mudaḥ smarantaḥ
yo'ntar bahis tanu-bhṛtām aśubhaṁ vidhunvann
ācārya-caitya-vapuṣā svagatiṁ vyanakti

"Oh! My Lord! No one can sufficiently acknowledge his obligation unto you, even devotees that have lived as long a period as the age of Brahmā. Because You do manifest Yourself in two features, namely externally as the ācārya and internally as the Supersoul in order to deliver the embodied living being by giving him direction as to how he can go unto You."

Thus, by Kṛṣṇa's grace, you have come to give us the understanding of how to qualify ourselves to live at the lotus feet of the Lord. Unlike the self-appointed *gurus*, Your Divine Grace comes in the chain of disciplic succession coming from the Lord Himself. In *Bhagavad-gītā*, Lord Kṛṣṇa states that the science of God-realization can only be learned in that way: "*Evam paramparā-prāptam*

imaṁ rājarṣayo viduḥ." Thus, Kṛṣṇa has chosen you to lead the spell-bound people of this world out of the refuse pile of illusion. And because Your Divine Grace has accepted the task with pure-hearted faith in your spiritual master, Kṛṣṇa has empowered you to execute the mission of spreading *Hari-nāma-saṁkīrtana* successfully; in the halls of government, in the classrooms, in the laboratories, churches, streets, homes, newspapers, magazines, on radio and TV. Everywhere devotees are chanting and dancing. You are arming us for inundating the world with bombs of books, philosophy and *prasāda* to remove the influence of ignorance upon the suffering and helpless souls. Service to God means to deliver the spotless message of *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam* in the footsteps of Lord Caitanya. "PREACH!! Kick on the face of the impersonalist, voidist rascals who lead the populace to hell!! Show everyone that Kṛṣṇa is the Supreme proprietor and authority."

You are showing us by perfect example how to execute the mission of the Lord. Thus, our sole duty is to follow you, surrendering life and soul, as you have followed your Gurudeva. We must have ever increasing faith that if we simply become sincere, Kṛṣṇa will give us all facility and qualification to please you. We pray at your feet that we can come closer to that goal every day.

Grhasthas

Bhakta dās adbhikārī	Śaraṇa devī dāsī
BirKṛṣṇa dās adbhikārī	Bhūvanapāvanī devī dāsī
Mahātmā dās adbhikārī	Maheśvarī devī dāsī
Guṇagrāhi dās adbhikārī	Kīrtikā devī dāsī
Bhakta Ron adbhikārī	Bhaktin Rose

Brahmacārīṇīs

Kāmatavī devī dāsī
Sāndīpanī devī dāsī
Bhaktin Sunshine

From birth, disease,
Old age and death.
Their grip has confined
Our body and mind
And over and over
Has stolen our breath.

Your blessed appearance
Has finally saved
A fortunate few
From being enslaved
By envy, by anger,
By lust, and by greed.

You've provided us all
With blessed relief
From the pain of confusion,
Delusion and grief,
And taught us that Kṛṣṇa's
All-holy Name,
And your generous blessing
Are all that we need.

We pray for your continued patient guidance in Kṛṣṇa consciousness and implore you, dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, to forgive our shamefully non-cooperative, non-appreciative material nature.

Brahmacārīs

Bhūtātmā dāsa
Vanabhaṭṭa dāsa
Vṛkasaṁga dāsa
Kṛtakarma dāsa
Indranātha dāsa
Janakanātha dāsa
Mākhana Taskara dāsa
Pravacara dāsa
Rakṣaṇa dāsa
Raṇadurmada dāsa
Tejomaya dāsa

Samvatsara dāsa
Sārvabhauma dāsa
Vaiśeṣika dāsa
Vipra dāsa
Yajñapati dāsa
Yudhamanyu dāsa
S.P.A. Balah Prabhu
Tom Prabhu

Brahmacārinīs

Candranibha devī dāsī	Lokalīlā devī dāsī
Havirdhanī devī dāsī	Madanaśinī devī dāsī
Jīvana devī dāsī	Prabhavatī devī dāsī
Kamalātikā devī dāsī	Śilāvatī devī dāsī
Kandarpa Sundarī devī dāsī	Bhaktin Deborah
	Bhaktin Evelyn

Grhasthas

Jayānanda dāsa	Trayī devī dāsī
Viśvaretha dāsa	Vrajeśvarī devī dāsī
Keśava dāsa	Lakṣmīpatī devī dāsī
Keśava Bhārati dāsa	Kaulinī devī dāsī
Gajendra dāsa	Śucitṛ devī dāsī
Vatsara dāsa	Kālakanthā devī dāsī
Vatsala dāsa	Śaśikāla devī dāsī
Mahārāja dāsa	Vihārīṇī devī dāsī
Br̥hat sanu dāsa	Su Śrī devī dāsī
Nimāi dāsa	Paramahaṃsa devī dāsī
Śuklāmvara dāsa	Kaumadī devī dāsī
Nālinikanta dāsa	Ratneśvarī devī dāsī

Children

Kṛṣṇadāsa Kavirāja dāsa	Balarāma dāsa
Rādhikā dāsī	Jayadharmā dāsa
Bhakta Sanātana dāsa	Pūrṇimā dāsa
Rāmacandra dāsa	Kṛṣṇagī dāsī

All glories, all glories to you, Śrīla Prabhupāda, for coming to this country! You did not have to come here. You were in such a nice place, Vṛndāvana, chanting Hare Kṛṣṇa. You could have very easily stayed there in Vaiṣṇava. But you are so kind, so merciful, that you took up the order of your spiritual master and came to teach the science of Kṛṣṇa in this country. Since your arrival nine years ago, you have worked so hard that Lord Caitanya's prophecy is now coming true; "Pṛthi vīte āche yato nagarādi grāma sarvatra pracār hoibe mora nāma." "My Holy Name will be heard in every town and village of the world."

Thank you, thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda. You have presented Kṛṣṇa as He is, without interpretation or concoction. Nor have you claimed to be God, as is the style.

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

You should be paid all the respect due to God because you are the bona fide representative of Kṛṣṇa, the Supreme Personality of Godhead. Our position is to try and please you, for without your favor, there is no chance of developing Kṛṣṇa consciousness.

*yasya prasādād bhagavat-prasādo
yasyāprasādān na gatiḥ kuto'pi
dhyāyam stuvāms tasya yaśas tri-sandhyam
vande guroḥ śrī-carapāravindam*

O eternally holy one, you have carried the transcendental message of the Lord like a lamp, and have entered the dark caves of these western countries to dissipate the darkness of ignorance. You have so carefully taken us by the hand and led us into the brilliant sphere of Kṛṣṇa consciousness.

*śrī-guru-carapa-padma, kevala bhakati sadma
vandoṇ mui sāvadhāna mate yāñhāra prasāde bhāi
e bhava tariyā yāi kṛṣṇa-prāpti hoy yāñhā hoite*

"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 Kṛṣṇa."

All glories to Śrī guru and Gaurāṅga!

Śukadeva dāsa adhikārī	Jagamohinī devī dāsī
Prabhānu dāsa adhikārī	Jagadīśvarī devī dāsī
HariBasāra dāsa adhikārī	Gopikā devī dāsī
Ojasvī dāsa adhikārī	Viṣṇupriyā devī dāsī
Madhvācārya dāsa	Prṣṇigarbha devī dāsī
Gopeśvara dāsa brahmacārī	Rāgātmatanī devī dāsī
Kāmsārī dāsa brahmacārī	Rohinī dāsī
Līlānanda dāsa brahmacārī	Mādhurya-līlā dāsī
Niṣṭula dāsa brahmacārī	Bhaktin Karen
Sura dāsa brahmacārī	Bhaktin Leaf
Anantātmā dāsa brahmacārī	Bhaktin Debbie
Bhayahārī dāsa brahmacārī	Bhaktin Debbie
Nityanātha dāsa brahmacārī	
Bhakta Sherman	
Bhakta Al	
Bhakta Randy	

ST. LOUIS

*om ajñāna-timirāndhasya
jñānāñjana-sālākayā
cakṣur unmilitam yena
tasmai śrī-gurave namaḥ*

Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda,

On this most blessed day we beg to offer our most humble obeisances to you. We cannot hope to adequately or even inadequately describe the glorious qualities possessed by yourself. Unfortunate as we are, we have

no attraction for chanting the Holy Name of Śrī Hari or serving your lotus feet in any way. That attachment to your lotus feet is the perfection that fulfills all desires. Please forgive our childish ignorance. Like children lost at sea in a fateful crash, we look to you for guidance.

"You are like a captain of a ship in a great ocean, and you can direct us to our destination..."

(Bhāg. 1.13.40)

O servant of Sarasvatī Goswami, you have so kindly come to the western countries to teach the message of Lord Caitanya by which ignorance and the demoniac mentality are destroyed.

"Just as the atheist cannot remain in the presence of the Personality of Godhead, so also the invulnerable sins of a man are immediately vanquished in your presence."

(Bhāg. 1.19.34)

Until you came we were ignorant and wallowing in the mire of voidism and impersonalism. Yet by your mercy alone we have been elevated to the platform of devotional service to the Lord, Śrī Kṛṣṇa. By your mercy alone one is able to cross over the ocean of birth and death and obtain Kṛṣṇa's mercy. Without you there can be no question of spiritual advancement.

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

By your holy association we have been purified. It was said by the sages in the forest of Naimiṣāranya;

"The value of a moment's association with the devotee of the Lord cannot even be compared to the attainment of heavenly planets or liberation from matter, and what to speak of worldly benedictions in the form of material prosperity, which is for those who are meant for death."

(Bhāg. 1.18.13)

"Even by conversing with such great souls, one can without delay clean up all disqualifications resulting from lower births."

(Bhāg. 1.18.18)

If such holy association can be appreciated by great saints and sages, then we must know certainly that even if we cannot comprehend the potency of your association, it is the greatest benediction. As the instruction of the spiritual master is said to be non-different from himself, if we simply follow your directions we will always remain in your purified company, and thus cross over the ocean of birth and death.

Now, as the plans of the *jagad-guru* are drawn on no small scale, we have been benedicted to transmit these instructions, contained in your books, to countless other souls. We have been empowered to broadcast this transcendental knowledge before the world. You are giving everyone the opportunity to take to spiritual life; the crow-like men do not, but some do. They may shy away at first, but they later return, having that initial contact with you or your disciple. So in this city book distribution, *prasāda* distribution, and a growing college program are going on under the auspices of Your Holiness. All glories to the *Śrī Kṛṣṇa Saṅkīrtana*! We only pray that we can become serious in executing your instructions, successful in inundating the entire world in the wave of love of Godhead, and unflinching in our faith in the Supreme Lord's mercy and protection.

All glories to you, *Śrīla Prabhupāda*. Your fame is spread all over the three worlds.

Makanlāla dāsa
Lakṣmī-nārāyaṇa dāsa
Mahāmuni dāsa
Sauśīlya dāsa
Jaya Rāma dāsa
Caturātmā dāsa
Prāṇada dāsa
Prāṇa dāsa
Jagad-dhata dāsa
Bhīma dāsa
Balajī dāsa
Bhakta Randy

Tilakā devī dāsī
Icchāmatī devī dāsī
Śāstramayī devī dāsī
Govinda Rūpiṇī devī dāsī
Keli-Cañcala devī dāsī
Dakṣiṇavarī devī dāsī
Bhaktine Anne
Bhakta Butterfly
Bhakta Jesse
Bhakta Carl
Bhakta Michael
Bhakta Mel

Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda,

We offer our eternally insignificant obeisances at your lotus feet. As the Ganges forever flows to the sea, let our minds be constantly attracted to your service, without deviation.

In the *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam* Śrīla Sūkadeva Goswami tells Mahārāja Parīkṣit, "My dear king, one should stay at a place where the great ācāryas speak about the transcendental activities of the Lord, and one should give aural reception to the nectarean rivers flowing from the moonlike faces of such great personalities." You have so kindly and tastefully presented this *Bhāgavat-Dharma*, as the parrot makes the taste of a fruit more relishable, by touching it with its beak.

Oh divine spiritual master, we pray that we, who have no qualification to serve you, may be able to meditate upon your body, words and deeds from which *kṛṣṇa-prema* shines forth, destroying our lust, anger and greed. We know that it is impossible for conditioned selves to understand one-tenth of the nature of this divine love relished by Your Divine Grace. Śrīla Bhaktivinoda Thākura has given us a little understanding of this relationship between the Lord and His most confidential servitors by revealing to us that "All the associates and servitors of Kṛṣṇa in Vraja are part of the service of Śrī Rādhikā." No wonder then that the love of Kṛṣṇa exhibited by your grace is saving the world from hell.

Fully understanding that one can only please Kṛṣṇa by pleasing His devotee, you came to the western world to give everyone a taste of the nectar of *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam*. Into this hell of slaughterhouses, casinos, bars and brothels you calmly came with the message of Lord Caitanya, requesting the fallen souls to take up self-realization by the transcendental method of singing, dancing and feasting.

It is stated in the Nectar of Devotion that the qualification of a spiritual master is that he must have realized the conclusion of the Vedas by deliberation and argument and thus be able to convince others of these conclusions.



Your fame and glory will be spread all over the world as you are performing the greatest of miracles by turning stone-hearted entities into devotees of Kṛṣṇa. The Lord's service is described in the *Bhāgavatam* as the ultimate good for the people in general.

Śrīla Prabhupāda, your service to the Lord is unmotivated and uninterrupted, and therefore you are absolutely self-satisfied. This quality makes you entirely unique and worshipable by the whole world.

Oh Śrīla Prabhupāda, you are the ideal teacher, and we are your unworthy disciples. You are our eternal father and we are your helpless children. You are the supreme spiritual master and we humbly pray that we may be engaged as menial servants at your feet.

Ajita dāsa adbhikārī
 Vegavān dāsa adbhikārī
 Nārendra dāsa brahmacārī
 Smita Kṛṣṇa dāsa brahmacārī
 Arne Prabhu
 Andrew Prabhu
 Murali Dhara dāsa brahmacārī

Kṛṣṇa-premī devī dāsī
 Padmavatī devī dāsī
 Lena Prabhu

SYDNEY

You came to the west, so simple and free,
 You placed in my heart a desire to see
 With pure eyes and a simple mind
 A way to turn lust into something sublime.

Like a downpour of rain you bestowed upon me
 Love in my heart in the form of a seed.
 And to make this seed grow, I try to please you
 By thinking of Kṛṣṇa in all that I do.

And the more service I render, the more that I see
 You are there with my Lord, deep inside me
 As my relationship grows with you within my heart
 I pray nothing, in this world, will draw us apart.

For you have given me thoughts of a Spiritual Sky
 Full of fruits, trees and flowers, where nobody dies.
 And amongst this is dancing a small Boy of blue;
 This is Lord Kṛṣṇa, emanating through you.

Śrīla Prabhupāda,

"We think that we have met your grace by the will of Providence, and thus we accept you as the captain of the ship for those who desire to cross over the dangerous ocean of Kali, which destroys all the good qualities of the human being."¹

Śrīla Prabhupāda, you are the representative of Śuka-deva Goswami, and we therefore place ourselves under your command on this ship of Vedic literature.

"And because you are submissive, your spiritual masters have endowed you with all their favors. Therefore you can tell us what you have learned from them."²

Śrīla Prabhupāda, you are purely representing Kṛṣṇa through the words of your spiritual master, and so by your mercy we can hear Kṛṣṇa. You are repeating exactly as you have heard from *paramparā*, or disciplic succession, thus you are qualified to give us what was given to sages in the past;

"Therefore devotees should constantly hear about, glorify, remember and worship the Personality of Godhead (Bhagavān), who is their protector."³

It is that self-same knowledge that Kṛṣṇa imparted to Arjuna on the battlefield of Kurukṣetra, after hearing which Sañjaya declared;

"And so wonderful is this message that my hair is standing on end."⁴

So similarly we are being thrilled by receiving the ecstatic *prema* you are displaying and distributing. It is said in the *Bhagavad-gītā* that learning from the spiritual master is as good as learning from Kṛṣṇa, so we offer our

humble obeisances at your feet.

Your Divine Grace is known as "Prabhupāda" and "Viṣṇupāda," which, according to *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam*, indicates your only business is serving the lotus feet of the Lord. Therefore we come to you on our knees, wretched and materially exhausted, and have complete faith that you can restore us, because;

"Those great sages who have completely taken shelter of the lotus feet of the Lord can at once sanctify those who come in touch with them, whereas the waters of the Ganges can do so only after prolonged use."⁵

Similarly, Śrī Advaita told Śrī Caitanya;

"Wherever You are, O Lord, there is Vṛndāvana."

Śrīla Prabhupāda, you have brought Vṛndāvana to us, by your divine mercy, and you are purifying the atmosphere wherever you go. You are known as a "vice-Lord," according to the revealed scriptures, because you have come to bring us back home, back to Godhead. In light of your greatness, we cannot help but bow at your feet.

Because your only desire is to please Kṛṣṇa, Kṛṣṇa cannot forget you; in fact there is no one more dear to Him than yourself, according to *Bhagavad-gītā*, chapter 18, verse 69.

The Vedic literatures describe the transcendental qualities of the pure devotee. Pure unalloyed devotional service is performed without any motive for material benefit. Śrīla Prabhupāda, you have no desire for *dharma*, *artha*, *kāma* or *mokṣa* (religiosity, economic development, sense gratification or liberation), and therefore we gladly worship your feet, and offer obeisances to you at least three times daily.

A person engaged in devotional service develops all good qualities, generally found in the demigods, as described by Śukadeva Goswami;

"My dear king, persons who have unflinching faith in Kṛṣṇa and are without duplicity can develop all the good qualities of the demigods. On account of a devotee's high grade of Kṛṣṇa consciousness, even the demigods like to live with him, and therefore it can be understood that the qualities of the demigods have developed within his body."⁶

"...you are free from all vice. You are well-versed in all religious scriptures, the Puranas and histories,

for you have gone through them under proper guidance and have also explained them."⁷

Unfortunate as I am, I cannot appreciate your greatness, but I pray that someday I may be able to glorify you in a befitting manner, worthy of a personality described as the sum total of all the demigods.

All glories to your lotus feet, Śrīla Prabhupāda, may I offer my obeisances eternally unto you.

TSKP

Buddhimanta dāsa brahmacārī
Gaṇeśa dāsa brahmacārī
Gopīnāthācārya dāsa brahmacārī
Antarātmā dāsa brahmacārī

Brahmacārīs

Citta Hari dāsa brahmacārī
Dvaipāyana dāsa brahmacārī
Lagudi dāsa brahmacārī
Rāma Kumālā dāsa brahmacārī
Bhakta John Bhakta Steve
Bhakta Mark Bhakta Ray
Bhakta Paul Bhakta Duncan
Bhakta Greg Bhakta Lindsay

Brahmacārīnīs

Rasarāṇī devī dāsī
Ṛṣabhā devī dāsī
Kāmarūpā devī dāsī
Nārtakī devī dāsī
Bhaktin Rasmin
Laxmana devī dāsī
Bhaktin Jean
Bhaktin Barbara
Bhaktin Garoon
Bhaktin Maryanne

Grhasthas

Amogha dāsa adbhikārī
Jayadharmā dāsa adbhikārī

Footnotes

1. Bhāg. 1.1.22
2. Bhāg. 1.1.8
3. Bhāg. 1.2.14
4. Gītā, 18.74
5. Bhāg. 1.1.5
6. Bhāg. 5.18.12
7. Bhāg. 1.1.6

Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda;

Please accept our respectful obeisances at your holy feet. Vyāsa-Pūjā offering is a very difficult task for devotees, and at the same time it is very easy. It is difficult because although we are experiencing your loving kindness upon us, as neophytes we are incapable of expressing it in words. And again, it is very simple because of the natural affection we have for Your Divine Grace.

It is due to your association alone that we do not care to live without chanting Hare Kṛṣṇa, and having you as the center of our activities. You are our control of mind, steady intelligence, pure habits and spiritual realization. We are the fish and you are our water. We are the plant and you are our soil. We are in darkness and you are our light.

Many times we are put into distress by our body or mind, or other living entities, or the aggregate of these. But when we remember your grace, all our troubles become insignificant, and we can again focus ourselves upon the goal, unalloyed love for Rādhā-Kṛṣṇa.

The greatest quality of the Lord is His compassionate nature, represented by Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī. And all who take shelter of Her Grace attain success in spiritual life.

Although we stand before you covered by the modes of material nature, namely goodness, passion and ignorance, therefore incompetent to see your true position, still we pray that we can be able to appreciate the love you have for your Gurudeva, in the pure realm of Rādhā-Kṛṣṇa loving affairs.

Devotees are only attached to one thing, and that is their devotion to the spiritual master, so we are hoping that someday we can become your devotees.

Trivikrama Svāmī

Śrī Ballava dāsa brahmacārī Dvijahari dāsa brahmacārī
Lalitākṛṣṇa dāsa brahmacārī Mīnakathā dāsa brahmacārī

To His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda
on the occasion of Śrī Vyāsa-Pūjā

Yudhiṣṭhira Mahārāja was talking to Bhīmasena. The she-jackal was vomiting fire; a dog was, without fear, barking at the king. Wind was blasting dust, and the clouds rained blood in their wake. The stars in the sky were fighting; the reservoirs, muddy; the cows, crying. Cities and mines turned ugly and barren. It was the beginning of *Kali-yuga*.

Invincible time has proceeded on its course. What were omens then are facts now. That we are born into such conditions we must take as great misfortune. We indeed were feeling like that, lamenting, and half-heartedly attempting different remedies, individual or social. But it was all darkness. If not the others, we at least felt it to be so. That must be why we turned to you.

In this miserable, degraded age, most merciful Kṛṣṇa sent you. *Kali-yuga* without you would be hopeless. All principles of spiritual understanding had by now perished, being replaced by meat-eating, intoxication, sex, fraud, etc. There was no longer even a clue for reform. We were helpless and deserving of the worst for our *vikarma*. Eternally, almost without consciousness, like a log, we were floating down the river of material existence. The actual cause, other than pure mercy, we cannot trace out, but somehow or other we came in touch with you, as a log sometimes catches the bank, and its journey downstream halts. That was the beginning of our life, our real birth. That was fortune, and later we came to know it as the only possible fortune.

All respect is due to the *guru*. It is a necessity. But in the *Kali-yuga*, how much more, then, must we worship he who mercifully accepts, and what is more, delivers, *jīvas* who have no qualification. You gave us not just Kṛṣṇa, but also Caitanya Mahāprabhu, who, though non-different, is the most merciful, willing to purify the unwilling *mlecchas*. In spite of blasphemy and insult He does not condemn, but simply pleads that all people accept the nectar of chanting Hare Kṛṣṇa, feeling love of God. By Your Divine Grace's trick we have come to taste

that nectar. So as Caitanya is called the most merciful of God's forms, we must call you the most merciful of all *gurus*, because you have brought us to Him.

How can we praise you most? Action, not words, is proof of sincerity. Our actual homage unto you will be our eagerness to follow your orders. Your desire is that we preach this message and transform the world. Not to disrespect your words, we are trying to do this now. We pray even to Kṛṣṇa for help. We must ever thank you for engaging us thusly, giving us this transcendental job, *sanātana-dharma*.

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

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

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

Gopāla Svāmī

Bhānu dāsa brahmacārī	Satyadeva dāsa adhikārī
Duradarsā dāsa brahmacārī	Mahāguṇa devī dāsī
Lakṣmaṇa dāsa brahmacārī	Śatānanda dāsa adhikārī
	Kadumbakusumapriyā devī dāsī

*bhaktyā veśyā mano yasmin
vācā yan-nāma-kīrtayan
tyajan kalevaram yogī
mucyate kāma-karmabhiḥ*

"The Personality of Godhead, who appears in the mind of the devotee by attentive devotion and meditation and by chanting of the Holy Name, releases the devotee from the bondage of fruitive activities at the time of his quitting the material body."

Unto you Guru Mahārāja we offer the following prayer, because by your grace alone are the conditioned souls excited to re-engage in their constitutional position of loving servitude.

Our dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, because of your unflinching faith and determination, you have received the garland of devotion from the tender hands of Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī. We beg for one drop of that mercy, one small petal of that garland, so that we may be inspired to approach your feet and offer our unworthy service.

Bahudak dāsa

Kāla dāsa

Rohita dāsa

Kutichak dāsa

Janisprhā dāsa

Prasasya dāsa Mahesā dāsa

Vrajārbhaka dāsa

Kṛpānidhi dāsa

Nātha dāsa

Pātraka dāsa

Bhakta Perry

Bhakta David

Bhakta Robert

Bhakta Larry

Ravindra dāsa

Mathurā dāsa

Pārtha dāsa

Jaganmitra dāsa

Bhūtamahesvara dāsa

Puṇḍarikākṣam dāsa

Carāṇa dāsa

Gapapati dāsa

Ṛddha dāsa

Daḍi-harta Prabhu

Bhakta Randy

Bhakta Ron

Bhakta Mitch

Prabhupāda dāsa