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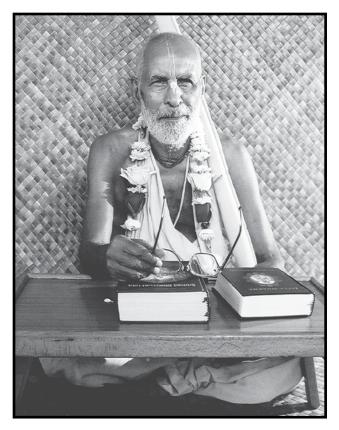
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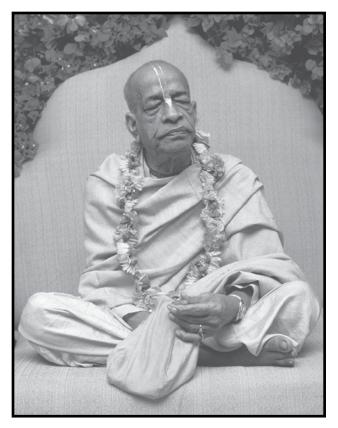
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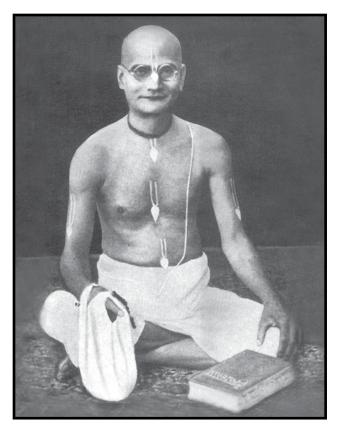
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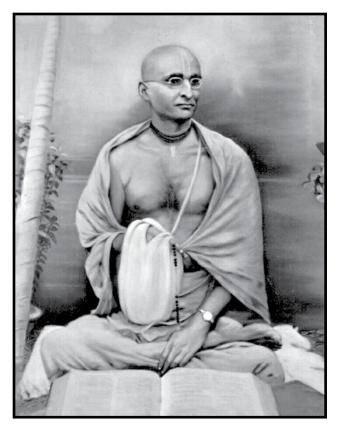
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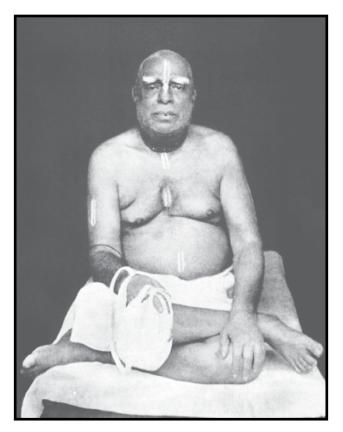
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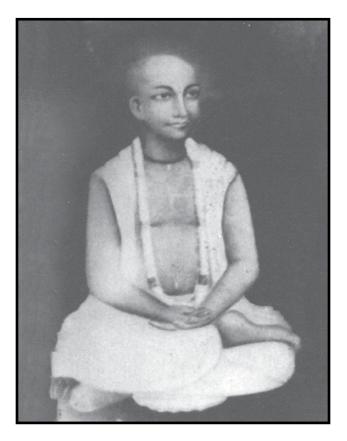
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By the mercy of Śrī Śrīmad Bhaktivedānta Nārāyaņa Gosvāmī Mahārāja, we humbly present this booklet containing the most commonly sung songs from *Śrī Gaudīya Gītiguccha*, an anthology of Bengali and Sanskrit songs written by our Gaudīya Vaisņava *ācāryas*. These selected songs have been organized in accordance with the following daily program, typically followed by *maṭhas* under the auspices of Śrī Śrīmad Bhakti Prajnāna Keśava Gosvāmī Mahārāja and his followers:

- 4:20 am Śrī Gurvāstakam, Śrī Prabhupāda-padma-stavakaķ
- 4:30 am Śrī Maṅgala Ārati
- 4:45 am Tulasī parikramā and mandira parikramā
- 6:30 am morning bhajanas
- 7:30 am class
- 8:30 am Tulasī parikramā and mandira parikramā (Hari Haraye Namaḥ Kṛṣṇa)
- 11:30 am bhoga offering
- 12:00 pm noon ārati
 - 5:00 pm evening *bhajanas*
 - 6:00 pm class
 - 7:00 pm evening ārati
 - 7:20 pm Tulasī parikramā and Hari Haraye Namah Kṛṣṇa

Although this book contains the standard $k\bar{r}tana$ and $\bar{a}rati$ program, it should be noted that most of the $k\bar{r}tanas$ herein can actually be sung at any time.

We have included the songs for $sr\bar{r}$ guru- $p\bar{u}j\bar{a}$ and tulas \bar{r} - $p\bar{u}j\bar{a}$ in the morning section, because many devotees sing those $k\bar{r}$ tanas then. The daily performance of guru- $p\bar{u}j\bar{a}$ and tulas \bar{r} - $p\bar{u}j\bar{a}$ is not a practice in all mathas. Guru- $p\bar{u}j\bar{a}$ is, however, to be performed on festivals days honoring $sr\bar{r}$ guru, and our guruvarga recommend the performance of tulas \bar{r} - $p\bar{u}j\bar{a}$ during the month of Kesava (April – May).

Throughout this book, the diacritic markings used to indicate the pronunciation of Bengali and Sanskrit words are pronounced as follows: \bar{a} as in father, \bar{i} as in see, \bar{u} as in boot, r as the ri in rip, t as in train, d as in drain, d as in the American pronunciation of tt in butter, \dot{n} as in ink, \dot{s} and s as in the sh in ship, and c as in chip.

The characters \hat{j} and \hat{o} are pronounced the same as j and o. The circumflex ($\hat{}$) above the two letters is there to represent different Bengali characters that have the same pronunciation.

The character \tilde{a} is the same as \bar{a} , but the tilde (~) above indicates that the sound should be nasal. This is done by diverting some of the breath to the nose.

In his life, our beloved Śrīla Gurudeva, Śrī Śrīmad Bhaktivedānta Nārāyaņa Gosvāmī Mahārāja, showed an exemplary dedication to the performance of *kīrtana*, and for 50 years, he encouraged people around the world to adopt its principles. We humbly offer this booklet in his lotus hands, in hopes of pleasing him. We beg forgiveness from the respected reader for any error it may contain.

> Aspiring to serve Śrī Guru and the Vaiṣṇavas, the Daily Kīrtana Handbook publication team

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JAYA-DHVANI

Śrī Śrī Guru-Gaurāṅga-Gāndharvikā-Giridhārī-Rādhā-Vinoda-bihārījī kī jaya!

[Now one should loudly chant the name of one's guru.]

Nitya-līlā-praviṣṭa oṁ viṣṇupāda aṣṭottara-śata Śrī Śrīmad Bhaktivedānta Nārāyaṇa Gosvāmī Mahārāja kī jaya!

Nitya-līlā-pravista om visņupāda astottara-sata Śrī Śrīmad Bhaktivedānta Vāmana Gosvāmī Mahārāja kī jaya!

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Nitya-līlā-pravista Śrī Śrīla Saccidānanda Bhaktivinoda Ṭhākura kī jaya!

Nitya-līlā-pravista vaisņava-sārvabhauma Śrī Śrīla Jagannātha dāsa Bābājī Mahārāja kī jaya!

Śrī gaudīya-vedāntācārya Śrī Śrīla Baladeva Vidyābhūşaņa Prabhu kī jaya!

Śrīla Viśvanātha Cakravartī Ṭhākura kī jaya!

Śrīla Narottama, Śrīnivāsa, Śyāmānanda Prabhu-traya kī jaya!

Śrīla Kṛṣṇadāsa Kavirāja Gosvāmī Prabhu kī jaya!

Śrī Rūpa, Sanātana, Bhaṭṭa Raghunātha, Śrī Jīva, Gopāla-bhaṭṭa, dāsa Raghunātha ṣaḍ-gosvāmī-prabhu kī jaya!

> Śrī Śvarūpa Dāmodara, Rāya Rāmānandādi Śrī Gaura-pārṣada-vṛnda kī jaya!

Nāmācārya Śrīla Haridāsa Ţhākura kī jaya!

Prema se kaho Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya, Prabhu Nityānanda, Śrī Advaita, Gadādhara, Śrīvāsādi Gaura-bhakta-vṛnda kī jaya!

Śrī Antardvīpa Māyāpura, Sīmantadvīpa, Godrumadvīpa, Madhyadvīpa, Koladvīpa, Ŗtudvīpa, Jahnudvīpa, Modradrumadvīpa, Rudradvīpātmaka Śrī Navadvīpa-dhāma kī jaya!

> Śrī Śrī Rādhā-Kṛṣṇa gopa, gopī, go, Govardhana, dvādaśa vanātmaka Śrī Vraja-maṇḍala kī jaya!

Śrī Rādhā-kuņḍa, Śyāma-kuṇḍa, Gaṅgā, Yamunā, Tulasī, Bhakti-devī kī jaya!

Śrīmatī Vṛndā-devī kī jaya! Śrī Paurṇamāsī Yogamāyā kī jaya! Śrī Gopīśvara Mahādeva kī jaya!

Śrī Jagannātha, Baladeva, Subhadrā, Sudarśana Cakra jiu kī jaya! Śrī Kṣetra-maṇḍala kī jaya!

> Sarva-vighna-vināśakārī Śrī Nṛsiṁhadeva kī jaya! Bhakta-pravara Śrī Prahlāda Mahārāja kī jaya!

JAYA-DHVANI

Cāri-dhāma kī jaya! Cāri-sampradāya kī jaya! Cāri-ācārya kī jaya! Ākara maţha-rāja Śrī Caitanya Maţha kī jaya! Śrī Śrī Keśavajī Gaudīya Maţha o tat-śākhā maţha samūha kī jaya! Grantha-rāja Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam kī jaya! Śrī Harināma-saṅkīrtana kī jaya! Ananta-koţi vaiṣṇava-vṛnda kī jaya! Samāgata bhakta-vṛnda kī jaya!

When *Jaya-dhvani* is recited at the end of a devotional program, it is followed by offering *pranāma* to Tulasī-devī and the Vaiṣṇavas with the following *mantras*:

PRAŅĀMA MANTRA FOR TULASĪ-DEVĪ

vrndāyai tulasī-devyai priyāyai keśavasya ca krṣṇa-bhakti-prade devi! satyavatyai namo namaḥ

I offer *praņāma* again and again to Śrīmatī Tulasī-devī, who is most dear to Śrī Keśava and who is also renowned as Vṛndā-devī and Satyavatī. O Devī, you bestow *kṛṣṇa-bhakti*!

PRAŅĀMA MANTRA FOR THE VAIŞŅAVAS

vāñchā-kalpa-tarubhyaś ca kṛpā-sindhubhya eva ca patitānāṁ pāvanebhyo vaiṣṇavebhyo namo namaḥ

I offer *praṇāma* again and again to the Vaiṣṇavas, who are the saviors of the fallen, who are just like wish-fulfilling desire-trees, and who are oceans of mercy.



ŚRĪ GURVĀŞŢAKAM Śrīla Viśvanātha Cakravartī Ţhākura

samsāra-dāvānala-līḍha-lokatrāņāya kāruņya-ghanāghanatvam prāptasya kalyāņa-guņārņavasya vande guroḥ śrī-caraņāravindam (1)

To deliver the living beings scorched by the blazing forest fire of material existence, *śrī gurudeva*, who is an ocean of auspicious qualities, manifests like a condensed cloud of mercy. I adore the lotus feet of that *śrī gurudeva*.

mahāprabhoḥ kīrtana-nṛtya-gītavāditra-mādyan manaso rasena romañca-kampāśru-taraṅga-bhājo vande guroḥ śrī-caraṇāravindam (2)

His heart intoxicated in the *prema-rasa* of Śrīman Mahāprabhu's *kīrtana, śrī guru* dances, sings, and plays various instruments. Becoming intoxicated by love, his hair stands on end, he shivers, and sheds torrents of tears. I adore the lotus feet of that *śrī gurudeva*.

śrī-vigrahārādhana-nitya-nānāśrṅgāra-tan-mandira-mārjanādau yuktasya bhaktāṁś ca niyuñjato 'pi vande guroḥ śrī-caraṇāravindam (3) $Sr\bar{r}$ gurudeva always worships and serves $sr\bar{r}$ vigraha, dressing and decorating Them in varieties of raiments and ornaments (that stimulate Their $srng\bar{a}ra$ -rasa) and performing other services such as cleansing the temple. He also engages the devotees (under his guidance) in these services. I adore the lotus feet of that $sr\bar{r}$ gurudeva.

catur-vidha-śrī-bhagavat-prasādasvādv-anna-tṛptān hari-bhakta-saṅghān kṛtvaiva tṛptiṁ bhajataḥ sadaiva vande guroḥ śrī-caraṇāravindam (4)

 $Sr\bar{r}$ guru feels much contentment in satisfying $Sr\bar{r}$ Hari's devotees with the four kinds of *bhagavat-prasāda*—that which is chewed, sucked, licked, and drunk. (By honoring such *prasāda*, material life is destroyed and true satisfaction, or the bliss of *prema*, is attained.) I adore the lotus feet of that *śrī gurudeva*.

śrī-rādhikā-mādhavayor apāramādhurya-līlā-guņa-rūpa-nāmnām prati-kşaņāsvādana-lolupasya vande guroḥ śrī-caraņāravindam (5)

At every moment, *śrī gurudeva* is experiencing intense greed in his heart to relish the unlimited sweetness of the holy names, forms, qualities, and pastimes of Śrī Śrī Rādhā-Mādhava. I adore the lotus feet of that *śrī gurudeva*.

nikuñja-yūno rati-keli-siddhyai yā yālibhir yuktir apekṣaṇīyā tatrāti-dākṣyād ati-vallabhasya vande guroḥ śrī-caraṇāravindam (6)

In carrying out the *sakhīs*' arrangements for the perfection of Śrī Śrī Rādhā-Kṛṣṇa's amorous pastimes within the groves of Vṛndāvana, *śrī guru* is masterfully adept and thus especially dear to Them. I adore the lotus feet of that *śrī gurudeva*.

sākṣād-dharitvena samasta-śāstrair uktas tathā bhāvyata eva sadbhiḥ kintu prabhor yaḥ priya eva tasya vande guroḥ śrī-caraṇāravindam (7)

Scriptures unanimously proclaim $śr\bar{i}$ guru to be $s\bar{a}k\bar{s}\bar{a}t$ -hari, directlly Śr \bar{i} Hari. This is a fact jointly corroborated by all saintly persons. Yet at the same time, $śr\bar{i}$ guru is very dear to Bhagavān. I adore the lotus feet of that $śr\bar{i}$ gurudeva (who is inconceivably one with and different from Bhagavān).

yasya prasādād bhagavat-prasādo yasyāprasādān na gatiḥ kuto 'pi dhyāyan stuvaṁs tasya yaśas tri-sandhyaṁ vande guroḥ śrī-caraṇāravindam (8)

Solely by the mercy of $sr\bar{i}$ guru one can receive the mercy of Bhagavān; without it, one cannot make any advancement. Meditate on and sing $sr\bar{i}$ guru's glories at the three sacred junctions of the day. I adore the lotus feet of that $sr\bar{i}$ gurudeva.

śrīmad-guror aṣṭakam etad uccair brāhme muhūrte paṭhati prayatnāt yas tena vṛndāvana-nātha-sākṣātsevaiva labhyā januṣo 'nta eva (9)

That person who, during *brāhma-muhūrta*, loudly and attentively recites this *Gurvāṣṭakam* is sure to achieve direct service to the lotus feet of Śrī Kṛṣṇa, the life and soul of Vṛndāvana, at the end of his current life (upon attaining *vastu-siddhi*, his eternal spiritual form).

ŚRĪ PRABHUPĀDA-PADMA-STAVAKAĻ Śrīla Bhakti Rakşaka Śrīdhara Gosvāmī Mahārāja

sujanārbuda-rādhita-pāda-yugam yuga-dharma-dhurandhara-pātra-varam varadābhaya-dāyaka-pūjya-padam praņamāmi sadā prabhupāda-padam (1)

His two lotus feet are worshiped by an unlimited number of saintly persons, and he is the most competent personality to lead the process of realization for this age, *nāma-sankīrtana*. His adorable lotus feet grant all kinds of benedictions and fearlessness. I forever offer *praṇāma* unto the feet of Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī Țhākura Prabhupāda.

bhajanorjita-sajjana-saṅgha-patiṁ patitādhika-kāruṇikaika-gatim

gati-vañcita-vañcakācintya-padaṁ praņamāmi sadā prabhupāda-padam (2)

He is the leader of the assembly of saints who are powerful in *bhajana*. He is most compassionate to the fallen, as he is their sole refuge. His inconceivable feet deceive the cheaters. I forever offer *praṇāma* unto the feet of Śrīla Prabhupāda.

ati-komala-kāñcana-dīrgha-tanum tanu-nindita-hema-mṛṇāla-madam madanārbuda-vandita-candra-padam praṇamāmi sadā prabhupāda-padam (3)

His tall golden figure, which is very soft, mocks the pride of a golden lotus. His moonlike feet are worshiped by countless Cupids. I forever offer *praṇāma* unto the feet of Śrīla Prabhupāda.

nija-sevaka-tāraka-rañji-vidhum vidhutāhita-hunkrta-simha-varam varaņāgata-bāliša-śanda-padam praņamāmi sadā prabhupāda-padam (4)

He is the pleasing moon for his servitor stars, and with the excellence of a roaring lion he removes inimical persons [causing them to flee in fear]. Choosing the shelter of his feet, the innocent attain auspiciousness. I forever offer *praṇāma* unto the feet of Śrīla Prabhupāda.

vipulī-kṛta-vaibhava-gaura-bhuvaṁ bhuvaneṣu vikīrtita-gaura-dayam dayanīya-gaṇārpita-gaura-padaṁ praṇamāmi sadā prabhupāda-padam (5)

He has widely spread the splendor of Śrī Gaurāṅga's holy abode, Śrī Navadvīpa-dhāma; he has specially glorified Śrī Gaurāṅga's mercy throughout the whole world; and he has bestowed Gaurāṅga's holy feet upon those who are most desperate for mercy. I forever offer *praṇāma* unto the feet of Śrīla Prabhupāda.

cira-gaura-janāśraya-viśva-gurum guru-gaura-kiśoraka-dāsya-param paramādṛta-bhaktivinoda-padam praṇamāmi sadā prabhupāda-padam (6)

He is the eternal refuge and universal *guru* for the devotees of Śrī Gaurāṅga. He is always dedicated to the service of his holy master, Śrīla Gaura-kiśora dāsa Bābājī, and he is the abode of utmost honor for the feet of Śrīla Bhaktivinoda Țhākura. I forever offer *praṇāma* unto the feet of Śrīla Prabhupāda.

raghu-rūpa-sanātana-kīrti-dharam dharaņī-tala-kīrtita-jīva-kavim kavirāja-narottama-sakhya-padam praņamāmi sadā prabhupāda-padam (7)

He shares renown with Raghunātha dāsa, Rūpa, and Sanātana Gosvāmīs and is glorified the world over for emulating the philosophical genius of Śrīla Jīva Gosvāmī. He shares friendship with Kṛṣṇadāsa Kavirāja Gosvāmī and Narottama dāsa Ṭhākura. I forever offer *praṇāma* unto the feet of Śrīla Prabhupāda.

krpayā hari-kīrtana-mūrti-dharam dharaņī-bhara-hāraka-gaura-janam janakādhika-vatsala-snigdha-padam praņamāmi sadā prabhupāda-padam (8)

Out of mercy, he reveals himself as the embodiment of *hari-kīrtana*. He is an eternal associate of Lord Gaura, born to remove the great burden of the Earth. His nature is even more loving and affectionate than that of a father. I forever offer *praņāma* unto the feet of Śrīla Prabhupāda.

śaraņāgata-kiṅkara-kalpa-taruṁ taru-dhik-kṛta-dhīra-vadānya-varam varadendra-gaṇārcita-divya-padaṁ praṇamāmi sadā prabhupāda-padam (9)

He is a desire tree (of benedictions) for his surrendered servants. His patience and benevolence put a tree to shame. His divine feet are worshiped by the best of those who offer benedictions. I forever offer *praṇāma* unto the feet of Śrīla Prabhupāda.

parahamsa-varam paramārtha-patim patitoddharaņe krta-veśa-yatim yati-rāja-gaņaih parisevya-padam praņamāmi sadā prabhupāda-padam (10)

He is the best amongst *paramaham*sas. He holds the treasure of the ultimate objective of life (*kṛṣṇa-prema*). He accepts the dress of a *sannyāsī* to uplift the fallen souls. His feet are carefully served by the best among *sannyāsīs*. I forever offer *praṇāma* unto the feet of Śrīla Prabhupāda.

vr,sabhānu-sutā-dayitānucaram caraņāśrita-reņu-dharas tam aham mahad-adbhuta-pāvana-śakti-padam praņamāmi sadā prabhupāda-padam (11)

He is a most beloved attendant of the daughter of King Vṛṣabhānu. I have taken shelter of his feet by keeping their dust [on my head]. Those feet possess immense and astonishing power to purify. I forever offer *praṇāma* unto the feet of Śrīla Prabhupāda.

MANGALA ĀRATI

ŚRĪ MAŅGALA ĀRATI Śrī Śrīmad Bhakti Prajñāna Keśava Gosvāmī Mahārāja

maṅgala śrī guru-gaura maṅgala mūrati maṅgala śrī rādhā-kṛṣṇa-ĵugala-pirīti (1)

All glories to the auspicious forms of *śrī guru* and Śrī Gaura. All glories to the divine amorous love of Śrī Śrī Rādhā-Kṛṣṇa.

maṅgala niśānta-līlā maṅgala udaye maṅgala ārati jāge bhakata-hṛdaye (2)

All glories to Their *niśānta-līlā*, which awakens allauspiciousness. All glories to Their *ārati* ceremony, which awakens within the hearts of the devotees.

tomāra nidrāya jīva nidrita dharāya tava jāgaraņe viśva jāgarita haya (3)

During Your slumber, the *jīvas* remain sleeping in this world, but upon Your rising, the whole world awakens.

śubha dṛṣṭi karô ebe (prabhu) jagatera prati jāguka hṛdaye mora sumaṅgalā rati (4)

[O Lord!] Bestow Your beneficent glance upon the world, just now. May that most auspicious *rati* awaken in my heart.

DAILY KĪRTANA HANDBOOK

mayūra-śukādi sāri katô pikarāja maṅgala jāgara-hetu kôriche virāja (5)

Many peacocks, male and female parrots, cuckoos, and other birds are present to herald Your auspicious awakening.

sumadhura dhvani kare ĵatô śākhī-gaṇa maṅgala śravaṇe bāje madhura kūjana (6)

The birds on the branches make the sweetest sounds. Their sweet chirping resounds auspiciously.

kusumita sarovare kamala-hillola maṅgala saurabha bahe pavana-kallola (7)

In a pond filled with many varieties of flowers, lotuses sway to and fro. Gently billowing breezes carry their auspicious fragrance in all directions.

jhẫjhara kẫsara ghaṇṭā śaṅkha karatāla maṅgala mṛdaṅga bāje parama rasāla (8)

Large cymbals, gongs, bells, conches, *karatālas*, and auspicious *mrdangas* resonate most sweetly.

maṅgala ārati kare bhakatera gaṇa abhāgā keśava (śrī keśava dāsa) kare nāma-saṅkīrtana (9)

While the devotees perform *maṅgala-ārati*, this unfortunate Keśava (the servant of Śrī Keśava) sings *nāma-saṅkīrtana*.

VIBHĀVARĪ-ŚEṢA Śrīla Bhaktivinoda Ţhākura

vibhāvarī-śeşa, āloka-praveśa, nidrā chādi' uṭhô jīva bôlô' hari hari, mukunda murāri, rāma-kṛṣṇa hayagrīva (1)

Night is over, and the light [of dawn] is coming. Arise, O *jīva*, and give up your sleep! Chant the names of Hari, Mukunda, Murāri, Rāma, Kṛṣṇa, and Hayagrīva!

nṛsiṁha vāmana, śrī madhusūdana, vrajendra-nandana śyāma pūtanā-ghātana, kaiṭabha-śātana, jaya dāśarathi-rāma (2)

[Chant] Nṛsimha, Vāmana, Śrī Madhusūdana, Vrajendranandana, and Śyāma—the killer of Pūtanā and the destroyer of Kaiṭabha. All glories to the son of King Daśaratha, Lord Rāma!

yaśodā-dulāla, govinda-gopāla, vṛndāvana-purandara gopī-priya-jana, rādhikā-ramaṇa, bhuvana-sundara-vara (3)

He is the darling son of Yaśodā and the protector and maintainer of the cows, their pastures, the *gopas*, and the *gopīs*. He is the king of Vṛndāvana, the dearmost beloved of

the *gopīs*, and the consort of Śrīmatī Rādhikā. In the entire world, His beauty is unsurpassed.

rāvaņāntakara, mākhana-taskara, gopī-jana-vastra-hārī vrajera rākhāla, gopa-vṛnda-pāla, citta-hārī vaṁśī-dhārī (4)

He is the killer of Rāvaṇa, the butter thief, the stealer of the young *gopīs*' garments, the protector of the cows of Vraja, the guardian of the *gopas*, and the flute player who enchants the minds of all.

yogīndra-vandana, śrī nanda-nandana, vraja-jana-bhaya-hārī navīna nīrada, rūpa manohara, mohana-vaṁśī-bihārī (5)

He is the object of great *yogīs*' worship, the beautiful son of Nanda, and the remover of fear from the residents of Vraja. His form, which is like a fresh rain cloud, enchants the mind, and He captivates all with His artistry in flute playing.

yaśodā-nandana, kaṁsa-nisūdana, nikuñja-rāsa-vilāsī kadamba-kānana, rāsa-parāyaṇa, vṛndā-vipina-nivāsī (6)

He is the darling son of Yaśodā, the heroic killer of Kamsa, the performer of nectarean pastimes in the pleasure-groves of Vraja, the enjoyer of the *rāsa* dance in the arena of the *kadamba* forest, and the resident of Vrndāvana Forest.

ānanda-vardhana, prema-niketana, phula-śara-ĵojaka kāma gopāṅganā-gaṇa- citta-vinodana, samasta-guṇa-gaṇa-dhāma (7)

He is the enhancer of bliss and the abode of *prema*. He is the transcendental Cupid who aims His flower arrows [at the *gopīs*, by which He increases transcendental desires in them]. He gives pleasure to the hearts of the *gopīs*, and He is the abode of all good qualities.

yāmuna-jīvana, keli-parāyaṇa, mānasa-candra-cakora nāma-sudhā-rasa, gāo kṛṣṇa-ĵaśa, rākhô vacana mana mora (8)

He is the life and soul of Yamunā, He is absorbed in amorous pastimes, and He is the *cakora* bird who subsists on the rays emanating from the moon of Śrī Rādhā's mind. O mind, always heed my words and sing Kṛṣṇa's glories in the form of these holy names, which are full of nectar.

TULASĪ AND MANDIRA PARIKRAMĀ

JAYA RĀDHE, JAYA KŖṢŅA Kṛṣṇadāsa

jaya rādhe, jaya kṛṣṇa, jaya vṛndāvana śrī govinda, gopīnātha, madana-mohana (1)

All glories to Śrī Rādhā, Śrī Kṛṣṇa, and the divine forest of Śrī Vṛndāvana. All glories to Śrī Govinda, Gopīnātha, and Madana-mohana [the three presiding deities of Vṛndāvana].

śyāma-kuṇḍa, rādhā-kuṇḍa, giri-govardhana kālindī yamunā jaya, jaya mahāvana (2)

All glories to Śyāma-kuņḍa, Rādhā-kuṇḍa, and Govardhana Hill. All glories to the river Yamunā (Kālindī) and to the great forest known as Gokula Mahāvana [where Kṛṣṇa and Balarāma performed Their childhood pastimes].

keśī-ghāța, vaṁśī-vața, dvādaśa-kānana ĵẫhā saba līlā kôilô śrī nanda-nandana (3)

All glories to Keśī-ghāṭa [where Kṛṣṇa killed the Keśī demon], Vaṁśīvaṭa [the banyan tree that Krsna stood under and attracted the *gopīs* by playing His flute], and to the twelve forests of Vraja, where the son of Nanda performed His pastimes.

śrī nanda-yaśodā jaya, jaya gopa-gaṇa śrīdāmādi jaya, jaya dhenu-vatsa-gaṇa (4)

All glories to Śrī Nanda and Śrī Yaśodā [Kṛṣṇa's father and mother]. All glories to the cowherd boys, headed by Śrīdāma [the older brother of Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī and Anaṅga Mañjarī]. All glories to the cows and calves of Vraja.

jaya vṛṣabhānu, jaya kīrtidā-sundarī jaya paurṇamāsī, jaya ābhīra-nāgarī (5)

All glories to Śrī Vṛṣabhānu and the beautiful Kīrtidā [Rādhārānī's father and mother]. All glories, all glories to Pauṛṇamāsī [the *guru* of the cowherd community; the mother of Sāndīpani Muni; the grandmother of Madhumaṅgala and Nāndī-mukhī; and the disciple of Devarṣi Nārada]. All glories to the damsels of Vraja.

jaya jaya gopīśvara vṛsndāvana-mājha jaya jaya kṛṣṇa-sakhā baṭu dvija-rāja (6)

All glories, all glories to Gopīśvara Śiva, who resides within Vṛndāvana [to protect the holy *dhāma*]. All glories, all glories to Kṛṣṇa's young *brāhmaṇa* friend, Madhumaṅgala.

jaya rāma-ghāṭa, jaya rohiṇī-nandana jaya jaya vṛndāvana-vāsī ĵatô jana (7)

All glories to Rāma-ghāța [where Balarāma peformed His *rāsa* dance]. All glories to Balarāma, the son of Rohiņī. All glories, all glories to all the residents of Vṛndāvana.

jaya dvija-patnī, jaya nāga-kanyā-gaņa bhaktite ĵãhārā pāilô govinda-caraņa (8)

All glories to the wives of the proud Vedic *brāhmaṇas* and to the wives of the serpent Kālīya, all of whom attained the lotus feet of Govinda through pure *bhakti*.

śrī rāsa-maṇḍala jaya, jaya rādhā-śyāma jaya jaya rāsa-līlā sarva-manorama (9)

All glories to the circular arena of the *rāsa* dance. All glories to Rādhā and Śyāma. All glories, all glories to the most beautiful *rāsa-līlā*.

jaya jaya ujjvala-rasa sarva-rasa-sāra parakīyā-bhāve jāhā vrajete pracāra (10)

All glories, all glories to *ujjvala-rasa* (*śṛṅgāra-rasa*), which is the essence and most excellent of all *rasas* and which is known as the *parakīya-bhāva* of Vraja.

śrī jāhnavā-pāda-padma kôriyā smaraņa dīna kṛṣṇadāsa kahe nāma-saṅkīrtana (11)

Remembering the lotus feet of Śrī Jāhnavā-devī [Nityānanda Prabhu's consort], this fallen Kṛṣṇadāsa performs *nāma*saṅkīrtana.



MANGALĀCĀRAŅA

vande 'haṁ śrī-guroḥ śrī-yuta-pada-kamalaṁ śrī-gurūn vaiṣṇavāṁś ca śrī-rūpaṁ sāgrajātaṁ saha-gaṇa-raghunāthānvitaṁ taṁ sa-jīvam sādvaitaṁ sāvadhūtaṁ parijana-sahitaṁ kṛṣṇa-caitanya-devaṁ śrī-rādhā-kṛṣṇa-pādān saha-gaṇa-lalitāśrī-viśākhānvitāṁś ca

I offer praņāma unto the lotus feet of my [śikṣā and dīkṣā] gurus, my entire guru-varga, and to all Vaiṣṇavas, to Śrīla Rūpa Gosvāmī, his elder brother Śrīla Sanātana Gosvāmī, to Śrīla Raghunātha dāsa Gosvāmī, Śrīla Jīva Gosvāmī, and all their associates, to Śrī Advaita Ācārya, the avadhūta Nityānanda Prabhu, Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya Mahāprabhu and all their associates, and to the lotus feet of Śrī Śrī Rādhā-Kṛṣṇa, and to Their companions, Śrī Lalitā, Śrī Viśākhā, and all the other sakhīs.

GLORIFICATION OF ŚRĪ GURU

(oṁ) ajñāna-timirāndhasya jñānāñjana-śalākayā cakṣur unmīlitaṁ yena tasmai śrī gurave namaḥ

I am blinded by the darkness of ignorance, but *śrī guru* has mercifully opened my eyes, anointing them with the salve of divine knowledge. I offer *praṇāma* to that *śrī gurudeva*.

PRAYERS TO ŚRĪ ŚRĪMAD BHAKTIVEDĀNTA NĀRĀYAŅA GOSVĀMĪ MAHĀRĀJA

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya rādhikāyaḥ-priyātmane śrī-śrīmad-bhaktivedānta-nārāyaṇa iti nāmine

I offer *praņāma* to *oṁ viṣṇupāda* Śrī Śrīmad Bhaktivedānta Nārāyaṇa Gosvāmī Mahārāja, who is very dear to Śrīmatī Rādhikā.

vande 'haṁ śrī-guru-varaṁ śrī-rūpānuga-pravaraṁ vraja-rasa-rasikaṁ ca nārāyaṇam taṁ prapannam

I surrender myself and offer prayers to that most exalted *śrī* guru, Śrī Śrīmad Bhaktivedānta Nārāyaņa Gosvāmī Mahārāja, who is the best amongst the followers of Śrīla Rūpa Gosvāmī, and who is always absorbed in relishing *vraja-rasa*.

śrī-guru-caraṇaṁ vande ramaṇa-preṣṭhāya bhūtale rūpānuga-bhakti-daṁ ca kṛpā-mūrtiṁ nārāyaṇam

I worship the lotus feet of *śrī guru*, Śrī Śrīmad Bhaktivedānta Nārāyaņa Gosvāmī Mahārāja, who, in this world, is most dearly loved by Śrī Ramaṇa-bihārī. He is the embodiment of mercy and bestows the treasure of *rūpānuga-bhakti*.

> śrī-kṛṣṇa-līlā-kathane su-dakṣam audārya-mādhurya-guṇaiś ca yuktam varaṁ vareṇyaṁ puruṣaṁ mahāntaṁ nārāyaṇaṁ tvāṁ śirasā namāmi

O Śrīla Bhaktivedānta Nārāyaņa Gosvāmī Mahārāja, you are most expert in describing *kṛṣṇa-līlā* and are fully endowed with the qualities of magnanimity and sweetness. You are the best of all great souls. I bow my head to you.

PRAYERS TO ŚRĪ ŚRĪMAD BHAKTIVEDĀNTA VĀMANA GOSVĀMĪ MAHĀRĀJA

namaḥ oṁ viṣṇu-pādāya śrī keśava-priyātmane śrī-śrīmad-bhaktivedānta-vāmana iti nāmine

I offer praņāma to om viṣņupāda Śrī Śrīmad Bhaktivedānta Vāmana Gosvāmī Mahārāja, who is most dear to Śrī Keśava (alternately: Śrī Śrīmad Bhakti Prajňāna Keśava Gosvāmī Mahārāja).

gaura-bhāva-mayo dehaḥ ujjvala-rasa-bhāvakaḥ bhaktivedānta vāmano rāga-bhakti-pravartaka

Śrīla Bhaktivedānta Vāmana Gosvāmī Mahārāja's divine form is comprised of *gaura-bhāva*, he is immersed in *ujjvala-rasa*, and he establishes *rāga-bhakti*.

guru-dhāmni ca sevāsu vaiṣṇave sarvadā mati granthe bhāgavate sākṣāt gosvāmī vedānte rati

His heart is perpetually devoted to the service of *śrī guru*, the *dhāma*, and the Vaiṣṇavas; and he has unalloyed attachment for Gaudīya Vedānta, *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam*, and the literatures of the Gosvāmīs.

PRAYERS TO ŚRĪ ŚRĪMAD BHAKTIVEDĀNTA SVĀMĪ MAHĀRĀJA

nama oṁ viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhūtale śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine

I offer *praņāma* to *om viṣṇupāda* Śrī Śrīmad Bhaktivedānta Svāmī Mahārāja (Śrīla Prabhupāda), who, in this world, is most dear to Śrī Kṛṣṇa.

namas te sārasvate deve gaura-vāņī-pracāriņe nirvišeşa-śūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriņe

My respectful obeisances unto you, O servant of Sarasvatī Gosvāmī. You preach the message of Śrī Gaurāṅga and thus deliver the Western countries, which are filled with voidism and impersonalism.

PRAYERS TO ŚRĪ ŚRĪMAD BHAKTI PRAJÑĀNA KEŚAVA GOSVĀMĪ MAHĀRĀJA

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya ācārya-simha-rūpiṇe¹ śrī-śrīmad-bhakti-prajñāna-keśava iti nāmine

I offer *praṇāma* to the lion-like *ācārya, oṁ viṣṇupāda* Śrī Śrīmad Bhakti Prajħāna Keśava Gosvāmī Mahārāja.

atimartya-caritrāya svāśritānām ca pāline jīva-duḥkhe sadārttāya śrī-nāma-prema-dāyine

¹ In place of ācārya-simha-rūpiņe, one can sing gaura-preṣṭhāya bhūtale.

His character and activities are transcendental to the modes of nature, and he protects and nurtures those who take shelter of him. He is always aggrieved to see the suffering of the living entities, and he bestows love for $sr\bar{r}$ $n\bar{a}ma$.

gaurāśraya-vigrahāya kṛṣṇa-kāmaika-cāriṇe rūpānuga-pravarāya vinodeti-svarūpiņe

He is the shelter of love for Gaurānga, and his every action is solely to fulfill the desires of Śrī Kṛṣṇa. He is best among the followers of Śrīla Rūpa Gosvāmī, and his internal identity is that of Vinoda Manjarī.

prabhupādāntaraṅgāya sarva-sad-guṇa-śāline māyāvada-tamo-ghnāya vedāntārtha-vāde namaḥ

He is an intimate associate of Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī Prabhupāda, and he is endowed with all auspicious qualities. He eradicates the darkness of *māyāvada* and reveals the true meaning of Vedānta. I offer *praņāma* to him.

PRAYERS TO ŚRĪ ŚRĪMAD BHAKTISIDDHĀNTA SARASVATĪ ṬHĀKURA PRABHUPĀDA

nama oṁ viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhūtale śrīmate bhaktisiddhānta-sarasvatīti-nāmine

I offer *praṇāma* to *om viṣṇupāda* Śrī Śrīmad Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī Gosvāmī Ṭhākura Prabhupāda, who, in this world, is most dear to Kṛṣṇa.

śrī-vārṣabhānavī-devī-dayitāya kṛpābdhaye kṛṣṇa-sambandha-vijñāna-dāyine prabhave namaḥ

I offer *praņāma* to Śrī Vārṣabhānavī-dayita dāsa, the manifestation of an ocean of mercy, who bestows realization of our eternal relationship with Śrī Kṛṣṇa.

mādhuryojjvala-premāḍhya-śrī-rūpānuga-bhakti-da śrī-gaura-karuņā-śakti-vigrahāya namo 'stu te

O Śrīla Sarasvatī Țhākura, you deliver śrī rūpānuga-bhakti, which is enriched with *ujjvala-mādhurya-prema*. You are the embodiment of the mercy potency of Śrī Gaurāṅga. I offer *praṇāma* unto you.

namas te gaura-vāņī-śrī-mūrtaye dīna-tāriņe rūpānuga-viruddhāpasiddhānta-dhvānta-hāriņe

I offer obeisances to you, the embodiment of Śrī Gaurāṅga's message. You deliver the fallen and remove the darkness of philosophical misconceptions which are opposed to the precepts taught by Śrīla Rūpa Gosvāmī.

PRAYER TO ŚRĪLA GAURA-KIŚORA DĀSA BĀBĀJĪ MAHĀRĀJA

namo gaura-kiśorāya sākṣād-vairāgya-mūrtaye vipralambha-rasāmbhodhe! pādāmbujāya te namaķ

I offer praņāma to Śrī Gaura-kiśora dāsa Bābājī Mahārāja, who is the direct embodiment of renunciation. O you who

are an ocean of *vipralambha-rasa*, I offer *praṇāma* unto your lotus feet.

PRAYER TO ŚRĪLA BHAKTIVINODA ŢHĀKURA

namo bhaktivinodāya sac-cid-ānanda-nāmine gaura-śakti-svarūpāya rūpānuga-varāya te

I offer *praṇāma* to you, Śrīla Saccidānanda Bhaktivinoda Țhākura, the foremost of *rūpānugas* and the personal manifestation of Śrī Gaurāṅga's *śakti* [Gadādhara Paṇḍita].

PRAYER TO ŚRĪLA JAGANNĀTHA DĀSA BĀBĀJĪ MAHĀRĀJA

gaurāvirbhāva-bhūmes tvam nirdestā sajjana-priyaņ vaisņava-sārvabhauma śrī-jagannāthāya te namaņ

You indicated the place of Śrī Gaurānga's appearance, and you are most dear to the saintly. O Śrīla Jagannātha dāsa Bābājī Mahārāja, leader of the Vaiṣṇavas, I offer *praṇāma* unto you.

PRAYER TO THE VAISNAVAS

vāñchā-kalpa-tarubhyaś ca krpā-sindhubhya eva ca patitānāṁ pāvanebhyo vaiṣṇavebhyo namo namaḥ

I offer *praṇāma* again and again to the Vaiṣṇavas, who are the saviors of the fallen, who are just like wish-fulfilling desire-trees, and who are oceans of mercy.

PRAYER TO ŚRĪ GAURĀŅGA

namo mahā-vadānyāya krṣṇa-prema-pradāya te krṣṇāya krṣṇa-caitanya-nāmne gaura-tviṣe namaḥ

I offer *praṇāma* to that greatly munificent Lord who bestows *kṛṣṇa-prema*. He is Kṛṣṇa Himself, who has assumed a golden complexion and accepted the name Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya.

PRAYER TO ŚRĪ KŖṢŅA

he kṛṣṇa karuṇā-sindho dīna-bandho jagat-pate gopeśa gopikā-kānta rādhā-kānta namo 'stu te

O Śrī Kṛṣṇa, You are an ocean of mercy, the friend of the fallen, Lord of the universe, master of the cowherds, beloved of the *gopīs*, and [above all] the beloved of Śrī Rādhā. I offer *praṇāma* unto You.

PRAYER TO ŚRĪ RĀDHĀ

tapta-kāñcana-gaurāṅgi rādhe vṛndāvaneśvari vṛṣabhānu-sute devi praṇamāmi hari-priye

O Śrī Rādhā, O Gaurāngi, whose complexion is like molten gold, You are the queen of Vṛndāvana, the daughter of Vṛṣabhānu, and the divine goddess, who is most dear to Śrī Hari. I offer *praṇāma* unto You.

PRAYER TO THE PRESIDING DEITY OF SAMBANDHA ŚRĪ ŚRĪ RĀDHĀ-MADANA-MOHANA

jayatāṁ su-ratau paṅgor mama manda-mater gatī mat-sarvasva padāmbhojau rādhā-madana-mohanau

All glories to the supremely merciful Śrī Śrī Rādhā-Madanamohana! Although I am lame and foolish, They are my sole refuge. Their lotus feet are everything to me.

PRAYER TO THE PRESIDING DEITY OF ABHIDHEYA ŚRĪ ŚRĪ RĀDHĀ-GOVINDA

dīvyad-vrndāraņya-kalpa-drumādhaņ śrīmad-ratnāgāra-simhāsana-sthau śrīmad-rādhā-śrīla-govinda-devau presţhālībhiņ sevyamānau smarāmi

In the shining land of Śrī Vṛndāvana, in a temple composed of jewels, Śrī Śrī Rādhā-Govinda are seated on an effulgent throne beneath a *kalpa-vṛkṣa* tree, accepting service from Their beloved *sakhīs*. I meditate upon Them.

PRAYER TO THE PRESIDING DEITY OF PRAYOJANA ŚRĪ ŚRĪ RĀDHĀ-GOPĪNĀTHA

śrīmān rāsa-rasārambhī vaṁsīvaṭa-taṭa-sthitaḥ karṣan veṇu-svanair gopīr gopīnāthaḥ śriye 'stu naḥ

Standing on the river-bank at Vamsīvața, Śrī Gopīnātha, the initiator of the transcendental mellow of the $r\bar{a}sa$ -dance, attracts all the *gopīs* with the sound of His *veņu* flute. May He confer auspiciousness upon us.

PRAYER TO ŚRĪ TULASĪ-DEVĪ

vṛndāyai tulasī-devyai priyāyai keśavasya ca kṛṣṇa-bhakti-prade devi! satyavatyai namo namaḥ

I offer *praņāma* again and again to Śrīmatī Tulasī-devī, who is most dear to Śrī Keśava and who is also renowned as Vṛndā-devī and Satyavatī. O Devī, you bestow *kṛṣṇa-bhakti*!

PRAYER TO ŚRĪ PAÑCA-TATTVA

pañca-tattvātmakam kṛṣṇam bhakta-rūpa-svarūpakam bhaktāvatāram bhaktākhyam namāmi bhakta-śaktikam

I offer *praņāma* unto Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya Mahāprabhu in His five features as *bhakta-rūpa* (Mahāprabhu), *bhakta-svarūpa* (Nityānanda Prabhu), *bhakta-avatāra* (Advaita Ācārya), *bhakta* (Śrīvāsa Țhākura), and *bhakta-śakti* (Gadādhara Paṇḍita).

ŚRĪ PAÑCA-TATTVA-MANTRA

śrī-kṛṣṇa-caitanya prabhu-nityānanda śrī-advaita gadādhara śrīvāsādi-gaura-bhakta-vṛnda

MAHĀ-MANTRA

hare kṛṣṇa hare kṛṣṇa kṛṣṇa kṛṣṇa hare hare hare rāma hare rāma rāma rāma hare hare

SELECTED BHAJANAS

ŚRĪ GURVĀṢṬAKAM (BENGALI RENDITION) Śrīla Bhakti Viveka Bhāratī Gosvāmī Mahārāja ~ a disciple of Śri Śrīmad Bhaktsiddhānta Sarasvatī Ṭhākura Prabhupāda ~

> dāvānala-sama samsāra-dahane, dagdha jīva-kula uddhāra kāraņe karuņā-vārida kṛpāvāri-dāne, (vandi) guņa-sindhu gurur caraņa-kamala (1)

nṛtya-gīta-vādya śrī-hari-kīrtane, rahena magana mahāmatta mane romāñca kampāśru haya gaura-preme, vandi sei gurur caraṇa-kamala (2)

sadā rata ĵini vigraha-sevane, śrṅgārādi āra mandira-mārjane karena niyukta anugata-jane, vandi sei gurur caraṇa-kamala (3)

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carvya-cuṣya-lehya-peya-rasamaya, prasādānna kṛṣṇer ati svādu haya bhakta-āsvādane nija tṛpta raya, vandi sei gurur caraṇa-kamala (4)

śrī-rādhā-mādhava-nāma-rūpa-guņe, ananta-mādhurya-līlā-āsvādane lubdha-citta ĵini hana pratikşaņe, vandi sei gurur caraņa-kamala (5)

vraja-ĵuva-dvandva-rati samvardhane, ĵukti kare sakhī-gaņe vṛndāvane ati dakṣa tāhe priyatama-gaņe, vandi sei gurur caraṇa-kamala (6)

sarva-śāstre gāya śrī harir-svarūpa, bhakta-gaņa bhābe sei anurūpa kintu ĵini prabhu-priyatama-rūpa, vandi sei gurur caraņa-kamala (7)

jā̃hāra prasāde kṛṣṇa-kṛpā pāi, jā̃'ra aprasāde anya gati nāi tri-sandhyā kīrtira stava dhyāne bhāi, vandi sei gurur caraṇa-kamala (8)

gurudevāstaka ati ĵatna kôri', brāhma-muhūrte pade ucca kôri' vrndāvana-nātha sāksāt śrī hari, sevā pāya sei vastu-siddhi-kāle (9)

ŚRĪ GURU-PARAMPARĀ Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī Gosvāmī Prabhupāda

krṣṇa hôite catur-mukha, haya krṣṇa-sevonmukha, brahmā hôite nāradera mati nārada hôite vyāsa, madhva kahe vyāsa-dāsa, pūrṇaprajña padmanābha-gati (1)

In the beginning of creation Śrī Kṛṣṇa spoke the science of devotional service to Lord Brahmā. He in turn passed these teachings on to Śrī Nārada Muni, who accepted Śrī Kṛṣṇa Dvaipāyana Vyāsadeva as his disciple. Śrī Vyāsa transmitted this knowledge to Śrī Madhvācārya, who is also known as Pūṛṇaprajāa Tīrtha and who is the sole refuge for his disciple Śrī Padmanābha Tīrtha.

nṛhari-mādhava-vaṁśe, akşobhya paramahaṁse, śişya bôli' aṅgīkāra kare akşobhyera śişya 'jaya- tīrtha' nāme paricaya, tẫ'ra dāsye jñānasindhu tare (2)

Following forth from Śrī Madhvācārya were Nrhari Tīrtha, Śrī Mādhava Tīrtha, and then the swan-like Śrī Akṣobhya Tīrtha. The principal disciple of Śrī Akṣobhyatīrtha was known as Śrī Jayatīrtha, and Śrī Jñānasindhu was his servant.

tẫhā hôite dayānidhi, tẫ'ra dāsa vidyānidhi, rājendra hôilô tẫhā ha'te tẫhāra kiṅkara 'jaya-dharma' nāme paricaya, paramparā jānô bhālô-mate (3)

The paramparā continued with Śrī Dayānidhi, then his disciple Śrī Vidyānidhi, and next with Śrī Rājendra Tīrtha, whose servant was Śrī Jayadharma, also known as Śrī Vijayadhvaja Tīrtha. Know well that this is the guruparamparā.

jaya-dharma-dāsye khyāti, śrī puruşottama-ĵati, tā̈́ ha'te brahmaṇya-tīrtha-sūri vyāsa-tīrtha tā̈́ ra dāsa, lakṣmīpati vyāsa-dāsa, tā̈hā ha'te mādhavendra-purī (4)

The *sannyāsī* Śrī Puruṣottama Tīrtha, a renowned disciple in the service of Śrī Jayadharma, was succeeded by the erudite Śrī Brahmaṇya Tīrtha. Next in succession was Śrī Vyāsa Tīrtha, who was succeeded by Śrī Lakṣmīpati, who in turn was succeeded by Śrī Mādhavendra Purī.

mādhavendra-purī-vara- śişya-vara śrī īśvara, nityānanda, śrī advaita vibhu īśvara purīke dhanya, kôrilena śrī caitanya, jagad-guru gaura mahāprabhu (5)

The most prominent disciples of the great Śrī Mādhavendra Purī were Śrī İśvara Purī and the *avatāras* Śrī Nityānanda Prabhu and Śrī Advaita Ācārya. Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu, the Golden Lord and spiritual preceptor of all the worlds, made İśvara Purī greatly fortunate by accepting him as His *dīkṣā-guru*.

mahāprabhu śrī caitanya, rādhā-kṛṣṇa nahe anya, rūpānuga-janera jīvana viśvambhara-priyaṅkara, śrī svarūpa-dāmodara, śrī gosvāmī rūpa, sanātana (6)

Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu, who is Rādhā and Kṛṣṇa combined, is the very life of the *rūpānuga* Vaiṣṇavas (those who follow Śrī Rūpa Gosvāmī). Śrī Svarūpa Dāmodara Gosvāmī, Śrī Rūpa, and Śrī Sanātana Gosvāmīs were the dearmost servants of Lord Viśvambhara (Śrī Caitanya).

rūpa-priya mahājana, jīva, raghunātha hana, tā̃'ra priya kavi kṛṣṇadāsa kṛṣṇadāsa-priya-vara, narottama sevā-para, jā̃'ra pada viśvanātha-āśa (7)

Dear to Śrī Rūpa Gosvāmī were the great saintly personalities Śrī Jīva Gosvāmī and Śrī Raghunātha dāsa Gosvāmī, whose intimate disciple was the great poet Śrī Kṛṣṇadāsa Kavirāja. The dearmost of Kṛṣṇadāsa was Śrīla Narottama dāsa Țhākura, who was always engaged in *guru-sevā*. His lotus feet were the only hope and aspiration of Śrī Viśvanātha Cakravartī Țhākura.

viśvanātha bhakta-sātha, baladeva, jagannātha, tā̈́ʻra priya śrī bhaktivinoda mahā-bhāgavata-vara, śrī gaurakiśora-vara, hari-bhajanete ĵā̈́ʻra moda (8) Prominent among the associates of Śrī Viśvanātha Cakravartī Thākura was Śrī Baladeva Vidyābhūşaṇa. After him, the line descended to Śrīla Jagannātha dāsa Bābājī Mahārāja, who was the beloved śikṣā-guru of Śrī Bhaktivinoda Țhākura. Bhaktivinoda was the intimate friend of the great mahābhāgavata Śrīla Gaura-kisora dāsa Bābājī Mahārāja, whose sole delight was hari-bhajana.

śrī vārṣabhānavī-varā, sadā sevya-sevā-parā, tā̃hāra 'dayita-dāsa' nāma (9)

Śrī Vārşabhānavī, the daughter of Śrī Vṛṣabhānu Mahārāja, is the best of Śrī Kṛṣṇa's beloveds, as She is forever engaged in loving service to Her worshipful Lord. Śrī Vārṣabhānavīdayita dāsa, the servant (*dāsa*) of Her beloved (*dayita*) is the name of Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī Țhākura Prabhupāda.

prabhupāda-antaraṅga, śrī svarūpa-rūpānuga, śrī keśava bhakati-prajñāna gaudīya vedānta-vettā, māyāvāda-tamohantā, gauravāṇī-pracārācār-dhāma (10)

A confidential disciple of Śrīla Prabhupāda, Śrīla Bhakti Prajňāna Keśava Gosvāmī Mahārāja, was a faithful follower of Śrī Svarūpa Dāmodara and Śrī Rūpa Gosvāmī. Through his knowledge of Gaudīya Vedānta, he annihilated the darkness of ignorance spread by *māyāvāda*. He was the abode of preaching and practicing Śrī Gaurānga's teachings (*gauravāņī*) in his own life.

pracārilô gauravāņī, bhakativedānta svāmī, pūrāilô prabhupāder kāma (11)

Śrīla Bhaktivedānta Svāmī Mahārāja extensively preached this gauravāņī and thus completely fulfilled the inner-heart's desire of Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī Prabhupāda.

keśav priya mahājana, vāmana, nārāyaņ hana, gauravāņī tā̈'der prāṇa-dhana (12)

Most dear to Śrī Bhakti Prajňāna Keśava Gosvāmī are the saintly personalities Śrī Bhaktivedānta Vāmana Gosvāmī and Śrī Bhaktivedānta Nārāyaņa Gosvāmī, whose life's treasure is gauravāņī.

ei saba harijana, gaurāṅgera nija-jana, tā̈́′dera ucchiṣṭe mora kāma (13)

All of these devotees are the personal associates of Śrī Gaurānga. I desire to honor their *ucchiṣṭa* [the remnants of their lips, namely their *mahā-prasāda* as well as their instructions].

ŚRĪ VAIŞŅAVA-VANDANĀ Devakīnandana dasa

vṛndāvana-vāsī ĵatô vaiṣṇavera gaṇa prathame vandanā kôri sabāra caraṇa (1)

First of all, I offer glorification at the feet of all the Vaiṣṇavas who are residents of Vṛndāvana.

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nīlācala-vāsī ĵatô mahāprabhur gaņa bhūmite pôģiyā vandõ sabhāra caraņa (2)

Falling to the ground [in prostration], I pray to the feet of Śrīman Mahāprabhu's associates who are residents of Nīlācala.

navadvīpa-vāsī jatô mahāprabhur bhakta sabhāra caraņa vandõ hôiyā anurakta (3)

Becoming filled with loving attachment, I submit my glorification at the feet of all Mahāprabhu's devotees who are residents of Navadvīpa.

mahāprabhur bhakta ĵatô gauḍa-deśe sthiti sabhāra caraṇa vandõ kôriyā praṇati (4)

Bowing down in obeisance, I pray to the feet of all Mahāprabhu's devotees who are situated in Gauda-deśa.

ĵe-deśe ĵe-deśe baise gaurāṅgera gaṇa ūrdhva-bāhu kôri' vandõ sabāra caraṇa (5)

Raising my arms, I offer glorification at the feet of all Gaurānga's associates, in whichever country they may reside.

hôiyāchena hôibena prabhur ĵatô dāsa sabhāra caraṇa vandõ dante kôri' ghāsa (6)

Holding a straw between my teeth, I submit my glorification at the feet of all the servants of Mahāprabhu who ever were or will be.

brahmāņḍa tārite śakti dhare jane jane e veda purāņe guņa gāya ĵebā śune (7)

Each of His devotees possesses the power to deliver the entire universe. The Vedas and Purāņas glorify this divine quality of the Vaiṣṇava to all willing to listen.

mahāprabhur gaņa saba patita-pāvana tāi lobhe muĩ pāpī lôinu śaraņa (8)

All the associates of Mahāprabhu are saviors of the fallen, so I, a sinner, fervently take shelter of them.

vandanā kôrite muĩ katô śakti dhôri tamo-buddhi-doșe muĩ dambha mātra kôri (9)

What power do I have to glorify them? Afflicted by ignorance, I only exhibit conceit.

tathāpi mūkera bhāgya manera ullāsa doşa kşami' mo-adhame karô nija dāsa (10)

Yet, even one who is dumb [such as me] is greatly fortunate and joyful at heart [to have an opportunity to glorify them]. [O Vaiṣṇavas,] forgive the faults of this fallen soul and make me your own servant.

sarva-vāñchā siddhi haya yama-bandha chuțe jagate durlabha hôiyā prema-dhana luțe (11)

[By the Vaiṣṇavas' mercy] one's desires are perfected, the fetters of Yama (the lord of death) are quickly released, and the treasure of *prema*, which is rare within this world, is plundered [and distributed].

manera vāsanā pūrņa acirāte haya devakīnandana dāsa ei lobhe kaya (12)

They quickly fulfill the heart's longings. With this in mind, Devakīnandana utters this *vaiṣṇava-vandanā*.

ŚRĪ PAÑCA-TATTVA-MANTRA

śrī-kṛṣṇa-caitanya prabhu-nityānanda śrī-advaita gadādhara śrīvāsādi-gaura-bhakta-vṛnda

ŞA D - A N G A - S A R A N A G AT I Śrīla Bhaktivinoda Ţhākura

śrī kṛṣṇa-caitanya prabhu jīve dayā kôri' sva-pārṣada svīya dhāma saha avatari' (1)

Out of compassion for the living beings, Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya Mahāprabhu descended in this world along with His personal associates and divine abode.

> atyanta durlabha prema kôribāre dāna śikhāya śaraņāgati bhakatera prāņa (2)

In order to bestow the extremely rare treasure of *prema-bhakti*, He taught *śaranāgati*, which is the life and soul of the devotees.

dainya, ātma-nivedana, goptrtve varaņa 'avaśya rakșibe krṣṇa'—viśvāsa-pālana (3)

Humility, submission of the self, acceptance of the Lord as one's only maintainer, faith in Kṛṣṇa's protection...

bhakti-anukūla-mātra kāryera svīkāra bhakti-pratikūla-bhāva varjanāṅgīkāra (4)

...acceptance of acts favorable for *bhakti* and rejection of that which is unfavorable.

ṣaḍ-aṅga śaraṇāgati hôibe ĵẫhāra tẫhāra prārthanā śune śrī nanda-kumāra (5)

Whoever embodies each of these six facets of *saranāgati* has their prayers heard by the son of Nanda Mahārāja.

rūpa-sanātana-pade dante trņa kôri' bhakativinoda paģe duhũ pada dhôri' (6)

With a straw between his teeth, Bhaktivinoda prostrates before Śrī Rūpa and Śrī Sanātana, embracing their lotus feet.

kẫdiyā kẫdiyā bôle—"āmi tô' adhama śikhāye śaraṇāgati karô he uttama" (7) Weeping, he says, "I am the lowest of men! Kindly teach me unconditional surrender and make me an excellent Vaisnava."

> NITĀI GUŅA-MAŅI Śrīla Locana dāsa Ṭhākura

nitāi guņa-maņi āmār nitāi guņa-maņi āniyā premera banyā bhāsāilô avanī (1)

Nitāi is a jewel of all virtues—my Nitāi is a jewel of all virtues. He has inundated the entire world with a flood of divine love (*prema*).

premer banyā lôiyā nitāi āilô gauda-deśe dubilô bhakata-gaṇa dīna-hīna bhāse (2)

Nitāi has come to the land of Gauda (Bengal), bringing that flood of *prema*. The devotees are submerged in it, but the wretched and lowly remain floating.

dīna hīna patita pāmara nāhi bāche brahmāra durlabha prema sabākāre jāce (3)

He does not discriminate against the wretched, lowly, fallen, and sinful. He freely offers to everyone the *prema* that is so rare that it is difficult for even Lord Brahmā to attain.

ābaddha karuņā-sindhu kāṭiyā muhāna ghare ghare bule prema amiyāra bāna (4)

By cutting a channel in the dam holding the unlimited ocean of mercy, Nitāi has caused a flood of nectarean *prema* to surge in each and every house.

locana bôle mora nitāi ĵebā nā bhajilô jāniyā śuniyā sei ātma-ghātī hôilô (5)

Locana dāsa says, "Whoever has not worshiped my Nitāi knowingly commits suicide."

UDILÔ ARUŅA Śrīla Bhaktivinoda Ţhākura

udilô aruņa pūrava bhāge, dvija-maņi gorā amani jāge, bhakata-samūha lôiyā sāthe, gelā nagara-vrāje (1)

When the reddish sun began to rise on the eastern horizon, Śrī Gaurāṅga, the jewel among the twice-born, at once awoke. Taking His devotees with Him, He went into the towns and villages of Navadvīpa.

> 'tāthai tāthai' bājalô khol, ghana ghana tāhe jhā̃jhera rola, preme ḍhala-ḍhala sonāra aṅga, caraņe nūpura bāje (2)

"Tāthai, tāthai," the mṛdaṅgas resounded, and the karatālas played in time. Overflowing with prema, Śrī Gaurāṅga's golden limbs swayed gracefully, causing the ankle bells ($n\bar{u}pura$) on His feet to jingle.

mukunda mādhava yādava hari, bôlô re bôlô re vadana bhôri', miche nida-vaśe gelô re rāti, divasa śarīra-sāje (3)

"Mukunda! Mādhava! Yādava! Hari! Everyone, chant! Everyone chant, filling your mouths with the holy names of the Lord! Oh, you pass your nights in vain, captivated by sleep, and your days in decorating your body.

emôna durlabha mānava-deha, pāiyā ki karô, bhābônā keha, ebe nā bhajile yaśodā-suta, carame pôdibe lāje (4)

"Don't any of you think about what you are doing, having achieved this rare human body? If you do not worship the son of Yaśodā now, you will fall into a shameful condition at the time of death.

> udita tapana hôile asta, dina gelô bôli' hôibe byasta, tabe kenô ebe alasa hôi' nā bhajô hṛdaya-rāje (5)

MORNING

"With every rising and setting of the sun, you are busy counting the passing days. Why, then, do you still remain idle and not worship the Lord of the heart?

jīvana anitya jānahô sāra, tāhe nānā-vidha vipada bhāra, nāmāśraya kôri' ĵatane tumi, thākahô āpana kāje (6)

"Know this essential fact: material life is temporary and filled with various troubles and burdens. Earnestly take shelter of the holy name and remain engaged in your occupational duties."

> kṛṣṇa-nāma-sudhā kôriyā pāna, juḏāo 'bhakativinoda' prāṇa, nāma binā kichu nāhikô āra, caudda bhuvana-mājhe (7)

Drink the pure nectar of *kṛṣṇa-nāma* and thus give relief to Bhaktivinoda's burning heart. There is nothing except the holy name within all the fourteen worlds.

jīvera kalyāņa-sādhana-kāma, jagate āsi' e madhura nāma, avidyā-timira-tapana-rūpe, hŗd-gagane virāje (8)

Desiring to benefit the living entities, these sweet holy names have come to the material world. They shine like the sun in the sky of the heart, destroying the darkness of ignorance.

JĪVA JĀGÔ, JĪVA JĀGÔ

Śrīla Bhaktivinoda Ţhākura

jīva jāgô, jīva jāgô, gorācẫda bôle katô nidrā ĵāo māyā-piśācīra kole (1)

"Wake up, sleeping souls! Wake up, sleeping souls!" calls Śrī Gaura-candra. "How long will you sleep in the lap of the witch Māyā?

bhajibô bôliyā ese' saṁsāra-bhitare bhuliyā rahile tumi avidyāra bhare (2)

"You came into this material world saying you will worship the Lord, but, having forgotten this, you remain burdened by ignorance.

tomāre lôite āmi hôinu avatāra āmi binā bandhu āra ke āche tomāra (3)

"It is only to deliver you that I have descended. Who but Me is your friend?

enechi auṣadhi māyā nāśibāra lāgi' harināma-mahāmantra lao tumi māgi' (4)

"I have brought the medicine that will destroy [the disease of] *māyā*. Take these holy names, I beg you!"

bhakativinoda prabhu-caraṇe pôḍiyā sei harināma-mantra lôilô māgiyā (5)

Falling at the lotus feet of Śrīman Mahāprabhu, Bhaktivinoda has begged for and accepted this *harināma-mantra*.

KALI KUKURA

Śrīla Bhaktivinoda Ţhākura

kali kukura-kadana ĵadi cāo (he) kali-yuga pāvana, kali-bhaya-nāśana, śrī śacī-nandana gāo (he) (1)

If you wish to vanquish the dog-like personality of Kali, then sing the name of Śrī Śacīnandana, the savior of the age of Kali who nullifies all fear of Kali.

gadādhara-mādana, nitāiyera prāņa-dhana, advaitera prapūjita gorā nimāi viśvambhara, śrīnivāsa-īśvara, bhakata-samūha-cita-corā (2)

Gaura is the exhilaration of Gadādhara Paṇḍita. He is the treasure of the life of Nityānanda Prabhu and the worshipful object of Advaita Ācārya. He is known as Nimāi, Viśvambhara, the Lord of Śrīvāsa Paṇḍita, and He who steals the hearts of the devotees.

nadīyā-śaśadhara, māyāpura-īśvara, nāma-pravartana sura gṛhi-jana-śikṣaka, nyāsikula-nāyaka, mādhava rādhā-bhāva-pura (3) He is the moon of Nadīyā, the Lord of Māyāpura, and the divine propagator of the holy name. For *gṛhāstas*, He is the instructor, and for renunciants, He is their hero. He is Mādhava in the *bhāva* of Śrī Rādhā.

sārvabhauma-śodhana, gajapati-tāraņa, rāmānanda-poşaņa vīra rūpānanda-vardhana, sanātana-pālana, haridāsa-modana dhīra (4)

He is the purifier of Sārvabhauma Bhaṭṭācārya, the savior of King Pratāparudra, the nurturer of Rāmānanda Rāyā, and a great hero. He enhances the bliss of Śrīla Rūpa Gosvāmī, and he is the maintainer of Śrīla Sanātana Gosvāmī. He is the delight of Śrīla Haridāsa Ṭhākura, and He is very grave.

vraja-rasa-bhāvana, duṣṭa-mata-śātana, kapaṭi-vighātana kāma śuddha-bhakta-pālana, śuṣka-jñāna-tād̯ana, chala-bhakti-dūṣaṇa rāma (5)

He is immersed in *uraja-rasa*, the destroyer of wicked materialistic philosophies, the purger of hypocrisy [from the heart], and is the transcendental Kāmadeva (Cupid). He nourishes the pure devotees, expels dry knowledge, demolishes false *bhakti*, and is the reservoir of all pleasure.

JAYA JAYA HARINĀMA Śrīla Bhaktivinoda Ṭhākura

jaya jaya harināma, cid-ānandāmṛta-dhāma, para-tattva akṣara-ākāra nija-jane kṛpā kôri', nāma-rūpe avatari', jīve dayā kôrile apāra (1)

All glories, all glories to *harināma*, the abode of the nectar of divine knowledge and bliss and the Supreme Truth in the form of syllables. Out of mercy for His devotees, He descended in the form of His names and thus showed vast compassion to all the living beings.

jaya hari-kṛṣṇa-nāma, jaga-jana suviśrāma, sarva-jana-mānasa-rañjana muni-vṛnda nirantara, ĵe nāmera samādara, kôri' gāya bhôriyā vadana (2)

All glories to the holy names of Hari and Kṛṣṇa, which are the sublime shelter for the living entities of the world and which delight the minds of all. Hosts of great sages, who have true honor for these names, eternally sing them, filling their mouths [with *nāma*].

ohe kṛṣṇa-nāmākṣara, tumi sarva-śakti-dhara, jīvera kalyāṇa-bitaraṇe tomā binā bhava-sindhu, uddhārite nāhi bandhu, āsiyāchô jīva-uddhāraṇe (3) O syllables of Kṛṣṇa's name, You possess all powers to bestow auspiciousness upon the living beings. Without You, there is no other friend to deliver us from the ocean of material existence. Indeed, You have come to deliver all *jīvas*.

āche tāpa jīve ĵatô, tumi saba karô hata, helāya tomāre eka-bāra ḍāke ĵadi konô jana, ha'ye dīna akiñcana, nāhi dekhi' anya pratikāra (4)

You dispel whatever misery afflicts the *jīva* if he, feeling himself poor and insignificant and seeing no other remedy, calls Your name one time, even out of impulse.

tava svalpa-sphūrti pāya, ugra-tāpa dūre ĵāya, liṅga-bhaṅga haya anāyāse bhakativinoda kaya, jaya harināma jaya, pa'd̯e thāki tuŵā pada-āśe (5)

If one obtains even a momentary vision of You, then all sorts of terrible miseries disappear, and one's gross and subtle bodies are easily destroyed. Bhaktivinoda says, "All glories, all glories to the holy names of Śrī Hari! I prostrate myself in hopes of attaining Your lotus feet."

RĀDHĀ-BHAJANE ĴADI Śrīla Bhaktivinoda Ţhākura

rādhā-bhajane ĵadi mati nāhi bhelā kṛṣṇa-bhajana tava akāraṇa gelā (1)

If the desire to worship Śrī Rādhā does not arise, then your worship of Kṛṣṇa goes in vain.

ātapa-rôhita sūraĵa nāhi jāni rādhā-virahita mādhava nāhi māni (2)

We cannot conceive of the sun devoid of sunlight. Similarly, we cannot accept Mādhava separate from Rādhā.

kevala mādhava pūjaye, so ajñānī rādhā-anādara karôi abhimānī (3)

One who worships only Mādhava is ignorant, and one who disrespects Śrī Rādhā is simply conceited.

kabahĩ nāhi karôbi tẫkara saṅga citte icchasi ĵadi vraja-rasa-raṅga (4)

Do not ever associate with such persons if your heart longs for the loving playfulness of *vraja-rasa*.

rādhikā dāsī jadi haya abhimāna śīghrai milai tava gokula-kāna (5)

If you consider yourself to be the maidservant of Śrīmatī Rādhikā, then very quickly you will attain Kāna of Gokula.

brahmā, šiva, nārada, šruti, nārāyaņī rādhikā-pada-raja pūjaye māni (6)

We know that Brahmā, Śiva, Nārada, the personified Vedas, and Nārāyāņī (Lakṣmi-devī) all worship the dust of Śrīmatī Rādhikā's lotus feet.

umā, ramā, satyā, śacī, candrā, rukmiņī rādhā-avatāra sabe—āmnāya-vāņī (7)

The revealed scriptures declare that Umā, Ramā, Satyā, Śacī, Candrāvalī, and Rukmiņī are all Rādhā's expansions.

henô rādhā-paricaryā ĵā̃kara dhana bhakativinoda tā̃'ra māgaye caraṇa (8)

Bhaktivinoda begs at the lotus feet of those whose wealth is the service of ${\rm Sr}\bar{\rm n}\,{\rm R}\bar{\rm a}{\rm dh}\bar{\rm a}.$

ŚRĪ GURU-PŪJĀ

ŚRĪ GURU-CARAŅA-PADMA Śrīla Narottama dāsa Ţhākura

śrī guru-caraṇa-padma, kevala bhakati-sadma, vando muĩ sāvadhāna-mate ĵẫhāra prasāde bhāi, e bhava tariyā ĵāi, kṛṣṇa-prāpti haya ĵãhā ha'te (1) The lotus feet of \dot{sr} guru are the treasure house of unalloyed *prema-bhakti*. I worship those lotus feet with great care. By the mercy of \dot{sr} guru, O brother, one can cross over the material universe and attain Śrī Kṛṣṇa.

guru-mukha-padma-vākya, cittete kôriyā aikya, āra nā kôrihô mane āśā śrī guru-caraņe rati, ei sei uttamā gati, ĵe-prasāde pūre sarva āśā (2)

Make the words emanating from the lotus mouth of \dot{sri} guru one with your heart and do not aspire for anything else. Attachment to the lotus feet of \dot{sri} guru is the greatest attainment. By his mercy, all desires are fulfilled.

cakșu-dāna dilā ĵei, janme janme prabhu sei, divya-jñāna hṛde prakāśita prema-bhakti ĵāhā hôite, avidyā vināśa ĵāte, vede gāya ĵāhāra carita (3)

He who gives the gift of transcendental vision is my master birth after birth. He manifests divine knowledge within one's heart. From him *prema-bhakti* emanates, and by him ignorance is destroyed. The Vedic scriptures sing of his exalted character.

śrī guru karuņā-sindhu, adhama janāra bandhu, 'lokanātha' lokera jīvana hā hā prabhu! karô dayā, dehô' more pada-chāyā, tuŵā pade lôinu śaraņa (ebe ĵaśa ghuşuk tribhuvana) (4) $Sr\bar{i}$ guru is an ocean of mercy, the friend of the fallen, and the life and soul of everyone. Alas, O Master! Please be merciful and give me the shade of your lotus feet. At your feet I have surrendered. (May your fame now be proclaimed throughout the three worlds.)

ŚRĪ TULASĪ-PŪJĀ

ŚRĪ VŖNDĀ-DEVYĀŞŢAKAM Śrīla Viśvanātha Cakravartī Ţhākura

gāngeya-cāmpeya-tadid-vinindirociḥ-pravāha-snapitātma-vṛnde! bandhūka-bandhu-dyuti-divya-vāso vṛnde! numas te caraṇāravindam (1)

You inundate all of your associates in a flood of your splendor, which belittles gold, *campaka* flowers, and lightning. Your divine dress resembles the orange-red luster of the *bandhūka* flower. O Vṛndā, we offer *praṇāma* to your lotus feet.

> bimbādharoditvara-manda-hāsyanāsāgra-muktā-dyuti-dīpitāsye! vicitra-ratnābharaņa-śriyāḍhye! vŗnde! numas te caraņāravindam (2)

O Vṛndā! Your countenance is especially radiant, illuminated by the gentle smile rising on your *bimba*-red lips and the

pearl on your nose. Your beauty is enhanced by various jeweled ornaments. O Vṛndā, we offer *praṇāma* to your lotus feet.

samasta-vaikuņţha-śiromaņau śrīkrsnasya vrndāvana-dhanya-dhāmni dattādhikāre vrsabhānu-putryā vrnde! numas te caranāravindam (3)

The daughter of Vṛṣabhānu Mahārāja, Śrīmatī Rādhikā, has given you dominion over Śrī Kṛṣṇa's most glorious Śrī Vṛndāvana-dhāma, which is the crown-jewel of all Vaikuṇṭha planets. O Vṛndā, we offer *praṇāma* to your lotus feet.

tvad-ājñayā pallava-puṣpa-bhṛṅgamṛgādibhir mādhava-keli-kuñjāḥ madhv-ādibhir bhānti vibhūṣyamāṇā vṛnde! numas te caraṇāravindam (4)

By your order, the buds, blossoms, flowers, bees, deer, and all other kinds of animals and birds, as well as the six seasons headed by spring, brilliantly decorate the *kunjas* where Śrī Mādhava enjoys His playful pastimes. O Vṛndā, we offer *praṇāma* to your lotus feet.

> tvadīya-dūtyena nikuñja-yunor atyutkayoḥ keli-vilāsa-siddhiḥ tvat-saubhagaṁ kena nirucyatāṁ tad vṛnde! numas te caraṇāravindam (5)

Your adeptness at acting as a messenger makes it possible for the Youthful Couple of the *kunjas* to accomplish Their playful, amorous pastimes, for which They are so eager. Who can properly describe your good fortune? O Vṛndā, we offer *praṇāma* to your lotus feet.

rāsābhilāşo vasatiś ca vṛndāvane tvad-īśāṅghri-saroja-sevā labhyā ca puṁsāṁ kṛpayā tavaiva vṛnde! numas te caraṇāravindam (6)

The desire to behold the $r\bar{a}sa-l\bar{l}l\bar{a}$, attain residence in Śrī Vṛndāvana, and perform service to the lotus feet of your Lord and Lady is attained by a person through your mercy alone. O Vṛndā, we offer *praṇāma* to your lotus feet.

tvam kīrtyase sātvata-tantra-vidbhir līlābhidhānā kila kṛṣṇa-śaktiḥ tavaiva mūrtis tulasī nṛ-loke vṛnde! numas te caraṇāravindam (7)

Those conversant in devotional scriptures (the *bhakti-tantras*) glorify you as Śrī Kṛṣṇa's pastime potency ($l\bar{l}l\bar{a}$ -*sakti*). In this world, you assume the form of the *tulasī* tree. O Vṛndā, we offer *praṇāma* to your lotus feet.

bhaktyā vihīnā aparādha-lakṣaiḥ kṣiptāś ca kāmādi-taraṅga-madhye kṛpāmayi! tvāṁ śaraṇaṁ prapannā vṛnde! numas te caraṇāravindam (8) Devoid of *bhakti* and guilty of unlimited offenses, we are flung into the waves of lust [anger, greed and so on]. O merciful one, we take shelter of you! O Vṛndā, we offer *praṇāma* to your lotus feet.

vrndāstakam yaņ srņuyāt pathed vā vrndāvanādhīsa-padābja-bhrngaņ sa prāpya vrndāvana-nitya-vāsam tat-prema-sevām labhate krtārthaņ (9)

Those who, like bumblebees at the lotus feet of the Divine Couple, hear or recite this *Vṛndā-devyāṣṭaka* will obtain eternal residence in Vṛndāvana and become fulfilled, having attained loving service to Them.

MANTRA FOR BATHING TULASI-DEVI

om govinda-vallabhām devīm bhakta-caitanya-kāriņīm snāpayāmi jagad-dhātrīm kŗṣṇa-bhakti-pradāyinīm

I am bathing Tulasī-devī, who is very dear to Govinda and who brings life to all the devotees. She is the mother of the universe and the bestower of *kṛṣṇa-bhakti*.

PRAŅĀMA MANTRA FOR TULASĪ-DEVĪ

vrndāyai tulasī-devyai priyāyai keśavasya ca krṣṇa-bhakti-prade devi! satyavatyai namo namaḥ

I offer *praņāma* again and again to Śrīmatī Tulasī-devī, who is most dear to Śrī Keśava and who is also renowned as Vṛndā-devī and Satyavatī. O Devī, you bestow *kṛṣṇa-bhakti*!



BHOGA OFFERING

BHAJÔ BHAKATA-VATSALA Śrīla Bhaktivinoda Ţhākura

bhajô bhakata-vatsala śrī gaurahari śrī gaurahari sohi goṣṭha-bihārī, nanda-yaśomatī-citta-hārī (1)

Just worship Śrī Gaurahari, who is very affectionate to His devotees. He is that very Kṛṣṇa who roams the pasturing grounds of Vṛndāvana with His cows and who steals the hearts of Nanda Mahārāja and Mother Yaśodā.

belā ha'lô dāmodara, āisô ekhôna bhoga-mandire bôsi' karahô bhojana (2)

[Mother Yaśodā calls,] "O Dāmodara, it is very late. Please come right now. Sit down in the dining hall and take Your meal."

nandera nirdeśe baise giri-vara-dhārī baladeva-saha sakhā baise sāri sāri (3)

At the instruction of Nanda Bābā, Kṛṣṇa, the lifter of Govardhana Hill, sits down with Baladeva and Their friends in rows to take lunch.

śuktā-śākādi bhāji nālitā kuşmāṇḍa ḍāli ḍālnā dugdha-tumbī dadhi mocā-khaṇḍa (4) They are served a feast of *śuktā* (bitter stew), various kinds of *śāk* (leafy vegetable preparations), *bhāji* (fried savories), *nālitā* (a jute leaf preparation), *kuṣmāṇḍa* (a pumpkin preparation), *ḍāli* (chewable sticks), *ḍālnā* (curry), *dugdhatumbī* (gourd boiled in milk), yogurt, and *mocā-khaṇḍa* (curry of banana flower fritters).

mudga-baḍā māṣa-baḍā roṭikā ghṛtānna śaṣkulī piṣṭaka kṣīra puli pāyasānna (5)

There is *mudga-badā* (mung dahl fritters), *māṣa-badā* (urad dahl fritters), flat bread, *ghṛtānna* (rice with ghee), *śaṣkulī* (a preparation made with rice-flour and sesame seeds), *pițhe* (varieties of rice-flour cakes and dumplings), *khīra* (sweetened condensed milk), *pulī* (rice-flour dumplings in sweetened condensed milk), and *pāyasānna* (sweet rice).

karpūra amṛta-keli rambhā kṣīra-sāra amṛta rasālā, amla dvādaśa-prakāra (6)

They are given *karpūra amṛta-keli* (ambrosial milk sweets scented with camphor), *rambhā* (banana sweets), *khīra-sāra* (condensed cream [*rabadī*]), *amṛta-rasālā* (juicy nectarean sweets), and twelve kinds of sour chutneys.

luci-cini sarapurī lāddu rasābalī bhojana karena kŗṣṇa ha'ye kutūhalī (7)

There is *luci-cini* (white-flour *purīs* dusted with sugar), sarpurī (cream cakes), *lāddu* (sweet balls), and *rasābalī* (dahl

patties boiled in sugar-water). Kṛṣṇa eats all the preparations with great delight.

rādhikāra pakka anna vividha vyañjana parama ānande kṛṣṇa karena bhojana (8)

In supreme bliss, Kṛṣṇa takes the rice and various types of vegetables cooked by Rādhikā.

chale-bale lāḍḍu khāya śrī madhumaṅgala bagala bājāya āra deya haribolô (9)

Madhumangala takes *lāḍḍus* by hook or by crook, and he makes a funny sound by putting his hand under his armpit and flapping his arm as he calls out, "Haribol!"

rādhikādi-gaņe heri' nayanera koņe trpta ha'ye khāya kṛṣṇa yaśodā-bhavane (10)

Glancing at Rādhikā and Her *sakhīs* out of the corner of His eye, Kṛṣṇa takes His lunch at Mother Yaśodā's house with great satisfaction.

[Now offer to Gurudeva, the Vrajavāsīs, and the Vaiṣṇavas.]

bhojanānte piye kṛṣṇa suvāsita vāri sabe mukha prakṣālaya ha'ye sāri sāri (11)

After finishing His meal, Kṛṣṇa drinks rose-scented water. Then all the *sakhās*, standing in lines, wash their mouths.

hasta-mukha prakṣāliyā ĵatô sakhā-gaṇe ānande viśrāma kare baladeva sane (12)

After washing their hands and mouths, all the *sakhās* blissfully take rest along with Baladeva.

jāmbula rasāla āne tāmbūla-masālā tāhā kheye kṛṣṇacandra sukhe nidrā gelā (13)

The *sakhās* Jāmbula and Rasāla bring Kṛṣṇa spiced betel nuts. After chewing them, Kṛṣṇa-candra happily goes to sleep.

viśālākşa śikhi-puccha cāmara ḍhulāya apūrva śaĵyāya kṛṣṇa sukhe nidrā ĵāya (14)

While His servant Viśālākṣa waves a peacock-feather fan to cool Him, Kṛṣṇa sleeps contentedly upon His very beautiful bed.

yaśomatī-ājñā peye dhaniṣṭhā-ānīta śrī kṛṣṇa-prasāda rādhā bhuñje ha'ye prīta (15)

Upon Mother Yaśodā's request, Rādhā joyfully relishes the remnants of Kṛṣṇa's plate, brought to Her by Dhaniṣṭhā.

lalitādi sakhī-gaņa avaśeṣa pāya mane mane sukhe rādhā-kṛṣṇa-guṇa gāya (16)

Receiving Her remnants, Lalitā and the other *sakhīs* happily sing the glories of Rādhā and Kṛṣṇa within their minds.

hari-līlā eka-mātra ĵā̃hāra pramoda bhogārati gāya sei bhakativinoda (17)

This Bhaktivinoda, whose joy is only found in the pastimes of Hari, sings this *bhoga-ārati* song.

RĀJA-BHOGA ĀRATI

YAŚOMATĪ-NANDANA Śrīla Bhaktivinoda Țhākura

yaśomatī-nandana, vraja-vara-nāgara, gokula-rañjana kāna gopī-parāṇa-dhana, madana-manohara, kālīya-damana-vidhāna (1)

Kṛṣṇa is the beloved son of Mother Yaśodā, the topmost hero of Vraja, the delight of Gokula, and Kāna [an affectionate nickname for Kṛṣṇa]. He is the treasure of the lives of the *gopīs*, the enchanter of Cupid, and the punisher of the serpent Kālīya.

> amala harināma amiya-vilāsā vipina-purandara, navīna-nāgara-vara, vaṁśī-vadana, suvāsā (2)

These spotless holy names are filled with Kṛṣṇa's nectarean pastimes. He is the king of the forests of Vraja and the supreme youthful lover. He holds the flute to His mouth and wears very beautiful garments.

vraja-jana-pālana, asura-kula-nāśana, nanda-godhana-rākhowālā govinda, mādhava, navanīta-taskara, sundara nanda-gopālā (3)

He is the maintainer of the residents of Vraja, the killer of many demons, and the protector of Nanda Mahārāja's herd of cows. He is Govinda (the giver of pleasure to the cows, *gopas*, and *gopīs*) and Mādhava (the consort of the topmost Lakṣmī). He is a butter thief and the beautiful cowherd boy of Nanda.

yāmuna-taţa-cara, gopī-vasana-hara, rāsa-rasika kṛpāmaya śrī rādhā-vallabha, vṛndāvana-naţavara, bhakativinoda āśraya (4)

He wanders along the banks of the Yamunā River, and He is the thief of the young *gopīs*' clothes. He is the enjoyer of the *rasa* of the *rāsa* dance. He is full of mercy. He is the beloved of Śrīmatī Rādhikā, and He is the most expert dancer of Vṛndāvana. He is the shelter of Bhaktivinoda.

JAYA RĀDHĀ-MĀDHAVA JAYA KUÑJA-BIHĀRĪ Śrīla Bhaktivinoda Ṭhākura

(jaya) rādhā-mādhava (jaya) kuñja-bihārī (jaya) gopī-jana-vallabha (jaya) giri-vara-dhārī (jaya) yaśodā-nandana (jaya) vraja-jana-rañjana (jaya) yāmuna-tīra-vanacārī

Śrī Kṛṣṇa is the lover of Śrī Rādhā and is the enjoyer of pastimes in the forest groves of Vraja. He is the dearmost beloved of the *gopīs* and the lifter of Govardhana Hill. He is the darling son of Mother Yasodā, He gives pleasure to the residents of Vraja, and He wanders in the forests along the banks of the Yamunā River.



SELECTED BHAJANAS

GURUDEVA! KŖPĀ-BINDU DIYĀ Śrīla Bhaktivinoda Ṭhākura

gurudeva! kṛpā-bindu diyā, karô ei dāse, tṛṇāpekṣā ati hīna sakala-sahane, bala diyā karô, nija-māne spṛhā-hīna (1)

O Gurudeva, give me a drop of mercy and make this servant more humble than a blade of grass. Give me the strength to tolerate everything and make me free from my vanity.

> sakale sammāna, kôrite śakati, dehô nātha! ĵathāĵatha tabe tô' gāibô, harināma sukhe, aparādha ha'be hata (2)

Give me the power, O Master, to honor all living entities according to their due. Then I shall chant the holy names of Śrī Hari blissfully, and my offenses will be vanquished.

> kabe henô kṛpā, labhiyā e jana, kṛtārtha hôibe nātha! śakti-buddhi-hīna, āmi ati dīna, karô more ātma-sātha (3)

When will this person receive such mercy and be successful in life, O Master? I am devoid of strength and intelligence and am extremely fallen. Kindly take my soul and make me your own.

ĵogyatā-vicāre, kichu nāhi pāi, tomāra karuņā sāra karuņā nā hôile, kādiyā kādiyā, prāņa nā rākhibô āra (4)

If I consider my qualification, I find nothing of value; your mercy is the essence of my existence. If you are not merciful, then, weeping and weeping, I will no longer maintain my life.

OHE! VAIŞŅAVA ŢHĀKURA Śrīla Bhaktivinoda Ţhākura

ohe! vaiṣṇava ṭhākura, dayāra sāgara, e dāse karuṇā kôri' diyā pada-chāyā, śodhô he āmāre, tomāra caraṇa dhôri (1)

O Vaiṣṇava Ṭhākura, you are an ocean of mercy. Being compassionate upon this servant, purify me by giving me the shade of your feet, of which I take hold.

> chaya vega dômi', chaya doşa śodhi', chaya guṇa dehô dāse chaya sat-saṅga, dehô' he āmāre, bôsechi saṅgera āśe (2)

Help me to subdue the six urges and purify my six faults. Bestow upon this servant the six qualities of a devotee and give me the six kinds of devotional association.¹ I am waiting in hope of attaining your association.

ekākī āmāra, nāhi pāya bala, harināma-saṅkīrtane tumi kṛpā kôri', śraddhā-bindu diyā, dehô' kṛṣṇa-nāma-dhane (3)

Alone I do not have the strength to perform *harināma-sankīrtana*. Being kind and giving me one drop of faith, bestow upon me the priceless treasure of *kṛṣṇa-nāma*.

kṛṣṇa se tomāra, kṛṣṇa dite pārô, tomāra śakati āche āmi tô' kāṅgāla, 'kṛṣṇa kṛṣṇa' bôli', dhāi tava pāche pāche (4)

Kṛṣṇa is yours, so you have the power to give Kṛṣṇa. I am only a beggar running behind you, calling out "Kṛṣṇa! Kṛṣṇa!".

ŚRĪ PAÑCA-TATTVA-MANTRA

śrī-kṛṣṇa-caitanya prabhu-nityānanda śrī-advaita gadādhara śrīvāsādi-gaura-bhakta-vṛnda

¹ See Śrī Upadeṣāmṛta, verses 1, 2, 3, and 4.

ŚRĪ KŖṢŅA CAITANYA PRABHU DAYĀ KARÔ MORE Śrīla Narottama dāsa Ṭhākura

śrī kṛṣṇa-caitanya prabhu dayā karô more tomā' binā ke dayālu jagat-saṁsāre (1)

O Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya Prabhu, be merciful to me. Except for You, who in this material existence is so full of compassion?

patita-pāvana-hetu tava avatāra mo sama patita prabhu nā pāibe āra (2)

The reason for Your descent is to deliver the fallen souls. O Lord, You will not find anyone else as fallen as me.

hā hā prabhu nityānanda premānanda-sukhī kṛpāvalokana karô āmi baḍô duḥkhī (3)

O Nityānanda Prabhu, who is always joyful in ecstatic love, glance upon me with compassion, for I am very sorrowful.

dayā karô sītā-pati advaita gosā̃i tava kṛpā-bale pāi caitanya-nitāi (4)²

dayā karô gadādhara premera sāgara śrī śrīvāsa haridāsa more kṛpā karô

² The following verse may be sung after verse 4:

O Gadādhara Paṇḍita, ocean of *prema*, be compassionate to me. O Śrīvāsa Paṇḍita and Haridāsa Ṭhākura, please give me your mercy.

O Advaita Gosāi, husband of Sītā, be kind to me. By the power of Your mercy, I can surely attain Śrī Caitanya-Nitāi.

hā hā svarūp, sanātana, rūpa, raghunātha bhaṭṭa-ĵuga, śrī jīva, hā prabhu lokanātha (5)

Alas! O Svarūpa Dāmodara Gosvāmī, Sanātana Gosvāmī, Rūpa Gosvāmī, and Raghunātha dāsa Gosvāmī! O Gopāla Bhaṭṭa Gosvāmī, Raghunātha Bhaṭṭa Gosvāmī, and Śrī Jīva Gosvāmī! O my master, Lokanātha Gosvāmī [give me your mercy]!

dayā karô śrī ācārya prabhu śrīnivāsa rāmacandra-saṅga māge narottama dāsa (6)³

Be merciful, O Prabhu Śrīnivāsa Ācārya! Narottama dāsa begs for the association of Rāmacandra Kavirāja.

dayā karô prabhupāda śrī dayita dāsa vaisņavera kṛpā māge ei adhama dāsa

O Prabhupāda, servant of the beloved of Śrī Rādhā, please be merciful. This fallen servant begs for the kindness of the Vaiṣṇavas.

dayā karô gurudeva patita-pāvana śrī caraņe sevā māge ei patita jana

O Gurudeva, savior of the fallen, please be merciful. This fallen person begs for service to your lotus feet.

³ The following two verses may be sung after verse 6:

'GAURĀŅGA' BÔLITE HA'BE Śrīla Narottama dāsa Ṭhākura

ʻgaurāṅga' bôlite ha'be pulaka śarīra ʻhari hari' bôlite nayane ba'be nīra (1)

When will the hair on my body stand on end upon chanting, "Gaurāṅga"? When will my eyes overflow with tears upon chanting, "Hari Hari"?

āra kabe nitāi-cā̃der karuņā hôibe saṁsāra-vāsanā mora kabe tuccha ha'be (2)

And when will the moon-like Nityānanda Prabhu bestow His mercy upon me? When will my material desires become insignificant?

vişaya chāḍiyā kabe śuddha ha'be mana kabe hāma herabô śrī vṛndāvana (3)

When will my mind, as a result of my renouncing material enjoyment, become purified? When will I behold Śrī Vṛndāvana?

rūpa-raghunātha-pade hôibe ākuti kabe hāma bujhabô se ĵugala-pīriti (4)

When will I develop eagerness for the lotus feet of Śrīla Rūpa Gosvāmī and Śrīla Raghunātha dāsa Gosvāmī, by whose mercy I will be able to understand the love (*prīti*) of the Divine Couple?

rūpa-raghunātha-pade rahu mora āśa prārthanā karôye sadā narottama dāsa (5)

"Let all my hopes and aspirations remain at the lotus feet of Śrī Rūpa and Śrī Raghunātha dāsa." This is the constant prayer of Narottama dāsa.

HARI HARI! KABE MORA HÔIBE SUDINA? Śrīla Narottama dāsa Ṭhākura

hari hari! kabe mora hôibe sudina? bhajibô śrī rādhā-kṛṣṇa hôiyā premādhīna (1)

O Hari! When will that auspicious day be mine when I will serve Śrī Śrī Rādhā-Kṛṣṇa, being controlled by *prema*?

suyantre miśā̃iyā gābô su-madhura tāna ānande kôribô dũhāra rūpa-guṇa-gāna (2)

Accompanied by musical instruments, I will sing sweet melodies. In great bliss I shall perform songs that glorify the form and qualities of the Divine Couple.

'rādhikā-govinda' bôli' kāndibô uccaiḥ svare bhijibe sakala aṅga nayanera nīre (3)

While singing "Rādhikā-Govinda," I will weep loudly, and my entire body will become soaked by the tears from my eyes.

ei bāra karuņā karô rūpa-sanātana raghunātha dāsa mora śrī jīva jīvana (4) O Śrī Rūpa Gosvāmī and Śrī Sanātana Gosvāmī! O Śrī Raghunātha dāsa Gosvāmī! O Śrī Jīva Gosvāmī, my life and soul! Be merciful to me now!

ei bāra karuņā karô lalitā-viśākhā sakhya-bhāve śrīdāma-subala-ādi sakhā (5)

O Lalitā and Viśākhā! O Śrīdāma, Subala, and other friends in *sakhya-bhāva*! Be merciful to me now!

sabe mili' karô dayā pūruk mora āśa prārthanā karôye sadā narottama dāsa (6)

All of you together, please be merciful and let my desires be fulfilled. Narottama dāsa constantly prays in this way.

RĀDHĀ-KŖŅA PRĀŅA MORA Śrīla Narottama dāsa Ţhākura

rādhā-kṛṣṇa prāṇa mora ĵugala-kiśora jīvane-maraṇe gati āra nāhi mora (1)

The youthful Divine Couple, Śrī Śrī Rādhā-Kṛṣṇa, are my life and soul. In life and in death, I have no shelter other than Them.

kālindīra kūle keli kadambera vana ratana-vedīra upar bôsā'bô du'jana (2)

On the banks of the Kālindi (Yamunā River), in a *kadamba* grove meant for amorous sporting, I will seat Them both upon a jeweled throne.

śyāma-gaurī-aṅge dibô (cuŵā) candanera gandha cāmara ḍhulābô kabe heribô mukha-candra (3)

I will anoint Their dark and golden limbs with sandal paste scented with *cuyā* and then fan Them with a *cāmara*. Oh, when will I behold Their moon-like faces?

gẫthiyā mālatīra mālā dibô dõhār gale adhare tuliyā dibô karpūra tāmbūle (4)

After stringing together garlands of *mālati* flowers, I will place them around both Their necks. I will then place *tāmbūla* (betel) flavored with camphor in Their lotus mouths.

lalitā viśākhā ādi ĵatô sakhī-vṛnda ājñāya kôribô sevā caraṇāravinda (5)

On the order of Lalitā, Viśākhā, and the other *sakhīs*, I will serve Their lotus feet.

śrī kṛṣṇa-caitanya-prabhur dāser anudāsa sevā abhilāṣa kare narottama dāsa (6)

Narottama dāsa, servant of the servant of Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya Mahāprabhu, yearns for service to the Divine Couple. DAILY KĪRTANA HANDBOOK

BRAJA-JANA-MANA-SUKHAKĀRĪ Śrī Śrīmad Bhaktivedānta Nārāvana Gosvāmī Mahārāja

braja-jana-mana-sukhakārī rādhe śyām śyāmā śyām

O You who are the delight of the people of Vraja—Rādhe! Śyāma! Śyāmā! Śyāma!

mor mukuța makarākṛta-kuṇḍala, gale vaijayantī-māla, caraṇana nūpura rasāla rādhe śyām śyāmā śyām (1)

His crown is of peacock feathers, His earrings are sharkshaped, around His neck is a forest flower garland, and the bells on His feet resonate *rasa*—Rādhe! Śyāma! Śyāmā!

sundara vadana kamala-dala locana, bā̃kī cita-vana-hārī, mohana-baṁśī-bihārī rādhe śyām śyāmā śyām (2)

With His beautiful face, eyes like lotus petals, and His crooked and enticing posture, He frolics in forests and hearts, captivating all with His artistry in flute-playing—Rādhe! Śyāma! Śyāma!

vṛndāvana mẽ dhenu carāve, gopī-jana manahārī śrī govardhana-dhārī rādhe śyām śyāmā śyām (3)

In Vṛndāvana, He tends the cows, absconds with the minds of the cowherd girls, and holds up Śrī Govardhana—Rādhe! Śyāma! Śyāmā! Śyāma!

rādhā-kṛṣṇa mili ab doū, gaura-rūpa avatārī kīrtana dharma pracārī rādhe śyām śyāmā śyām (4)

Rādhā and Kṛṣṇa now unite in one golden incarnation, preaching the religion of devotional singing (*kīrtana-dharma*)—Rādhe! Śyāma! Śyāmā! Śyāma!

tum binā mere aur na koi, nāma-rūpa avatārī caraņana mē balihārī, nārāyaņa balihārī, rādhe śyām śyāmā śyām (5)

Without You, I have no other. You incarnate in the divine name and in divine form. At Your feet rapture is found. This Nārāyaņa delights there. Rādhe! Śyāma! Śyāmā! Śyāma!

SANDHYA ĀRATI

ŚRĪ GAURA ĀRATI Śrīla Bhaktivinoda Ţhākura

jaya jaya gorācā̃dera āratiko śobhā jāhnavī-taţa-vane jaga-mana-lobhā (1)

All glories, all glories to the beautiful $\bar{a}rati$ ceremony of Śrī Gaura-candra, performed in a forest on the banks of the Jāhnavī (Gaṅgā) River. It attracts the minds of everyone in the universe.

dakșiņe nitāicẫda, bāme gadādhara nikațe advaita, śrīnivāsa chatra-dhara (2)

On the right [of Gaurānġa] is the moonlike Nityānanda Prabhu, and on the left is Gadādhara Paṇḍita. Nearby are Advaita Ācārya and Śrīvāsa Paṇḍita, who holds an umbrella [over the Lord's head].

> bôsiyāche gorācẫda ratna-siṁhāsane ārati karena brahmā-ādi deva-gaṇe (3)

Śrī Gaura-candra is seated on a jeweled throne, and Lord Brahmā and the other demigods perform His *ārati*.

narahari-ādi kôri' cāmara ḍhulāya sañjaya-mukunda vāsu-ghoṣa-ādi gāya (4) Narahari Sarakāra and others fan the Lord with *cāmaras*, while Sanjaya Paṇḍita, Mukunda Daṭṭa, Vāsudeva Ghoṣa, and others sing [His glories].

śaṅkha bāje, ghaṇṭā bāje, bāje karatāla madhura mṛdaṅga bāje parama rasāla (5)

The resonating conch, the ringing bell, the chiming *karatālas*, and the sweet rhythm of the *mrdanga* converge together to create the topmost *rasa*.

bahu-koțī candra ĵini' vadana ujjvala gala-deśe vana-mālā kare jhalamala (6)

Śrī Gaura's brilliant face conquers [the glow of] many millions of moons, and the garland of forest flowers about His neck glimmers splendidly.

śiva-śuka-nārada preme gada-gada bhakativinoda dekhe gorāra sampada (7)

Lord Śiva, Śukadeva Gosvāmī, and Nārada Muni become choked with *prema*. Thus, Bhaktivinoda Țhākura beholds the glories of Śrī Gaurānga.

ŚRĪ YUGALA ĀRATI Śrīla Bhaktivinoda Ţhākura

jaya jaya rādhā-kṛṣṇa-ĵugala-milana ārati karôye lalitādi sakhī-gaṇa (1)

All glories, all glories to the meeting of the Divine Couple, Śrī Śrī Rādhā-Kṛṣṇa. The *sakhīs*, led by Lalitā-devī, perform Their *ārati* ceremony.

madana-mohana-rūpa tri-bhaṅga-sundara pītāmbara śikhi-puccha-cūḏā manohara (2)

The beautiful threefold bending form of Kṛṣṇa, the enchanter of Cupid, wears yellow silk garments and a crown of peacock feathers, captivating the minds of all.

lalita-mādhava-bāme vṛṣabhānu-kanyā nīla-vasanā gaurī rūpe guņe dhanyā (3)

To the left of the charming Mādhava is the beautiful daughter of King Vṛṣabhānu, Śrīmatī Rādhikā. She wears a deep blue $s\bar{a}r\bar{i}$, Her complexion is the color of molten gold, and She is well endowed with beauty and other fine qualities.

nānā-vidha alaṅkāra kare jhalamala hari-mano-vimohana vadana ujjvala (4)

She is adorned with various ornaments that sparkle and shimmer. Her radiant face enchants the mind of Śrī Hari.

viśākhādi sakhī-gaņa nānā rāge gāya priya-narma-sakhī ĵatô cāmara ḍhulāya (5)

The sakhīs, led by Viśākhā-devī, sing in various melodies, while other priya-narma-sakhīs fan the Divine Couple with cāmaras.

śrī rādhā-mādhava-pada-sarasija-āśe bhakativinoda sakhī-pade sukhe bhāse (6)

Hoping to attain the lotus feet of Śrī Śrī Rādhā-Mādhava, Bhaktivinoda happily floats in happiness at the lotus feet of the *sakhīs*.

TULASĪ AND MANDIRA PARIKRAMĀ

TULASĪ KŖṢŅA-PREYASĪ Śrīla Bhakti Prajñāna Keśava Gosvāmī Mahārāja

namo namaḥ tulasī kṛṣṇa-preyasī (namo namaḥ) (vraje) rādhā-kṛṣṇa nitya-sevā—'ei abhilāṣī' (1)

O Śrīmatī Tulasī-devī, you are very dear to Kṛṣṇa. Desiring to attain eternal service to Śrī Śrī Rādhā-Kṛṣṇa (in Vraja), I repeatedly offer my obeisances unto you.

> ĵe tomāra śaraņa laya', sei kṛṣṇa-sevā pāya 'kṛpā kôri' karô tā're vṛndāvana-vāsī (2)

Whoever takes shelter of you attains service to Śrī Kṛṣṇa. Being merciful upon him, you make that person a resident of Vṛndāvana.

tomāra caraņe dhôri, more anugata kôri' gaurahari-sevā-magna rākhô divā-niśi (3)

I humbly clasp your lotus feet. May you make me your intimate follower. Keep me immersed in service to $Sr\bar{i}$ Gaurahari, day and night.

dīnera ei abhilāşa, māyāpure dio vāsa aṅgete mākhibô sadā dhāma-dhūli-rāśi (4)

It is the aspiration of this fallen soul that you grant me residence in Māyāpura, where I will always smear the dust of the holy abode on my body.

tomāra ārati lāgi', dhūpa, dīpa, puṣpa māgi mahimā bākhāni ebe—hao more khuśī (5)

For your *ārati*, I will beg incense, ghee lamp, and flowers. I now sing your glories, so please be happy with me.

jagatera ĵatô phula, kabhu nahe samatula sarva-tyaji' kṛṣṇa tava (patra) mañjarī-vilāsī (6)

Of all the flowers within the universe, none is your equal. Forsaking them all, Kṛṣṇa performs pastimes only with your *manjarīs* (and leaves).

ogo vṛnde mahārāṇi! (kṛṣṇa-bhakti pradāyinī!) tomāra pādapa-tale, deva-ṛṣi kutūhale sarva-tīrtha la'ye tẫ'rā hana adhivāsī (7)

O Vṛndā Mahārāṇī, bestower of *kṛṣṇa-bhakti*! The demigods and sages, along with all the holy places, joyfully reside at your feet.

śrī keśava ati dīna, sādhana-bhajana-hīna tomāra āśraye sadā nāmānande bhāsi (8)

Although Śrī Keśava is extremely fallen and devoid of *sādhana* and *bhajana*, having taken your shelter, he always floats in the bliss of the holy name.

(HARI) HARAYE NAMAH KŖṢŅA Śrīla Narottama dāsa Ṭhākura

(hari) haraye namaḥ kṛṣṇa yādavāya namaḥ yādavāya mādhavāya keśavāya namaḥ (1)

I offer *praṇāma* unto You, O Hari, O Kṛṣṇa, O Yādava, O Mādhava, O Keśava!

gopāla govinda rāma śrī madhusūdana giridhārī gopīnātha madana-mohana (2)

O Gopāla, Govinda, Rāma, Śrī Madhusūdana! O Giridhārī, Gopīnātha, Madana-mohana!

śrī caitanya, nityānanda, śrī advaita goptā hari, guru, vaiṣṇava, bhāgavata, gītā (3)

[I offer *praṇāma* to] Śrī Caitanya, Nityānanda, and Śrī Advaita—our maintainers—along with Hari, *guru*, Vaiṣṇavas, the *Bhāgavata Purāṇa*, and the *Bhagavad-gītā*.

śrī rūpa, śrī sanātana, bhaṭṭa-raghunātha śrī jīva, gopāla-bhaṭṭa, dāsa-raghunātha (4)

[I offer *praṇāma* unto] Śrī Rūpa, Śrī Sanātana, Śrī Raghunātha bhaṭṭa, Śrī Jīva, Śrī Gopāla Bhaṭṭa, and Śrī Raghunātha dāsa Gosvāmīs.

ei chaya gosā̃ir kôri caraṇa vandana ĵāhā hôite vighna-nāśa abhīṣṭa-pūraṇa (5)

I worship the lotus feet of these six Gosvāmīs, by whose mercy all obstacles are destroyed and all desires are fulfilled.

ei chaya gosãi ĵã̃'ra, mui tã̃'ra dāsa tã̃' sabāra pada-reņu mora pañca-grāsa (6)

I am the servant of those who belong to the six Gosvāmīs. The dust of their lotus feet is my fivefold sustenance.

tā̃'dera caraṇa sevi bhakta-sane vāsa janame janame haya ei abhilāṣa (7)

To serve their lotus feet and reside in the company of devotees is my aspiration birth after birth.

ei chaya gosā̃i ĵabe vraje kôilā vāsa rādhā-kṛṣṇa-nitya-līlā kôrilā prakāśa (8)

When these six Gosvāmīs resided in Vraja, they revealed the eternal pastimes of Śrī Krī Rādhā-Kṛṣṇa.

ānande bôlô hari, bhajô vṛndāvana śrī guru-vaiṣṇava-pade majāiyā mana (9)

Blissfully sing the names of Śrī Hari and worship Vṛndāvana, immersing your mind in the lotus feet of *śrī guru* and the Vaiṣṇavas.

śrī guru-vaiṣṇava-pāda-padma kôri' āśa nāma-saṅkīrtana kahe narottama dāsa (10)

Aspiring for the lotus feet of *śrī guru* and the Vaiṣṇavas, Narottama dāsa sings *harināma-saṅkīrtana*.





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(KŖṢŅA) DEVA! BHAVANTAM VANDE from the Gītāvalī section of Stavamālā, song 24 Śrīla Rūpa Gosvāmī

(kṛṣṇa) deva! bhavantaṁ vande man-mānasa-madhukaram arpaya nija-padapaṅkaja-makarande (1)

O Kṛṣṇa! O Deva! I am offering a prayer to You. Kindly place the bee of my mind within the honey of Your lotus feet.

yadyapi samādhişu vidhir api paśyati na tava nakhāgra-marīcim idam icchāmi niśamya tavācyuta! tad api kṛpādbhuta-vīcim (2)

Although Brahmā in full *samādhi* cannot catch a glimpse of even a ray of the effulgence emanating from the tips of Your toenails, still, O Acyuta, having heard of the waves of Your astonishing mercy, I long to receive Your grace.

> bhaktir udañcati yadyapi mādhava! na tvayi mama tila-mātrī parameśvaratā tad api tavādhikadurghața-ghațana-vidhātrī (3)

O Mādhava, although I don't possess even a sesame seed of *bhakti* for You, still, since You are the Supreme Controller, You can make the impossible possible.

ayam avilolatayādya sanātana! kalitādbhuta-rasa-bhāram nivasatu nityam ihāmṛta-nindinivindan madhurima-sāram (4)

O Sanātana, because Your lotus feet are filled with the most wonderful *rasa*, let the bee of my mind always reside unwaveringly in that nectar, which puts everything else to shame, for they are the essence of all sweetness.

> RĀDHE! JAYA JAYA MĀDHAVA-DAYITE! from the Gītāvalī section of Stavamālā, song 14 Śrīla Rūpa Gosvāmī

rādhe! jaya jaya mādhava-dayite! gokula-taruņī-maņḍala-mahite (1)

O Rādha! All glories to You, O Beloved of Mādhava! Your glories are sung by the circle of the youthful maidens of Gokula.

dāmodara-rati-vardhana-veśe! hari-nişkuţa-vṛndāvipineśe! (2)

O You whose attire increases Dāmodara's affection, O Queen of the Vṛndāvana Forest, You are the pleasure garden of Śrī Hari.

vṛṣabhānūdadhi-nava-śaśi-lekhe! lalitā-sakhi! guṇa-ramita-viśākhe! (3)

From the ocean of Vṛṣabhānu Mahārāja, You arise like the new moon! O dearmost friend of Lalitā! O You who captivate the heart of Viśākhā with Your charming qualities!

karuņām kuru mayi karuņā-bharite! sanaka-sanātana-varņita-carite! (4)

Bestow Your compassion upon me, O You who brim with compassion! Your transcendental qualities and character are described by Sanaka and Sanātana.

ŚRĪ NANDA-NANDANĀṢṬAKAM

An ancient prayer by an unknown Vaiṣṇava author

sucāru-vaktra-maņḍalaṁ sukarṇa-ratna-kuṇḍalam sucarcitāṅga-candanaṁ namāmi nanda-nandanam (1)

His round face is so lovely, His beautiful ears are adorned with hanging jewelled earrings, and His body is nicely anointed with fragrant sandalwood paste. I offer *praṇāma* to that Śrī Nanda-nandana.

sudīrgha-netra-paṅkajaṁ śikhi-śikhaṇḍa-mūrdhajam anaṅga-koṭi-mohanaṁ namāmi nanda-nandanam (2)

His eyes are elongated like lotuses; peacock feathers adorn His head; and He enchants millions of Cupids. I offer *praṇāma* to that Śrī Nanda-nandana.

sunāsikāgra-mauktikam svacchanda-danta-panktikam navāmbudānga-cikkaņam namāmi nanda-nandanam (3)

From the tip of His beautiful nose hangs an elephant pearl, His rows of teeth shine naturally [like pearls], and His bodily complexion shines like a fresh raincloud. I offer *praṇāma* to that Śrī Nanda-nandana.

kareṇa veṇu-rañjitaṁ gati-karīndra-gañjitam dukūla-pīta-śobhanaṁ namāmi nanda-nandanam (4)

His hands are adorned with a flute, His majestic gait excels that of the king of elephants, and He is beautified by fine yellow garments. I offer *praṇāma* to that Śrī Nanda-nandana.

tri-bhaṅga-deha-sundaraṁ nakha-dyuti-sudhākaram amūlya-ratna-bhūṣaṇaṁ namāmi nanda-nandanam (5)

His threefold bending form is most beautiful, His nails glow like the moon, and He is adorned by priceless gems. I offer *praṇāma* to that Śrī Nanda-nandana.

sugandha-aṅga-saurabham uro-virāji-kaustubham sphurac-chrīvatsa-lāñchanaṁ namāmi nanda-nandanam (6)

His body exudes an extraordinarily enchanting fragrance, and upon His broad chest the *kaustubha* gem shines, along with the mark of Śrīvatsa. I offer *praņāma* to that Śrī Nandanana.

vṛndāvana-sunāgaraṁ vilāsānuga-vāsasam surendra-garva-mocanaṁ namāmi nanda-nandanam (7)

He is Vṛndāvana's expert paramour, who dresses in a manner to enhance His charming, playful pastimes and who liberates Indra from his pride. I offer *praṇāma* to that Śrī Nandanandana.

vrajāṅganā-sunāyakaṁ sadā sukha-pradāyakam jagan-manaḥ pralobhanaṁ namāmi nanda-nandanam (8)

The exquisite lover of the damsels of Vraja always bestows happiness upon all living entities and enchants their mind. I offer *praṇāma* to that Śrī Nanda-nandana.

śrī-nanda-nandanāṣṭakaṁ paṭhed yaḥ śraddhayānvitaḥ tared bhavābdhiṁ dustaraṁ labhet tad-aṅghri-yugmakam (9)

Whoever with faith recites these eight verses glorifying the son of Nanda will easily conquer the insurmountable ocean of material existence and attain shelter at His two lotus feet.

ŚRĪ RĀDHĀ-KŖPĀ-KAŢĀKŞA-STAVA-RĀJA Spoken by Śiva in the Urdhvāmnāya-tantra [This prayer is an address and is thus in the vocative case.]

munīndra-vṛnda-vandite tri-loka-śoka-hāriņī prasanna-vaktra-paṅkaje nikuñja-bhū-vilāsini vrajendra-bhānu-nandini vrajendra-sūnu-saṅgate kadā karişyasīha māṁ kṛpā-kaṭākṣa-bhājanam? (1)

O Śrīmatī Rādhikā, who are glorified by great sages! O You who dispel the lamentation of the three worlds, whose lotus face blossoms with a humorous smile, and who sports in the *kunjas*. O beloved daughter of King Vṛṣabhānu! O most near and dear to the son of the king of Vraja, when will You make me the recipient of Your merciful sidelong glance?

aśoka-vrkşa-vallarī-vitāna-maņḍapa-sthite pravāla-vāla-pallava-prabhāruņāṅghri-komale varābhaya-sphurat-kare prabhūta-sampadālaye kadā karişyasīha māṁ kṛpā-kaṭākṣa-bhājanam? (2)

O You who are present in a pavilion made of creepers that are entwined around *aśoka* trees, whose beautiful, tender reddish feet have the luster of coral and newly sprouting reddish leaves, and whose [raised] hand grants benedictions and fearlessness. O abode of infinite opulence, when will You make me the recipient of Your merciful sidelong glance?

anaṅga-raṅga-maṅgala-prasaṅga-bhaṅgura-bhruvāṁ savibhramaṁ sasambhramaṁ dṛganta-bāṇa-pātanaiḥ nirantaraṁ vaśī-kṛta-pratīti-nanda-nandane kadā kariṣyasīha māṁ kṛpā-kaṭākṣa-bhājanam? (3)

O You who, on the stage of amorous sports, in the course of an auspicious discussion, express amazement by curving Your eyebrows like bows and then suddenly firing the arrows of Your sidelong glances, piercing the son of Śrī Nanda with amorous delusion and bringing Him under Your perpetual control, when will You make me the recipient of Your merciful sidelong glance?

tadit-suvarņa-campaka-pradīpta-gaura-vigrahe mukha-prabhā-parāsta-koţi-śāradendu-maņdale vicitra-citra-sañcarac-cakora-śāva-locane kadā karişyasīha māṁ kṛpā-kaţākşa-bhājanam? (4)

O You whose radiant and fair form resembles lightening, gold, and *campaka* flowers, whose lotus face defeats the splendor of the effulgence of millions of autumnal moons, and whose eyes, restless like those of a young *cakora* bird, make various astonishing expressions at each moment, when will You make me the recipient of Your merciful sidelong glance?

madonmadāti-yauvane pramoda-māna-maņḍite priyānurāga-rañjite kalā-vilāsa-paṇḍite ananya-dhanya-kuñja-rājya-kāma-keli-kovide kadā karişyasīha māṁ kṛpā-kaṭākṣa-bhājanam? (5)

O You who are intoxicated by Your youthfulness, who are decorated with the delightful ornament of sulky anger, who revels in Your lover's attachment to You, and who are supremely proficient in the art of loving affairs. O You who are the most learned in knowledge of loving sports within the realm of Your confidential, auspicious forest groves, when will You make me the recipient of Your merciful sidelong glance?

aśeșa-hāva-bhāva-dhīra-hīra-hāra-bhūșite

prabhūta-śāta-kumbha-kumbha-kumbhi-kumbha-sustani praśasta-manda-hāsya-cūrņa-pūrņa-saukhya-sāgare kadā karişyasīha māṁ kṛpā-kaṭākṣa-bhājanam? (6)

O You who are decorated with the ornaments of *anubhāva*, such as *hāva* and *bhāva*, and a diamond necklace of gentleness and gravity, whose breasts are like water pots made of pure gold and which resemble the twin mounds on the head of an elephant. O You whose glorious, gentle smile is like an ocean full of bliss, when will You make me the recipient of Your merciful sidelong glance?

mṛṇāla-vāla-vallarī taraṅga-raṅga-dor-late latāgra-lāsya-lola-nīla-locanāvalokane lalal-lulan-milan-manojña-mugdha-mohanāśrite kadā karişyasīha māṁ kṛpā-kaṭākṣa-bhājanam? (7)

O You whose arms are like the tender stems of a lotus swaying in the water's waves, whose glance from blue eyes resembles the tips of creepers dancing in the breeze, who allure Manamohana to follow You, and upon meeting Him, steal away His mind and give Him shelter in His state of enchantment, when will You make me the recipient of Your merciful sidelong glance?

suvarņa-mālikāñcita-tri-rekha-kambu-kaņţhage tri-sūtra-maṅgalī-guṇa-tri-ratna-dīpti-dīdhiti sa-lola-nīla-kuntala-prasūna-guccha-gumphite kadā karişyasīha māṁ kṛpā-kaţākşa-bhājanam? (8)

O You whose neck is marked with three lines like a conch shell and is adorned with golden necklaces and an auspicious $tri-s\bar{u}tra$,¹ glowing with three kinds of brilliant gems. O You whose bluish-black tresses, interwoven in a braid with clusters of flower blossoms, sway to and fro, when will You make me the recipient of Your merciful sidelong glance?

nitamba-bimba-lambamāna-puṣpa-mekhalā-guņe praśasta-ratna-kiṅkiņī-kalāpa-madhya-mañjule karīndra-śuṇḍa-daṇḍikā-varoha-saubhagoruke kadā kariṣyasīha māṁ kṛpā-kaṭākṣa-bhājanam? (9)

O You from whose rounded hips hangs a wreath of excellent flowers, on whose charming slender waist a sublime belt of tiny bejewelled bells sweetly rings, and whose beautiful

¹ A *mangala-tri-sutra* is a special necklace worn by married girls for auspiciousness.

thighs taper like the sloping trunk of the king of elephants, when will You make me the recipient of Your merciful sidelong glance?

aneka-mantra-nāda-mañju-nūpurā-rava-skhalat samāja-rāja-haṁsa-vaṁśa-nikvaṇāti-gaurave vilola-hema-vallarī-viḍambi-cāru-caṅkrame kadā kariṣyasīha māṁ kṛpā-kaṭākṣa-bhājanam? (10)

O You whose ankle bells, sweetly resounding with a host of Vedic *mantras*, resemble the warbling of a flock of royal swans, and whose beautiful gait mocks the movements of a swaying golden creeper, will You make me the recipient of Your merciful sidelong glance?

ananta-koţi-viṣṇu-loka-namra-padmajārcite himādrijā-pulomajā-viriñcajā-vara-prade apāra-siddhi-ṛddhi-digdha-sat-padāṅgulī-nakhe kadā kariṣyasīha māṁ kṛpā-kaṭākṣa-bhājanam? (11)

O You who are worshiped by Lakṣmī-devī—the mistress of unlimited Vaikuntha planets—and who bestows benedictions upon Śrī Pārvatī, Indrānī, and Sarasvatī, even one of the nails on Your lotus feet gives rise to an infinite variety of spiritual perfections. Oh, when will You make me the recipient of Your merciful sidelong glance?

O daughter of Vrsabhānu, upon hearing this wonderful prayer, please make me qualified to perpetually receive Your merciful sidelong glance. By Your mercy my three types of karma² will be destroyed, and at that moment I will enter the circle of the son of the king of Vraja and His dearmost sakhīs.

of Vraja, O Śrīmatī Rādhikā, I offer my praņāma unto You. itīmam adbhutam-stavam nisamva bhānu-nandinī karotu santatam janam krpā-katāksa-bhājanam

the delightful forest [of Vrndāvana], O Mistress and Empress

bhavet tadaiva sañcita-tri-rūpa-karma-nāśanam bhavet tadā vrajendra-sūnu-maņdala-praveśanam (13)

vrajeśvari vrajādhipe śrī rādhike namo 'stu te (12) O Mistress of all kinds of sacrifices. of all activities, of the mantras uttered during yajña, of all the gods, of the teachings of the three Vedas, of the enforcement of all scriptural principles, of the goddess of fortune, of forgiveness, and of

makheśvari! kriyeśvari svadheśvari sureśvari triveda-bhāratīśvari pramāņa-śāsaneśvari

rameśvari! ksameśvari pramoda-kānaneśvari

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ŚRĪ DĀMODARĀŞŢAKAM

Spoken by Satyavrata Muni recorded in the Padma Purāņa by Śrī Kṛṣṇa Dvaipāyana Vedavyāsa

namāmīśvaraṁ sac-cid-ānanda-rūpaṁ lasat-kuṇḍalaṁ gokule bhrājamānam yaśodā-bhiyolūkhalād dhāvamānaṁ parāmṛṣṭam atyantato drutya gopyā (1)

I worship the Supreme Controller, whose form is eternal, full of knowledge and bliss. Upon His cheeks, *makara*-shaped earrings are swinging, and He shines most brilliantly in Gokula. Running away from the grinding mortar in great fear of Mother Yaśodā, He was ultimately caught from behind.

rudantam muhur netra-yugmam mrjantam karāmbhoja-yugmena sātanka-netram muhuņ śvāsa-kampa-tri-rekhānka-kanţhasthita-graiva-dāmodaram bhakti-baddham (2)

Weeping incessantly, He rubs His eyes with His two lotus hands. His eyes are filled with fear. He takes heavy breaths again and again that cause the pearls and other ornaments around His neck, which is marked by three gracefully curving lines, to tremble. (I offer *praṇāma* unto) that Dāmodara, who is bound by His mother's *vātsalya-bhakti*.

itīdrk sva-līlābhir ānanda-kuņḍe sva-ghoṣaṁ nimajjantam ākhyāpayantam

tadīyeśita-jñeșu bhaktair jitatvam punaḥ prematas taṁ śatāvṛtti vande (3)

Through pastimes such as these, He drowns the residents of Gokula in pools of bliss, thereby informing people who are aware of His Godhood that He can only be conquered by His devotees. Hundreds of times, I again offer loving obeisance to Him.

varam deva! mokṣam na mokṣāvadhim vā na cānyam vṛṇe 'ham vareśād apīha idam te vapur nātha! gopāla-bālam sadā me manasy āvirāstām kim anyaiḥ (4)

O Deva, I do not ask for liberation [from this world], nor the highest liberation (of residence in Vaikuṇṭha). Nor do I seek any other benediction³ from You, the supreme benefactor. O Nātha! May this form of Yours as Bāla-gopāla (a little cowherd boy) in Vṛndāvana forever remain visible in my heart. What is the use of any other benediction?

idam te mukhāmbhojam avyakta-nīlair vŗtam kuntalaiḥ snigdha-raktaiś ca gopyā muhuś cumbitam bimba-raktādharam me manasy āvirāstām alam lakṣa-lābhaiḥ (5)

³ *Na cānyam*—others also—can refer either to the benediction of performing the nine limbs of *bhakti* or to achieving any other worthy attainment.

Your lotus-like face, encircled by soft, blackish-blue curly locks of hair that have a reddish glow, is repeatedly kissed by the $gop\bar{i}$ Śr \bar{i} Yaśod \bar{a} . May Your lotus face, with lips like red *bimba*-fruit, always remain manifest in my heart. I do not care about millions of other attainments.

namo deva! dāmodarānanta! viṣṇo! prasīda prabho! duḥkha-jālābdhi-magnam kṛpā-dṛṣṭi-vṛṣṭyāti-dīnaṁ batānugṛhāṇeśa! mām ajñam edhy akṣi-dṛśyaḥ (6)

O Deva! O Dāmodara! O Ananta! O Viṣṇu! Obeisance unto You! O Prabhu, be pleased with me. I am drowning in an ocean of miseries. Alas, I am most afflicted and do not know what to do. O Īśa, shower me with Your merciful glance and kindly uplift me by becoming directly visible to my eyes.

kuverātmajau baddha-mūrtyaiva yadvat tvayā mocitau bhakti-bhājau krtau ca tathā prema-bhaktim svakām me prayaccha na mokșe graho me 'sti dāmodareha (7)

Just as You freed the two sons of Kuvera, even while bound around the belly, and made them recipients of devotion, similarly, please bestow upon me profuse *prema-bhakti* to You (in Your form as a little cowherd boy). O Dāmodara! I long for this alone; I do not want any other kind of liberation.

namas te 'stu dāmne sphurad-dīpti-dhāmne tvadīyodarāyātha viśvasya dhāmne

namo rādhikāyai tvadīya priyāyai namo 'nanta-līlāya devāya tubhyam (8)

O Dāmodara, I offer *praņāma* to the rope binding Your belly, for it is an abode of brilliant effulgence. I offer *praņāma* to Your belly, which is the mainstay of the entire universe. I offer *praņāma* again and again to Śrīmatī Rādhikā, Your most beloved. And I offer *praņāma* to You, my Divine Lord, who perform unlimited transcendental pastimes.

EKADAŚĪ

Ś U D D H A - B H A K ATA Śrīla Bhaktivinoda Ṭhākura

śuddha-bhakata- caraṇa-reṇu, bhajana-anukūla bhakata-sevā, parama-siddhi, prema-latikāra mūla (1)

Dust from the lotus feet of the pure devotees is most favorable for *bhajana*. Service to the pure devotees is the highest perfection and the very root of the creeper of *prema*.

mādhava-tithi, bhakti-jananī, ĵatane pālana kôri kŗṣṇa-vasati, vasati bôli', parama-ādare bôri (2) I carefully observe Mādhava's holy days [such as Ekādaśī and Janmāṣṭamī], for they are the mother of devotion. Knowing that Kṛṣṇa dwells in these holy days, with great regard I, also, accept them as my residence.

gaura āmāra, je-saba sthāne, karalô bhramaņa raṅge se-saba sthāna, heribô āmi, praṇayi-bhakata-saṅge (3)

In the company of devotees who have transcendental love, I will behold all the places where my Gaura joyfully wandered.

mṛdaṅga-vādya, śunite mana, avasara sadā ĵāce gaura-bihitô, kīrtana śuni', ānande hṛdaya nāce (4)

My heart always prays for the opportunity to hear the *mrdanga* play. Upon hearing a $k\bar{r}tana$ glorifying Śrī Gaura, my heart dances in joy.

ĵugala-mūrti, dekhiyā mora, parama-ānanda haya prasāda-sevā, kôrite haya, sakala prapañca-jaya (5)

Upon seeing the deity forms of the Divine Couple, I feel the highest bliss. Honoring Their *prasāda* enables one to conquer the material world of five elements.

je-dina gṛhe, bhajana dekhi, gṛhete goloka bhāya caraṇa-sīdhu, dekhiyā gaṅgā, sukha nā sīmā pāya (6)

My home is transformed into Goloka Vṛndāvana when I see *bhajana* of Śrī Rādhā-Kṛṣṇa being performed there. When I look upon the Gaṅgā, which is the nectar [emanating] from the Lord's feet, my happiness knows no bounds.

> tulasī dekhi', judāya prāņa, mādhava-toṣaṇī jāni' gaura-priya, śāka-sevane, jīvana sārthaka māni (7)

Upon seeing *tulasī*, my heart becomes satisfied, because I know that she pleases Mādhava. When I honor $s\bar{a}k$ (a variety of greens), which is very dear to Gaura, I consider my life successful.

bhakativinoda, kṛṣṇa-bhajane, anukūla pāya ĵāhā prati-divase, parama-sukhe, svīkāra karôye tāhā (8)

Whatever he finds favorable for *kṛṣṇa-bhajana*, Bhaktivinoda accepts every day with the greatest happiness.

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ŚRĪ HARI-VĀSARE HARI-KĪRTANA-VIDHĀNA From Śrīla Vṛndāvana dāsa Ṭhakura's Śrī Caitanya-bhāgavata, Madhya-khaṇḍa, Chapter Eight

śrī hari-vāsare hari-kīrtana-vidhāna nṛtya ārambhilā prabhu jagatera prāṇa (1)

On Ekādaśī, after decreeing *hari-kīrtana*, Mahāprabhu, who is the life and soul of the universe, begins to dance in ecstasy.

puņyavanta śrīvāsa-aṅgane śubhārambha uṭhilô kīrtana-dhvani 'gopāla' 'govinda' (2)

In the courtyard of the virtuous Śrīvāsa, the auspicious sounds of *kīrtana*—Gopāla! Govinda!—reverberates loudly.

mṛdaṅga-mandirā bāje śaṅkha-karatāla saṅkīrtana-saṅge saba hôilô miśāla (3)

The sounds of the *mrdanga*, *mandirā* (small, cup-shaped cymbals), conch, and *karatāla* all blend nicely with the *sankīrtana*.

brahmāṇḍa bhedilô dhvani pūriyā ākāśa caudikera amaṅgala ĵāya saba nāśa (4)

The thunderous sound penetrates the universe, filling the whole sky. Everything inauspicious in all four directions is annihilated.

ūṣaḥ-kāla hôite nṛtya kare viśvambhara ĵūtha ĵūtha hôilô ĵatô gāyana sundara (5)

At dawn, Viśvambhara dances while the [*kīrtana*] groups formed sing charmingly.

śrīvāsa-paṇḍita loĩyā eka sampradāya mukunda lôiyā āra jana-katô gāya (6)

One group is with Śrīvāsa Paṇḍita, and many others sing with Mukunda Datta.

lôiyā govinda ghoṣa āra katô jana gauracandra-nṛtye sabe karena kīrtana (7)

There are many more with Govinda Ghoșa. As Gaura-candra dances, everyone performs *kīrtana*.

dhôriyā bulena nityānanda-mahābalī alakșite advaita layena pada-dhūli (8)

The mighty Nityānanda Prabhu holds onto Mahāprabhu and gently strokes Him, while Advaita Ācārya secretly takes His foot dust.

gadādhara-ādi ĵatô sajala-nayane ānande vihvala hôilô prabhura kīrtane (9)

Their eyes brimming with tears, Gadādhara and others become overwhelmed in transcendental happiness, due to Mahāprabhu's *kīrtana*.

ĵakhôna uddaṇḍa nāce prabhu viśvambhara pṛthivī kampita haya, sabe pāya ḍara (10) When Viśvambhara dances with great force, the Earth trembles and everyone becomes afraid.

kakhôno vā madhura nācaye viśvambhara ĵenô dekhi nandera nandana naṭavara (11)

Sometimes Visvambhara dances so sweetly that He appears to be the son of Nanda, the best of dancers.

aparūpa kṛṣṇāveśa aparūpa nṛtya ānande nayana bhôri' dekhe saba bhṛtya (12)

Their eyes filled with joy, Mahāprabhu's servants observe His unprecedented love for Śrī Kṛṣṇa and His incomparably beautiful dancing.

nijānande nāce mahāprabhu viśvambhara caraņera tāla šuni ati manohara (13)

Mahāprabhu Viśvambhara dances, rejoicing in His own transcendental happiness. The rhythmic sound of His lotus feet is extremely captivating.

bhāva-bhare mālā nāhi rahaye galāya chiņģiyā paģaye giyā bhakatera pāya (14)

Under the weight of His ecstatic emotions, His garland is unable to remain around His neck. Breaking apart, it falls at the feet of the devotees.

catur-dike śrī hari-maṅgala-saṅkīrtana mājhe nāce jagannātha-miśrera nandana (15)

The auspiciousness of *śrī harināma saṅkīrtana* spreads in all four directions as the son of Jagannātha Miśra dances in the midst [of the devotees].

ĵā̃'ra nāmānande śiva vasana nā jāne ĵā̃'ra ĵaśe nāce śiva, se nāce āpane (16)

Absorbed in the bliss of Śrī Hari's name, Śiva becomes oblivious to his own clothing. He whose glories impel Śiva to dance in ecstasy also dances Himself.

ĵā̃'ra nāme vālmīki hôilā tapodhana ĵā̃'ra nāme ajāmila pāilô mocana (17)

By His name Vālmīki achieved the wealth of austerity, and by His name Ajāmila received deliverance.

ĵā̃'ra nāma śravaņe saṁsāra-bandha ghuce henô prabhu avatari' kali-yuge nāce (18)

By hearing His name, the bindings of the material world are destroyed. That Lord, having descended, dances in the age of Kali.

> ĵā̃'ra nāma gāi' śuka-nārada bedāya sahasra-vadana prabhu ĵā̃'ra guņa gāya (19)

His name is chanted by Śukadeva and Nārada as they wander about. His glories are sung by the Lord of innumerable mouths [Śrī Anantadeva].

sarva mahā-prāyaścitta ĵe prabhura nāma se-prabhu nācaye, dekhe ĵatô bhāgyavān (20)

His name constitutes the highest form of atonement. That Lord dances while those who are supremely fortunate look on.

prabhura ānanda dekhi' bhāgavata-gaņa anyonye galā dhôri' karôye krandana (21)

Seeing Mahāprabhu's transcendental bliss, the associates of the Lord embrace each other and weep.

sabāra aṅgete śobhe śrī candana-mālā ānande gāyena kṛṣṇa-rase hôi' bholā (22)

Sandal paste and garlands grace everyone's bodies. They sing in great bliss, forgetting their own selves, due to immersion in *kṛṣṇa-rasa*.

ĵateka vaișṇava saba kīrtana-āveśe nā jāne āpana deha, anya jana kise (23)

Entranced in *kīrtana*, all the Vaiṣṇavas lose complete sense of their own bodies and of everyone around them.

"jaya kṛṣṇa-murāri-mukunda-vanamālī!" ahar-niśa gāya sabe hôi' kutūhalī (24) Delighted, everyone sings day and night, "Jaya Kṛṣṇa, Murāri, Mukunda, Vanamālī!"

ahar-niśa bhakta-saṅge nāce viśvambhara śrānti nāhi kāro, sabe sattva-kalevara (25)

Day and night, Viśvambhara dances with the devotees, but they never become fatigued, because their bodies are fully transcendental.

ei mata nāce mahāprabhu viśvambhara niśi avaśeṣa mātra se eka prahara (26)

In such a manner, Mahāprabhu Viśvambhara dances the entire night, except for one *prahara*⁴ [during which He sleeps].

ei mata ānanda haya navadvīpa-pure prema-rase vaikuņțhera nāyaka bihare (27)

In this way, transcendental happiness arises in the land of Navadvīpa as the hero of Vaikuntha sports in *prema-rasa*.

e-sakala puṇya kathā ĵe kare śravaṇa bhakta-saṅge gauracandre rahu tā'ra mana (28)

Gaura-candra and His associates remain in the hearts of those who hear this entire auspicious description.

⁴ Measure of time equal to three hours.

śrī kṛṣṇa-caitanya-nityānanda-cẫda jāna vṛndāvana dāsa tachu pada-ĵuge gāna (29)

Vṛndāvana dāsa offers this song at the lotus feet of Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya and the moon-like Nityānanda Prabhu.

SONGS OF SEPARATION

ĴE ĀNILÔ PREMA-DHANA Śrīla Narottama dāsa Ţhākura

ĵe ānilô prema-dhana karuṇā pracura henô prabhu kothā' gelā ācārya ṭhākura (1)

kẫhā mora svarūp-rūpa, kẫhā sanātana kẫhā dāsa-raghunātha, patita-pāvana (2)

Where are my Svarūpa Dāmodara Gosvāmī and Rūpa Gosvāmī? Where is Sanātana Gosvāmī? Where is Raghunātha dāsa Gosvāmī, the savior of fallen souls?

kẫhā mora bhaṭṭa-ĵuga, kẫhā kavirāja eka-kāle kothā' gelā gorā naṭarāja (3)

⁵ This can also refer to Advaita Ācārya.

Where are my Gopāla Bhaṭṭa Gosvāmī and Raghunātha Bhaṭṭa Gosvāmī? Where is Kṛṣṇadāsa Kavirāja Gosvāmī? Where has Gaurānga, the king of dancers, suddenly gone?

pāṣāṇe kuṭibô māthā, anale pôśibô gaurāṅga guṇera nidhi kothā' gele pābô (4)

I shall dash my head upon a stone or enter into fire! Oh, where should I go to find Gaurāṅga, the treasure-house of all divine qualities?

se-saba saṅgīra saṅge ĵe kôilô vilāsa se-saṅga nā pāiyā kānde narottama dāsa (5)

Unable to obtain the association of that Śrī Śrīnivāsa Ācārya, who performed pastimes with the associates of Mahāprabhu, Narottama dāsa weeps.

ŚRĪ RŪPA MAÑJARĪ-PADA Śrīla Narottama dāsa Ţhākura

śrī-rūpa-mañjarī-pada, sei mora sampada, sei mora bhajana-pūjana sei mora prāņa-dhana, sei mora ābharaņa, sei mora jīvanera jīvana (1)

The lotus feet of Śrī Rūpa Maňjarī are my treasure. They are [the sole object of] my *bhajana* and worship. Her lotus feet are the wealth of my life. They are the ornament of my life and, indeed, the very life of my life.

sei mora rasa-nidhi, sei mora vāñchā-siddhi, sei mora vedera dharama sei vrata, sei tapaḥ, sei mora mantra-japa, sei mora dharama-karama (2)

Her lotus feet are the treasure-house of *rasa*, the attainment of my desires, and the conclusion of all the Vedas. Her lotus feet are the goal of my vows and austerities, the object of my recitation of *mantra*, and the purpose of all my religious activities.

anukūla habe vidhi, se-pade hôibe siddhi, nirakhibô e dui nayane se rūpa-mādhurī-rāśi, prāṇa-kuvalaya-śaśī, praphullita habe niśi-dine (3)

When Providence becomes favorable, I shall attain Śrī Rūpa Maňjarī's lotus feet and behold them with these two eyes. The abundant sweet beauty of Śrī Rūpa Maňjarī's lotus feet will shine like the moon upon the blue lotus of my heart, causing it to blossom in jubilation both day and night.

tuŵā adarśana-ahi, garale jāralô dehī, cira-dina tāpita jīvana hā hā prabhu karô dayā, dehô more pada-chāyā, narottama lôilô śaraṇa (4)

Your absence from my vision is like a snake that has corroded my body with poison. The remaining days of my

life will pass in the burning fire of separation. Alas, O Śrīla Rūpa Gosvāmī, be merciful and give me the shade of your lotus feet. There, Narottama is taking shelter.

THE GLORIES OF MAHĀ-PRASĀDA

mahā-prasāde govinde nāma-brahmaņi vaisņave svalpa-puņyavatām rājan viśvāso naiva jāyate

Skanda Purāņa (Utkala-khaņḍa)

Those who have very few pious activities to their credit can never develop faith in *mahā-prasāda*, in Śrī Govinda, in the holy name of the Lord, or in the Vaiṣṇavas.

> BHĀI-RE! ŚARĪRA AVIDYĀ-JĀLA Śrīla Bhaktivinoda Ṭhākura

bhāi-re! śarīra avidyā-jāla, jadendriya tāhe kāla, jīve phele vişaya-sāgare tā'ra madhye jihvā ati, lobhamaya sudurmati, tā'ke ĵetā kaţhina saṁsāre (1) O brothers! The material body is a web of ignorance and its inert senses are the cause of its ruination, for they throw the soul into the ocean of material enjoyment. Among the senses, the tongue is the most greedy and wicked; it is very difficult to conquer in this world.

kṛṣṇa badô dayāmaya, kôribāre jihvā jaya, sva-prasād-anna dilā bhāi sei annāmṛta pāo, rādhā-kṛṣṇa-guṇa gāo, preme ḍākô caitanya-nitāi (2)

Kṛṣṇa is so merciful that He has given us His own food remnants to help us conquer the tongue, O brothers. Honor these nectarean foods, sing the glories of Rādhā and Kṛṣṇa, and with *prema* call out, "Caitanya! Nitā!"

[After reciting this song sing:]

preme bhare dākô re! dayāla nitāi-caitanya bôle, preme bhare dākô re! jaya nitāi jaya gaura jaya nitāi jaya gaura!

hare kṛṣṇa hare kṛṣṇa kṛṣṇa kṛṣṇa hare hare hare rāma hare rāma rāma rāma hare hare

nitāi gaura haribol haribol haribol!

[Then recite jaya-dhvani and honor mahā-prasada.]

RETURNING FROM NAGARA-SANKĪRTANA

NAGARA BHRAMIYĀ ĀMĀRA Traditionally sung upon returning from *nagara-saṅkīrtana*

nagara bhramiyā āmāra gaura elô ghare gaura elô ghare āmāra nitāi elô ghare (1)

After roaming throughout the towns and villages, my Gaura has come back home. Gaura has come back home, and my Nitāi has come back home.

pāpī tāpī uddhāriyā gaura elô ghare pāpī tāpī uddhāriyā nitāi elô ghare (2)

After delivering the sinful and the suffering, Gaura has come home. After delivering the sinful and the suffering, Nitāi has come home.

nāma-prema bilāiya gaura elô ghare nāma-prema bilāiya nitāi elô ghare (3)

After distributing *nāma-prema*, Gaura has come home. After distributing *nāma-prema*, Nitāi has come home.

dhūla jhari' śacī-mātā gaura kole kare dhūla jhari' padmāvatī nitāi kole kare (4)

Brushing off the dust [from His body], Mother Śacī takes Gaura upon her lap. Brushing off the dust [from His body], Mother Padmāvatī takes Nitāi upon her lap.

NRSIMHA PRAYERS

NAMAS TE NARASIMHĀYA

namas te narasiṁhāya / prahlādāhlāda-dāyine hiraņyakaśipor vakṣaḥ / śilā-ṭaṅka-nakhālaye

Nṛsiṁha Purāṇa

I offer *praṇāma* unto Nṛsimha Bhagavān, who gives joy to Prahlāda Mahārāja and whose nails are like chisels on the stone-like chest of the demon Hiraṇyakaśipu.

ito nṛsiṁhaḥ parato nṛsiṁho yato yato yāmi tato nṛsiṁhaḥ bahir nṛsiṁho hṛdaye nṛsiṁho nṛsiṁham ādiṁ śaraṇaṁ prapadye

Nṛsiṁha Purāṇa

Nrsimhadeva is here and also there. Wherever I go, Nrsimhadeva is there. He is in the heart and is outside as well. I surrender unto Nrsimhadeva, the origin of everything and the supreme refuge.

tava kara-kamala-vare nakham adbhuta-śrňgam dalita-hiraņyakaśipu-tanu-bhrňgam keśava! dhṛta-narahari-rūpa! jaya jagadīśa! hare

Śrī Gīta-govinda (Daśāvatāra-Stotram, 4)

Upon the beautiful lotuses of Your hands, Your nails, with their amazing tips, have torn asunder the wasp-like body of Hiranyakaśipu. O Keśava, who assumed the form of a manlion, all glories to You, O Lord of the Universe, O Hari!

MORE PRAYERS TO NRSIMHA

śrī-nṛsiṁha, jaya nṛsiṁha, jaya jaya nṛsiṁha prahlādeśa jaya padmā-mukha-padma-bhṛṅga

Śrī Caitanya-cartāmṛta (Madhya-līlā 8.5)

All glories to Śrī Nṛsimhadeva! All glories to the Lord of Śrī Prahlāda, who is like a honey-bee always hovering about the lotus-like face of Śrī Lakṣmī-devī.

vāg-īśā yasya vadane / lakṣmir yasya ca vakṣasi yasyāste hṛdaye samvit / taṁ nṛsiṁham ahaṁ bhaje

Śrīdhara Svāmī's commentary on Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam (10.87.1)

In His mouth the goddess Śuddha-Sarasvatī is always present, on His chest Lakṣmī-devī always sports, and within His heart dwells the transcendental potency of spiritual consciousness. I worship that Nṛsimhadeva.

prahlāda-hṛdayāhlādaṁ / bhaktāvidyā-vidāraṇam śarad-indu-ruciṁ vande / pārīndra-vadanaṁ harim

Śrīdhara Svāmī's commentary on Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam (1.1.1)

He delights the heart of Prahlāda and dispels the ignorance of the devotees. His luster resembles a full autumn moon, and His face is like that of a lion. I offer my prayers unto Him.

ugro 'py anugra evāyaṁ / sva-bhaktānāṁ nṛ-keśarī keśarīva sva-potānām / anyeṣāṁ ugra-vikramaḥ

Śrīdhara Svāmī's commentary on Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam (7.9.1)

Just as a lioness is exceedingly ferocious yet very soft with her own cubs, similarly, Śrī Nṛsimhadeva is exceedingly ferocious with demons [such as Hiraṇyakaśipu], yet He is always full of affection for His devotees [such as Prahlāda].





ŚRĪ UPADEŚĀMŖTA

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vāco vegam manasaḥ krodha-vegam jihvā-vegam udaropastha-vegam etān vegān yo viṣaheta dhīraḥ sarvām apīmām pṛthivīm sa śiṣyāt (1)

A wise and self-composed person who can control the impetus to speak, the agitation of the mind, the onset of anger, the vehemence of the tongue, the urge of the belly, and the agitation of the genitals can instruct the entire world.

atyāhāraḥ prayāsaś ca prajalpo niyamāgrahaḥ jana-saṅgaś ca laulyaṁ ca ṣaḍbhir bhaktir vinaśyati (2)

(1) Over-collecting and over-eating, (2) endeavoring for material enjoyment, (3) useless chatter, (4) enthusiasm for practices not befitting one's qualification and lack of enthusiasm to adopt essential regulations [for spiritual progress], (5) mundane association, and (6) restlessness or unsteadiness of the mind—by these six faults *bhakti* is destroyed.

> utsāhān niścayād dhairyāt tat-tat-karma-pravartanāt saṅga-tyāgāt sato vṛtteḥ ṣaḍbhir bhaktiḥ prasidhyati (3)

(1) Enthusiasm (for performing *bhakti-sādhana*), (2) firm faith and determination, (3) patience, (4) performing activities favorable for *bhakti*, (5) giving up bad association, and (6) adopting the pure behavior of *sādhus*—by these six qualities *bhakti* is nourished and accomplished.

dadāti pratigrhņāti guhyam ākhyāti prcchati bhunkte bhojayate caiva şaḍ-vidhaṁ prīti-lakṣaṇam (4)

(1) Giving to devotees, (2) accepting what they give, (3) revealing to them confidential matters (concerning one's *bhajana*),
(4) inquiring from them, (5) honoring their food-remnants, and
(6) feeding them—these are the six symptoms of love [among devotees].

krṣṇeti yasya giri taṁ manasādriyeta dīkṣāsti cet praṇatibhiś ca bhajantam īśam śuśrūṣayā bhajana-vijñam ananyam anyanindādi-śūnya-hṛdam īpsita-saṅga-labdhyā (5)

One should honor within the mind a person who utters, "O Kṛṣṇa!" One should offer praṇāma to a person who has taken $d\bar{k}s\bar{a}$ (from a bona fide *guru*) and who is devoted to *bhajana*. And one should render all kinds of service to a *mahā-bhāgavata*, who is adept in one-pointed *bhajana* of Kṛṣṇa and whose heart is free of faults such as criticizing others, knowing his association to be most desirable.

drṣṭaiḥ svabhāva-janitair vapuṣaś ca doṣair na prākṛtatvam iha bhakta-janasya paśyet gaṅgāmbhasāṁ na khalu budbuda-phena-paṅkair brahma-dravatvam apagacchati nīra-dharmaiḥ (6)

Do not take a mundane view of physical abnormalities or character flaws apparent in pure devotees in this world, for it is like condemning the Ganges for its bubbles, foam, and mud, when her liquid divinity is actually never lost.

syāt kṛṣṇa-nāma-caritādi-sitāpy avidyāpittopatapta-rasanasya na rocikā nu kintv ādarād anudinaṁ khalu saiva juṣṭā svādvī kramād bhavati tad-gada-mūla-hantrī (7)

The tongue afflicted with the jaundice of ignorance cannot taste the sugar candy of Kṛṣṇa's names, pastimes, and so on. However, by daily taking this (sugar candy of kṛṣṇa-nāma) with deep respect, certainly taste will gradually awaken and the disease (of ignorance) will be destroyed at the root.

tan-nāma-rūpa-caritādi-sukīrtanānusmṛtyoḥ krameṇa rasanā-manasī niyojya tiṣṭhan vraje tad-anurāgi-janānugāmī kālaṁ nayed akhilam ity upadeśa-sāram (8)

Following the [proper] sequence (established by $s\bar{a}dhus$ and $s\bar{a}stra$), one should spend all his time engaging the tongue and mind in nicely performing $k\bar{r}tana$ and smarana of the

names, form, qualities, pastimes, and so on of Śrī Kṛṣṇa, while residing in Vraja under the guidance of one with deep affection for Him. This is the quintessence of all instruction.

vaikuņţhāj janito varā madhu-purī tatrāpi rāsotsavād vŗndāraņyam udāra-pāņi-ramaņāt tatrāpi govardhanaḥ rādhā-kuņḍam ihāpi gokula-pateḥ premāmṛtāplāvanāt kuryād asya virājato giri-taţe sevāṁ vivekī na kaḥ (9)

The city of Mathurā is superior to Vaikuntha, because the Lord took birth there. Superior to Mathurā is Vṛndāvana, for the festival of the *rāsa*-dance took place there. Superior, even to Vṛndāvana, is Govardhana because it is the place of various playful pastimes of Śrī Kṛṣṇa, the lifter of Govardhana Hill. Within Govardhana, Śrī Rādhā-kuṇḍa reigns supreme, for it is overflowing with ambrosial *prema* for *gokula-pati* Śrī Kṛṣṇa. Therefore, what intelligent person would not render *sevā* to that pond, which is situated at the foot of Govardhana Hill?

karmibhyaḥ parito hareḥ priyatayā vyaktim yayur jñāninas tebhyo jñāna-vimukta-bhakti-paramāḥ premaika-niṣṭhās tataḥ tebhyas tāḥ paśu-pāla-paṅkaja-dṛśas tābhyo 'pi sā rādhikā preṣṭhā tadvad iyam tadīya-sarasī tām nāśrayet kaḥ kṛtī (10)

It is revealed in the *śāstras* that *brahma-jñānīs* (who are not affected by the three modes) are more dear to Śrī Kṛṣṇa than pious fruitive workers (*karmīs*). More dear than such *jñānīs* are the devotees who are free from the clutches of *jñāna*.

More dear than such *śuddha-bhaktas* are *premī-bhaktas*, devotees who are established in pure love. And more dear than such *premī-bhaktas* are the lotus-eyed *gopīs*, amongst whom Śrīmatī Rādhikā is the most dear of all. Her pond, Śrī Rādhā-kuņḍa, is just as dear to Him as She is. Therefore, what intelligent person would not take shelter of that Rādhā-kuṇḍa?

kṛṣṇasyoccaiḥ praṇaya-vasatiḥ preyasībhyo 'pi rādhā kuṇḍaṁ cāsyā munibhir abhitas tādṛg eva vyadhāyi yat preṣṭhair apy alam asulabhaṁ kiṁ punar bhakti-bhājāṁ tat premedaṁ sakṛd api saraḥ snātur āviṣkaroti (11)

Among all of Kṛṣṇa's beloveds, Śrīmatī Rādhikā is the topmost object of His love. Similarly, Śrī Rādhā-kuṇḍa, in all respects, is just as dear to Him. The sages have described this (in *sāstras* such as the *Padma Purāṇa*). That *prema* which is rarely attained, even by dear devotees (of Kṛṣṇa, such as Nārada), what to speak of ordinary *sādhakas*, manifests in the heart of one who bathes just once in the waters of that *kuṇḍa*.

> ŚRĪ MANAH-ŚIKŞĀ Śrīla Raghunātha dāsa Gosvāmī

gurau goșțhe goșțhālayișu sujane bhūsura-gaņe sva-mantre śrī-nāmni vraja-nava-yuva-dvandva-śaraņe sadā dambham hitvā kuru ratim apūrvām atitarām aye svāntar bhrātaś cațubhir abhiyāce dhṛta-padaḥ (1) O Brother mind, taking hold of your feet, I pray to you with sweet words. Please give up all pride and develop unprecedented *rati* for *śrī gurudeva*, Śrī Vraja-dhāma, the residents of Vraja, the Vaiṣṇavas, the *brāhmaņas*, your *dīkṣā-mantras*, *śrī harināma*, and the shelter of Śrī Śrī Rādhā-Kṛṣṇa, the eternally youthful Divine Couple of Vraja.

na dharmam nādharmam śruti-gaṇa-niruktam kila kuru vraje rādhā-kṛṣṇa-pracura-paricaryām iha tanu śacī-sūnum nandīśvara-pati-sutatve guru-varam mukunda-presthatve smara param ajasram nanu manah (2)

O mind, please do not perform *dharma* (resulting in piety) or *adharma* (resulting in sin) as mentioned in the Śrutis, or Vedas. Rather, you should render profuse loving service to Śrī Śrī Rādhā-Kṛṣṇa here in Vraja. Always remember Śrī Śacī-nandana as non-different from Śrī Nandanandana and *śrī gurudeva* as most dear to Śrī Mukunda.

yadīccher āvāsam vraja-bhuvi sa-rāgam prati-janur yuva-dvandvam tac cet paricaritum ārād abhilaṣeḥ svarūpam śrī rūpam sa-gaṇam iha tasyāgrajam api sphuṭam premṇā nityam smara nama tadā tvam śṛṇu manaḥ (3)

O mind, if you are eager to reside in Vraja, filled with *rāgātmikā-bhakti*, and if you desire the direct service of the youthful Divine Couple, Śrī Śrī Rādhā-Kṛṣṇa, then listen to me. Birth after birth, always distinctly remember and bow down with great love to Śrī Svarūpa Dāmodara Gosvāmī,

Śrī Rūpa Gosvāmī and his elder brother, Śrī Sanātana Gosvāmī, and all other associates (who are recipients of Mahāprabhu's mercy).

asad-vārtā-veśyā visrja mati-sarvasva-haraņīķ

kathā mukti-vyāghryā na śṛṇu kila sarvātma-gilanīḥ api tyaktvā lakṣmī-pati-ratim ito vyoma-nayanīṁ

vraje rādhā-krsnau sva-rati-maņi-dau tvam bhaja manaņ (4)

O mind, abandon the prostitute of mundane talk, which plunders the entire treasure of pure wisdom, and certainly never listen to talk of *mukti*, which is a tigress that devours your very soul. Give up even the attachment to Lakṣmīpati Śrī Nārāyaṇa, which leads to Vaikuṇṭha, and in Vraja worship Śrī Śrī Rādhā-Kṛṣṇa, who bestow the precious jewel of sublime attachment to Them.

asac-ceṣṭā-kaṣṭa-prada-vikaṭa-pāśālibhir iha prakāmam kāmādi-prakaṭa-pathapāti-vyatikaraiḥ gale baddhvā hanye 'ham iti bakabhid vartmapa-gaņe kuru tvam phutkārān avati sa yathā tvām mana itaḥ (5)

"Lust, anger, and so on—the band of dacoits on the open road of material life—have bound my neck licentiously with the torturous, dreadful ropes of wicked deeds and are thus killing me." O mind, speaking in this way, you must grievously cry out to the (powerful and merciful) protectors of the path leading to Śrī Kṛṣṇa, the killer of Bakāsura. (Hearing your piteous cry.) they shall surely protect you.

are cetah prodyat-kapata-kutinātī-bhara-khara-

kṣaran-mūtre snātvā dahasi katham ātmānam api mām sadā tvam gāndharvā-giridhara-pada-prema-vilasatsudhāmbhodhau snātvā svam api nitarām mām ca sukhaya (6)

O mind, why are you bathing in the trickling urine of the great donkey of full-blown deceit and hypocrisy, thereby burning yourself and me? Always bathe in the nectarean ocean of pure love, *prema*, for the lotus feet of Śrī Śrī Rādhā-Giridhārī, and make yourself and me eternally happy.

pratişţhāśā dhrsţā śvapaca-ramaņī me hrdi naţet katham sādhu-premā sprsati sucir etan nanu manaķ sadā tvam sevasva prabhu-dayita-sāmantam atulam yathā tām nişkāsya tvaritam iha tam vesayati saķ (7)

O mind, as long as the shameless outcaste woman of the desire for prestige is dancing in my heart, how can pure transcendental *prema* touch it? Always serve the dear devotees of the Lord, who are the immeasurably powerful commanders [of His army]. They will at once banish this outcaste woman and initiate the flow of *prema* in my heart.

yathā dustatvam me davayati śathasyāpi krpayā

yathā mahyam premāmrtam api dadāty ujjvalam asau yathā śrī gāndharvā-bhajana-vidhaye prerayati mām

tathā goṣṭhe kākvā giridharam iha tvaṁ bhaja manaḥ (8)

O mind, with humble, grief-stricken words, just worship Śrī Giridhārī-Kṛṣṇa in Vraja in such a way that, although I am corrupt, He will mercifully remove my wickedness, bestow the nectar of supremely radiant love (*ujjvala-prema*), and confer upon me the inspiration to worship Gāndharvā Śrīmatī Rādhikā.

madīśā-nāthatve vraja-vipina-candram vraja-vaneśvarīm tām-nāthatve tad-atula-sakhītve tu lalitām viśākhām śikṣālī-vitaraṇa-gurutve priya-sarogirīndrau tat-prekṣā-lalita-rati-datve smara manaḥ (9)

O mind, always remember Vṛndāvana-candra Śrī Kṛṣṇa as the Lord of my suāminī Śrī Rādhikā's life, Vṛndāvaneśvarī Śrīmatī Rādhikā as my mistress, Śrī Lalitā as Her peerless friend, Śrī Viśākhā as the instructing *guru*, and Śrī Rādhākuņda and Girirāja-Govardhana as those who grant *darśana* of Śrī Śrī Rādhā-Kṛṣṇa, and bestow sublime attachment (*rati*) for Them.

ratim gaurī-līle api tapati saundarya-kiraņaiḥ śacī-lakṣmī-satyāḥ paribhavati saubhāgya-valanaiḥ vaśī-kāraiś candrāvali-mukha-navīna-vraja-satīḥ kṣipaty ārād yā tām hari-dayita-rādhām bhaja manaḥ (10)

O mind, just worship Śrīmatī Rādhikā, who inflames Rati, Gaurī and Līlā by the effulgent rays of Her beauty; who vanquishes Śrī Śacī, Śrī Lakṣmī, and Śrī Satyabhāmā by the profusion of Her good fortune; and who dissipates the pride of the chaste young girls of Vraja, headed by Śrī Candrāvalī, by Her ability to bring Śrī Kṛṣṇa under Her control. She is the most beloved of Śrī Hari.

samam śrī-rūpeņa smara-vivaśa-rādhā-giribhṛtor vraje sākṣāt-sevā-labhana-vidhaye tad-gaṇa-yujoḥ tad-ijyākhyā-dhyāna-śravaṇa-nati-pañcāmṛtam idam dhayan nītyā govardhanam anudinam tvam bhaja manaḥ (11)

O mind, in order to obtain direct service of Śrī Śrī Rādhā-Giridhārī, who are always entranced by amorous desire, and the service of Śrī Rūpa and Their associates in Vraja, always drink the *pañcāmṛta* of *arcana*, *kīrtana*, *smaraṇa*, *śrauaṇa*, and *praṇāma* to Them, and worship Śrī Govardhana daily in accordance with the precepts of devotion.

manaḥ-śikṣā-daikādaśaka-varam etan madhurayā girā gāyaty uccaiḥ samadhigata-sarvārtha-tati yaḥ sa-yūthaḥ śrī-rūpānuga iha bhavan gokulavane jano rādhā-kṛṣṇātula-bhajana-ratnaṁ sa labhate (12)

Anyone who, adopting the lineage of Śrī Rūpa and his followers, takes up residence in the forest of Gokula and loudly sings these eleven excellent instructions to the mind in a melodious voice, with full understanding of their meaning, will certainly obtain the matchless gem of worshiping Śrī Śrī Rādhā-Kṛṣṇa.

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ceto-darpaņa-mārjanam bhava-mahādāvāgni-nirvāpaņam śreyaḥ-kairava-candrikā-vitaraṇam vidyā-vadhū-jīvanam ānandāmbudhi-vardhanam prati-padam pūrṇāmṛtāsvādanam sarvātma-snapanam param vijayate śrī-kṛṣṇa-saṅkīrtanam (1)

 \hat{Sr} -*krṣṇa-saṅkīrtana* cleanses the mirror of the heart, extinguishes the blazing forest fire of material existence, and diffuses the moonbeams of *bhāva* upon the white lotus of good fortune, causing it to bloom. \hat{Sr} -*kṛṣṇa-saṅkīrtana* is the life and soul of Vidyā-devī (the goddess of transcendental knowledge), who is His consort. \hat{Sr} -*kṛṣṇa-saṅkīrtana* increases the ocean of transcendental bliss, causes the soul to relish complete nectar at every step, and enables one to be fully bathed, purified, and soothed inside and out. Let there be supreme victory for the congregational chanting of Śrī Kṛṣṇa's holy names!

nāmnām akāri bahudhā nija-sarva-śaktis tatrārpitā niyamitaḥ smaraṇe na kālaḥ etādṛśī tava kṛpā bhagavan mamāpi durdaivam īdṛśam ihājani nānurāgaḥ (2)

You have manifested all of Your potency in Your innumerable holy names. There are no restrictions on when they may be remembered. O Bhagavān, You are so merciful, but I am so unfortunate that spontaneous attachment (*anurāga*) for Your holy names has not arisen within My heart.

tṛṇād api sunīcena taror api sahiṣṇunā amāninā mānadena kīrtanīyaḥ sadā hariḥ (3)

Only he who feels lower than a blade of grass and who is more tolerant than a tree; and who expects no honor for himself but is able to give due respect to all others, is qualified to perpetually chant the holy names of Śrī Hari.

na dhanaṁ na janaṁ na sundarīṁ kavitāṁ vā jagadīśa kāmaye mama janmani janmanīśvare bhavatād bhaktir ahaitukī tvayi (4)

O Jagadīša, I desire neither wealth, nor followers, nor the gorgeous promises of the Vedic hymns. My only prayer is that birth after birth I may have causeless devotion (*ahaitukī-bhakti*) to You, the Lord of My life.

ayi nanda-tanūja kiṅkaraṁ patitaṁ māṁ viṣame bhavāmbudhau kṛpayā tava pāda-paṅkajasthita-dhūlī-sadṛśaṁ vicintaya (5)

O Son of Nanda! I am Your eternal servant, but I have fallen into the violent ocean of material existence. Mercifully place Me as a particle of dust at Your lotus feet.

nayanam galad-aśru-dhārayā vadanam gadgada-ruddhayā girā pulakair nicitam vapuḥ kadā tava nāma-grahaṇe bhaviṣyati (6)

When will a stream of tears flow from My eyes, My voice choke up, and the hairs of My body stand on end as I chant Your holy names?

> yugāyitam nimeşeņa cakşuşā prāvṛṣāyitam śūnyāyitam jagat sarvam govinda-viraheņa me (7)

In separation from Govinda, even a moment seems like a millennium. Tears fall from My eyes like torrents of rain, and the entire world seems empty.

āślişya vā pāda-ratām pinastu mām adaršanān marma-hatām karotu vā yathā tathā vā vidadhātu lampato mat-prāņa-nāthas tu sa eva nāparaḥ (8)

Let Him embrace Me or trample Me under His feet. Or let Him cruelly pierce the deepest core of My heart by not being present before Me. Let that debauchee do whatever He likes; He is still My *prāṇanātha* (the Lord of My life). I have no one other than Him.

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