

All Glories to Sri Sri Guru and Gauranga

A collection of

Vyasa Puja Offerings

presented to our Gurudev,

**Srila Acharyyadev Om Visnupad Sri
Srila Bhakti Sundar Govinda Dev-Goswami Maharaj**

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Revered Guru Maharaj,

Please accept our humble obeisances and dandavat pranams on behalf of all the Malaysian devotees. We are much indebted to Lord Sri Krishna for having shared your holy self with us as our spiritual father and guide. In this Kali Yuga we have no other hope but your divine grace for shelter. Please bestow one drop of your krpa so that we can face this world with your strength.

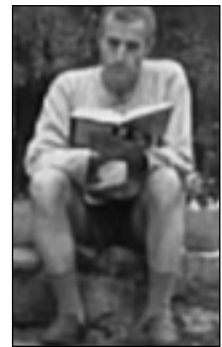
We also submit our humble plea to the Lord to keep your Divine Grace in good health. Every day we are singing your glories to all our friends and families. We are always aspiring to do some service to your Divine Grace.

With lots of love, affection and complete surrender at your lotus feet, your humble servant,
Krishna Labanya das (Malaysia)

Jaya Guru Gauranga!

Dear Srila Bhakti Sundar Govinda Dev-Goswami Maharaj,

My humble dandavats to you on this highly significant day of your appearance. I have included a few photos with this offering. One photo shows me sitting in Berliner Public Park, and in the other one, I am passing by a private label of engaged people against the un-ecological extension of the Schoenefeld airport, when I had just taken part in a nice ecological weekend festival, not far behind the administrative border of Berlin.



So, I keep chanting. As I am residing among many Turkish neighbors, I have begun to study the Turkish language with the help of some teaching aids and a Turkish acquaintance. I, in turn, help her study the Spanish language. Also, among those who belong to the local exchange associations, I find many opportunities to organize mutual assistance without moving financial values.

Yours humbly,
Radha Vinod das (Germany)

All Glories to Sri Guru and Sri Gauranga

Dear Srila Govinda Maharaj,

Please accept my most humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

For your coming Vyasa Puja celebration I just want to express my gratitude for being among your disciples and trying to be apart of your mission. All I know about you I have learned from people who have known you for a long period of time. There is a lot of love, affection and great appreciation for Lord Gauranga's Mission among these devotees, and most importantly, they all have great affection and dedication to you, your Gurudeva and Srila Bhaktivedanta Swami Maharaj. To hear all these stories about you and your relationship with your sweet Gurudeva greatly pleases my ears and attracts my heart more and more to your personality. With no vision at all of who you really are, I can only sense your greatness as the Lord's pure devotee by seeing a reflection of this greatness in all those who sincerely follow in your footsteps.

My heart is thirsty to know you more closely, and I'm hoping and praying that for many years to come you will continue to give your guidance and shelter to all devotees who desire to taste Krishna Prema in the service of Lord Gauranga Mahaprabhu. You are a living manifestation of Lord Gauranga's mercy, giving freely priceless, diamond-like pure love for the supreme beauty-Lord Krishna. I only wish that I am able to receive it with all of my heart and carry that gift with care throughout my life. That also is your desire, as well as was the desire of your Gurudev, whom you served with love all of your life.

Dear Srila Govinda Maharaj, on this special occasion once again let me offer my humble obeisances at your lotus feet, and I pray that I will be able to please you in some way. Despite my troubled life, I hope that I can serve your lotus feet best way I can, in association of your disciples.

All glories to you, dear Gurudev! Please come soon!

Your worthless servant,
Yamunajivana dasi (California)

All Glories to Sri Sri Guru and Gauranga!
Srila Acharyya-Abhivandana Mahotsava 2001

**sei se parama bandhu, sei pita mata
sri krsna carane yei prema bhakti data
sakala janme pita mata sabe paya
krsna guru nahi mile, bhajaha hiyaya
(Caitanya Mangala)**

Dear Srila Govinda Maharaj,

Please accept my humble dandavat pranams. All glories to Srila Guru Maharaj and Srila Swami Maharaj. All glories to the sincere vaishnavas, who are trying wholeheartedly to serve their Guru and Gauranga.

On the occasion of your holy appearance day, I am praying that your open-hearted affection and good will, which you are always spreading around you, may nourish us and guide us through the process of sadhana, however minute in this effort we now are. One of your special qualities is that you are compassionate with the fallen souls, even though their qualifications are meager. You give them the chance to be initiated and receive the Holy Name. Mercy of the spiritual master and the sincere desire and effort of the disciple are nourishing the sprout of devotion that will one day bloom into the lotus of Sri Gauranga's mercy- love for Krishna. May you bless your diksa disciples, Sunayana d.d. and her family.

Since not much is changing in our peaceful home in Denmark, I am slowly working on versification and illustration of the story of Haridas Thakur, Namacharyya. I pray that with your blessings it may one day please your eyes and heart. We wish you good health and further inspiration in your responsible service of as the Acharyya. Please accept our dandavat pranams.

Humbly,

Sunayana d.d. and Paragati das (Denmark)

Dear Srila Guru Maharaj,

I offer my humble obeisances at your lotus feet. How fortunate we are to come to your lotus feet! You are the most merciful and compassionate father to thousands of devotee children around the world.

When I phoned you once, you told me you accepted your ill health happily, as it was the will of Krishna and you continued your full service. We have to follow your path and serve your Divine Grace with all our energy.

You have shown us a way in this material world. You have given us hope, and you have given us strength. You have showered so much mercy to all fallen souls. My prayer to you Gurudev, is that you let me always be engaged in your service.

I offer my obeisances again and again at your lotus feet. Please forgive my offenses, and please engage me in your service. I pray to the Lord to give you best of health always.

Aspiring to be your humble servant always,
Suvasini devi dasi (Tamil Nadu, India)

Dear Gurudev,

I am suffering day and night because I am missing you! Oh please come before we all turn into monsters.

Your aspiring servitor,
Virachandra (age nine, U.K.)



All glories to Sri Sri Guru and Gauranga!

Please dear Guru Maharaja, accept my humble pranams and full dandavats at your lotus feet. I hope to hear you are in good health. I became a part of your spiritual family the 10th of June in London. I live in Italy, and I attend every week the Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math Ashram Italia, where Krishna Kanta didi and Munindra Mohan Prabhu live.

I decided to write this letter for the great opportunity to get in touch with You and Your devotees by e-mail and to express in words my great fortune for the day I decided to come to You. From the day I met You, Your mercy and also the mercy of Nityananda Prabhu and Mahaprabhu has followed me, although I consider myself fallen. So it is inconceivable how great your compassion is towards me.

In Italy, there is so much to do because we are trying to buy land where we will build the Mandir for the new Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math Ashram Italia. We hope to invite you soon, and I am sending you two photos, which were taken in London this summer. I'd like to come to Nabadwip Dham very soon. Infinite thanks for all you are doing and for allow me to have connection with You.

Your servant,
Anukulchandra das (Italy)

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept our dandavat pranams on this most auspicious day!

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

In Srimad Bhagavatam it is written, 11th Canto, Ch. 7, Verses 33-35, "O King, I have taken shelter of 24 gurus, who are the following: the earth, air, sky, water, fire, moon, sun, pigeon and python; the sea, moth, honeybee, elephant and honey thief; the deer, the fish, the prostitute Pingala, the kurara bird and the child; and the young girl, arrow maker, serpent, spider and wasp. My dear King, by studying their activities I have learned the science of the self".

I myself haven't got at all this kind of vision of how the Lord appears in all these different forms to help us. But by your presence and great mercy we can learn a lot about Krishna Consciousness, human behavior and many other things. When we see that you, in spite of your difficult health condition, give continuously your mercy to everyone, we can only bow down to your Divine Lotus Feet. We wish you all the best for your appearance day.

Your children,

Premanidhi das, Anupama devi dasi and Sita devi dasi (Germany)

Dear Srila Gurudeva, Bhakti Sundar Govinda Dev-Goswami Maharaj,

On this holy occasion of your Appearance in this world, may we say that we feel very fortunate that we have Your Divine Grace to guide us. You are so excellently maintaining and expanding the mission of the Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math, which is like a lighthouse of hope for an ever-troubled age.

Our recent experience of the kindness and pure dedication of the Math devotees, beginning with your wonderful self, has deeply touched our hearts, surely providing the perfect impetus to propel us towards the path of dedication given by Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu.

May Srila Gurudeva and Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math be ever-victorious!

**sri bhakt sundara deva prabhu siromani
goswami govinda jaya anandera khani**

Your servants,

Vishal Krishna das Adhikari and Gandharvika dasi (Australia)

All glories to Sri Sri Guru and Gauranga!

Dandavats Srila Guru Maharaj

I'm happy to pause for a moment
And send you this message, Srila Guru Maharaj
You are creative, artistic, skillful
Bringing forth with such freedom
I notice your specialness

So fun and exciting
To be around
You are a winner
In every way
Never stopping before you succeed

May Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu be with you always
Through the storms of life
May you bend gracefully with the wind
Supported by Mahaprabhu's firm foundation
His blessings be with your grace today and always!

Long live Srila Bhakti Sundara Govinda Dev-Goswami Maharaj!

From Dipta Krishna das and family (Mauritius)

Dear Srila Govinda Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances at Your Divine Lotus Feet. The prospects for present and future spiritual well-being rest in the Causeless Mercy of Sri Sri Guru Gauranga. While the souls enamored by the glare of Krishna's maya squirm about in the dense network of illusion, even those desirous of liberation cannot find the path of well-being, having given their hearts to something other than the eternal blissful service of guru-vaishnava and Krishna. Precious human time is lost, never to return, in the pursuit of dharma, artha, kama, and moksha.

We must, therefore, acknowledge that Shri Krishna Chaitanya Mahaprabhu has glanced upon the fortunate souls who have been captivated and awakened to the path enunciated by Guru-Vaishnava. Even we did not know what was best for ourselves; the mercy-giving continued, creating cracks in the crumbling walls of samsara. Though immersed in darkness and sleep, these fortunate jiva souls are awakened by the sound emanating from the Divine and Compassionate Service Heart in the form of Nama Sankirtan. While religionists attached to the mental plane debate what never can be known without the Causeless Mercy of Krishna, while the sensualists try to taste but forever lick only the outside of the jar of nectar, while those desirous of wealth merely play with broken pieces of glass mistaking them for jewels, and salvationists can at best break out of maya's hold for a mere instant only, burned by the purity of His divine effulgence, due to failure to cure the hrid-rogam, I have but one prayer: Let all parts and parcels of Sri Krishna know only Him as their Center, learn to serve Him with affection and love that emanates from the fountain-head of devotion through Her emissaries, and awaken to the ever-increasing ocean of blissful loving service, for which we have our existence.

How can one sample that nectar, indeed, without distributing it again and again? Its magical quality is that the nectar cannot be depleted, and only increases more and more with its heartfelt distribution. Oh, Nityananda Prabhu, Who has delegated Guru-Vaishnava as His own outstretched and welcoming Hand, bless all with Your Causeless Mercy. In our brief sojourn through humanity, bless all with devotion and kindness, as we have seen in the personality of His Divine Grace Bhakti

Sundar Govinda Maharaj. Rare is such a servant and representative of Sri Sri Guru Gauranga!! We are fully confident of His guardianship and that of our Rupanuga Guruvarga. Indeed, His Causeless Mercy comes from the domain of Sri Sri Radha Krishna, and we offer our eternally insignificant selves to you to engage us as the servant of the servant many times removed, of Their Divine Lordships. Hare Krishna.

Sincerely,

Pusta Krishna das, Daru Brahma dd, Krishnapriya dd, and Chaitanya das Prabhu (California)



Small Words

How can mere words describe what Gurudev has done?

The world he has traveled to serve us one by one.

His patience with the fallen souls, his mercy ever true,

His Seva for Sweet Sridhar Dev, examples ever new.

I pray that I will always aspire for a tiny droplet of dew that has fallen off a tiny leaf that has had the fortune of a moments touch of Gurudev's grace.

My sincere dandavats again and again,

Jaga Mohan das (U.S.A.)

Sri Sri Guru Gauranga Jayatah

Happy birthday dear Guru Maharaj on the Vyasa Puja celebration of our Jagad Guru, Paribrajakacharyya 108 Om Vishnupad Srila Bhakti Sundar Govinda Dev-Goswami Maharaj.

You are sweet, magnanimous, a friend of the fallen, known master of the arts and a mystery to the envious. Without faith it is impossible to serve anything, but by your Grace even the faithless like us are given an opportunity for engagement. May you please inspire this wicked miscreant to be able to serve your desires sincerely? Yes, Hope of the hopeless without your Divine Guidance/Benediction all remains a mystery and nothing can be done.

Navasundar das, Subhadra devi dasi, Shivananda Sen das (Australia)



All Glories to Sri Guru and Gauranga.

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please except my dandavat pranams to your lotus feet. Today, by your transcendental grace, I have entrance to be near your divine presence by putting pen to paper; even my words cannot describe your infinite glories.

Oh Srila Gurudeva, you are showing us the real form of mercy via Lord Nityananda, which we are aspiring to understand.

Your golden rays are cutting through all negativities arising from this temporary material environment and replacing everything full of love and life, guiding us in the right direction, showing us Mahaprabhu's divine mission.

I humbly beg you for forgiveness for my offences at every step, both knowingly and unknowingly, and I beg you to let me remain in your divine service in this small place, New Zealand, with the common phrase, "the land from down under."

Your aspiring servant,
Namacharya das (New Zealand)

My dear Gurudeva,

Please accept my most humble obeisances. Every day I pass uselessly I can only wonder, wonder how it is that you accepted me to be your disciple. I know very well this in itself is a such a great fortune and so undeserved. And such is my misfortune that I cannot remember this every moment, that I cannot spend every moment in joy at such great fortune.

I do not know what use I can ever be of to you, but I beg you only to please grant me the ability to be yours completely, to live always with some connection to you, to always be in your service.

Hoping to be your humble servant,
Anand (New York)



Dear Gurudev,

Please accept my humble obeisances to your holy lotus feet. I'm praying that I shall get any amount of intelligence to render some service to you. Krishna consciousness is such a lofty prospect, and how is it possible to walk in the footsteps of Acharyas such as Srila Saraswati Thakur, Srila Swami Maharaj, and Srila Guru Maharaj without proper guidance? Serving the Vaisnavas is the sole aim and purpose of the practitioner, and if one can get the mercy of the devotees, one's endeavors may become refined so that some taste of spiritual life can manifest. You are such a holy Vaisnava, and I'm begging to your holy lotus feet to empower me with the right kind of inspiration so I can drag myself out of this hellish nightmare that is materialistic existence. Maya is such that any wrong may seem reasonable at the time, and before long, one has signed one's whole life away for precious little returns. I'm praying to your holy heart that if I can't hold on to your lotus feet fully, at least let me remember them sometimes, because I can't imagine anything more frightening than an existence void of a prospect of Krishna-conscious evolution.

In all insignificance,
Aditinandana dasa (U.K.)

Dear Srila Bhakti Sundar Govinda Goswami Maharaj,

Please accept my humble and full obeisances at your lotus feet. All glories to Srila Guru Maharaj. This year I will celebrate your appearance day in a particular way for various reasons. We pray to Sri Krishna to give you strong and good health and that you may be well. We need your guidance, as you have given us all these years. It's been already four years since I have been connected with you, and my thoughts go to our first meeting in London. In that place, the flame of spiritual search was lit again for me.

I feel I am conceited when I think I am a devotee. There are people with merits, knowledge and many qualifications, and they can say they are devotees. Actually, my only benefit is to have the fortune of your association. Sometimes, without thinking, we take the association of a suddha bhakta as an ordinary thing, without value; so we are not ready to take such an opportunity.

guru-krsna-prasade paya bhakti-lata-bija

“But by the mercy of the spiritual master we receive the seed of the devotional service plant.”

To my mind come back the thoughts of when I had the chance to stay in your association, and when my thoughts go back to those days, all the difficulties disappear; all the anxiety one may have goes away.

In our society full of material attractions, hedonism is a common idea that everything is the same, that God doesn't exist, and if He ever did exist, He is now dead. So, due to such illusions, we cannot realize the material world is a dangerous place and full of troubles. Everything is masked by welfare, as if it's the panacea of all sufferings.

Nonetheless, every time spirituality declines and materialism increases, Krishna, full of compassion, comes or sends His representative, the spiritual master, to

re-establish the principles of religion. So following in the spiritual chain coming from Krishna Himself, you are guiding us and leading us on the path of devotion, trying in your infinite patience to lift us up from the miseries of material existence.

On this day, it's a duty to present intentions and declarations, but my biggest desire is to have again the fortune of your association, to see your beaming smile, to feel that reception and that sense of family that you can transmit to make us all feel like your beloved sons. I hope your benedictions can descend incessantly on us.

Hoping to remain at the service of your lotus feet, I offer you my most humble obeisances. Jay Srila Gurudev!

Your servant,
Mohita Krishna dasa (Italy)



All Glories to Sri Sri Guru and Gauranga!!!

To my Gurudev, Srila Bhakti Sundar Govinda Dev-Goswami Maharaj,

Please accept my obeisances and a humble offering for your upcoming birthday. Here in Australia we are looking forward to the celebrations; we are busy as bees, buying decorations and threading many garlands.

For Christmas, the family got together at mum and dad's (Parananda and Lila Moi's), then continued on to Balabudra's and Maheswari's. Every one was there: Chintamani, Sundari dd, Subhadra dd, Navasundar das, Shivananda Sen das, and the list goes on. I hope your health is improving.

Dandavats again,
Parvati devi dasi (Australia)

My dear Srila Gurudev,

Please accept my most respectful obeisances. On the blessed occasion of your Vyasa Puja, I want to give you this offering in a humble attempt to glorify Your Divine Grace and to serve you in this way. But how can one devoid of spiritual vision sing your glories? My soul is sleeping with the eyes closed and can't see you as you are- a beautiful and graceful loving confidante of Vrishabhanu-nandini, Srimati Radharani Herself.

Seventy-two years ago, on that blessed day, you came here from the land of harmony and beauty where every word is a song and every step a dance. You appeared as a savior of the souls, imprisoned in this ghastly world of shadows and death, with the torchlight of Pristine Love and the seed of Supreme Devotion. Your heart overwhelmed with compassion and kindness, you take us by the hand and lead us on the path back, towards our real home, where we'll find that which we've been searching for, for so long. And even though we stumble on the way, you do not leave us but continue patiently, teaching us to walk. You teach us by your own example, by giving honor to one and all, by tolerating the harshness of this world, by being humble in your dealings with everyone, by always serving the servant of the servant of the Lord of the gopis.

The laws of this world do not act upon you. You can conquer time and space and be with us even when you are thousands of miles away. By your warm and kind smile, by your simple and yet so pure and powerful words, you cleanse our hearts and fill them with hope and inspiration. Your association, your connection, is the most valuable possession one can have, and the chance to serve you is the greatest chance of all.

I am poor and blind. I can't see you. I am deaf and dumb. I can neither hear nor pronounce the Real Name. This misfortune fills my eyes with tears,

but I can't help it. I am helpless without your help. Alone I cannot

conquer the enemies that have surrounded me, pre-

tending to be my friends. I can only pray to you:

Gurudev kripa-bindu diya.

Please, oh please, be merciful to me and with a drop of your mercy, make me humble, more humble than the grass. Give me strength to tolerate whatever I have to. Crush this ego of mine so that I can stop desiring honor for myself and be able to give all honor to others, as you do. Then only, can I follow the most important of your directives and chant the Holy Name without offence. Only by your mercy will this be possible. Your mercy is so wonderfully powerful that it can turn a dumb man into an eloquent orator and enable a lame man to cross the mountains.

*thakura vaisnava-gana kari ei nibedana
mo bada adhama duracara
daruna-samsara-nidhi tate dubaila vidhi
kese dhari more kara para*

O Vaisnava Thakur! Please grab me by the hair and pull me out of this terrifying ocean of worldliness. Please accept me and keep me at your lotus feet, for I am afraid.

With love and affection, your aspiring servant,
Mahima-mayi dd (Sweden)

Dear Gurudev,

Please accept our most humble obeisances at your divine lotus feet.

On this auspicious day we can simply see how the devotees all over the world are singing your glories. All your sincere disciples are engaged trying to satisfy your divine desires.

**stapila asrama bahu jagata majhare
paramhamsa-dharma-jnana siksara pracare**

We see, here in Italy, how the devotees are trying hard to have a nice place for the glorious Sri Chaitanya-Saraswat Math. They are trying their best and it is really incredible to see their devotion and spirit of self-sacrifice. We can only pray that by your divine mercy, one day we'll also be a part of this transcendental engagement.

Aspirant servants of your servants,
Advaya-krishna das
Krishna-kumari devi dasi
(Italy)

Om Vishnupad Paramaradhya Srila Acharyadev SricharanKamaleshu,

Please accept my Koti Dandavat Pranam at your lotus feet on this most auspicious day of your holy appearance. Again this day, I come to your lotus feet empty handed but receive in my heart your causeless and unlimited mercy. You have given us all so many reasons to rejoice today. We have beautiful maths, beautiful books and a beautiful prospect in our personal lives, regardless of our qualifications. And you are at the center of all these, bestowing your everlasting mercy on us all.

You have given me the most beautiful service, the most inspiring purpose of my life, regardless of my competence or qualification. For this alone, I shall be indebted to your affection life after life. So I pray that you please forgive my offenses by dint of your own kindness, and please keep me in the cooling shade of your lotus feet. I pray that you will be here for many more years to come, playing your pastimes of good health. I also pray that some day I will be able to serve you in some way, and you will be pleased with me.

With my koti dandavat pranam again,

Your most useless servant,

Devamayi dasi (California)

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

**gurvabhista supurakam guru-ganair asisa sambhusitam
cintyacintya-samasta-veda-nipunam sri-rupa-panthanugam
govindabhidham ujvalam vara-tanum bhakty anvitam sundaram
vande visva-gurun ca divya-bhagavat-premno hi bija-pradam**

Please accept my dandavat pranams at yours lotus feet. You are my dear father and my best friend, and from a distance, I will always remember you. I would like to give you something, at least, on your birthday, but my condition is that I'm not fit for your satisfaction. So please accept my offering in this way: I can do some "work" for you, so please use me for your purpose. You know how to do; you can smash everyone's selfishness, so please do it on me, and at least I will support your dearest devotees who are engaged in your service.

Have a nice birthday with your disciples and your eternal associates. Here we'll also make a mahotsav for your glorification in your small Italian ashram. On 15th of January, we'll sign the pre-agreement to buy the land, but we can choose another day between 4th of January and the 20th of January, if you want.

Always depending on your mercy, again my dandavats,
Your unqualified servant,

Munindra Mohan das (Italy)

All glories to Sri Guru and Sri Gauranga.

My always-beloved Gurudeva,

Please accept my dandavat pranams at Your lotus feet. First of all, I would like to wish You every good thing from this world and from other worlds for Your Vyasa Puja. I hope every year You can be happiest and most satisfied with all the devotees around the world. I can't explain how happy I was when I received Your letter, and more happy when I knew Your health was getting better. All the devotees here at Krishna Shakti Ashram have prayed a lot for You.

We are going to make a great commemoration for Your Vyasa-Puja here in Brazil. My Adored Father, please accept my love and my best wishes, for this year and forever. I love You so much and think so much of You. You are the light of our lives and the inspiration to love everyone. I hope I can go there to see You as soon as possible.

All the love and best wishes from everyone here,
Kamala Sundari devi dasi (Brazil)

Jaya Sri Sri Guru and Gauranga.

To my beloved Lord and Master, Srila Bhakti Sundar Govinda Maharaja,

How fortunate we are on this most auspicious day, to be allowed the privilege of glorifying your Divine Grace.

**brahmanda brahmate kona ya bhagavana jiva
guru krsna prasaya bhayi bhakti lata bija**

Your Glories are unlimited, Gurudeva; your mercy is delivering so many conditioned souls; your sweet and transcendental nature is attracting the whole universe. Your service mood and pastimes are the essence of all Vedantic wisdom. You are an ocean of mercy, Gurudev, a patita pavana savior of the fallen. Your perfect example as Acharya is our guiding light; you are the sun in the Gaudiya Sky; you are the life and soul for all devotees past, present and those who will come in the future. Great sages and demigods worship you in awe. Paramahansas and strict vaisnava Sannyasis glorify you. Honest and sincere seekers of the truth are awarded the privilege of serving you, only by your grace.

This lowly beggar is always praying for the Supreme Oceanic privilege of Surrender, Submissive inquiry and Service to your Lotus Feet, life after life. Without your Divine mercy manifested in this mortal plane, there is no life for the conditioned souls. Aspiring for the Unlimited Ocean of Divine mercy at your lotus feet,

Your insignificant servant practitioner,
Asraya Vighraha das (New Zealand)

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

**gurvabhista supurakam guru-ganair asisa sambhusitam
cintyacintya-samasta-veda-nipunam sri-rupa-panthanugam
govindabhidham ujjvalam vara-tanum bhakty anvitam sundaram
vande visva-gurun ca divya-bhagavat-premno hi bija-pradam**

Dear Srila Guru Maharaj,

Please accept our humble dandavats pranams at your lotus feet.

All glories to Srila Bhakti Raksak Sridhar Maharaj and all glories to the Sankirtan movement of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu.

On the holy day of your Vyasa Puja, we are remembering You with gratitude and affection and asking for your blessings, which are necessary for our spiritual advancement. We are praying to you at your lotus feet to forgive our offences. We hope that this letter finds you in good health and that we see you again soon.

Your eternal servants,
Athula Krishna dasa
Lasyamayi devi dasi
Tulasi Priya devi dasi
(Italy)

Todas las Glorias a Sri Guru y Sri Gauranga
Y Todas las Glorias a Srila Bhakti Sundar Govinda Maharaj

Querido Gurudeva,

Por favor acepte mis humildes obediencias a Sus Divinos pies de loto. Le escribo el presente mail para saludarlo, ofrecerle mis obediencias y para saber de su salud y espero que sea muy buena. Querido Maestro Espiritual, me gustaria comentarle que estoy en la preparatoria, cumpli 16 anos el 14 de noviembre de este ano y que estoy por comenzar el cuarto semestre de mi especialidad, que es tecnica en Turismo. En estos momentos, me encuentro de vacaciones y estoy en casa de mis padres haciendo el intento para portarme bien; a veces me porto mal y cuando sucede esto, mi madre me dice que no sea asi por que a Usted no le va a agradar mi conducta y bueno yo se que ella tiene razon pero cuando ella me lo dice trato de cambiar rapidamente y bueno trato de mejorar mi caracter, bueno mucha de las veces yo me enfado mucho con mi misma. Es algo que casi yo no puedo controlar y muchas de las veces le pido al Senor Supremo que me cambie mi forma de ser porque es malo que yo actue asi y bueno le pido a Usted su misericordia para que cambie este negro corazon que tengo.

Querido Padre, es Usted la unica persona a la que puedo recurrir para que me ayude! Maestro, permitame contarle otras cosas. Yo no soy muy aplicada en la escuela; yo se que a Usted le gustaria que yo lo fuera, pero es que la verdad me desespero a veces con las materias que llevo. A mi no me gustan las Matematicas, ni la materia de Derecho, ni la de Fisica (al principio, me gustaba pero ya no, porque el maestro no la explica bien y a parte no hace que los alumnos nos intereseamos por la clase, ni tampoco la hace amena. Yo no soy nadie para criticar al profesor pero es que no me gusta la forma en que imparte la clase). Yo trato de entenderle a las clases, pero cuando no puedo, me desespero y simplemente se me va la mente a otras partes y no en lo que deberia estar. Soy muy distraida pero no hago desorden en el salon, en las materias que voy mejor es en el taller de Computacion, Metodos de Investigacion, Administracion e Ingles. Bueno le pido disculpas por no ser la mayor estudiante porque soy muy distraida y la verdad hay veces que siento que mejor

no debo estudiar y dedicar mi tiempo a hacer cosas como quedarme en mi casa y ayudarlo a mi madre a hacer de comer para la Deidad, o limpiar el Altar, o muchas cosas por el estilo.

Digame que es lo que puedo hacer por favor! Gurudeva yo casi no salgo de mi casa, pero a veces bueno casi raramente que hay fiestas en la escuela y rara vez mis padres me dejan ir; yo le queria preguntar si esta bien que yo asista o si no debo de ir? Por que a lo mejor no esta bien que vaya a estos tipos de fiestas.

Bueno Gurudeva, algunas veces a mis amigas les cuento pasatiempos de Krishna o si no, les predico acerca de que es malo que coman carne. La vez pasada a una amiga le preste un libro para que lo leyera y bueno creo que si lo leyó. Por un lado me dio mucho gusto que si lo haya leído pero por el otro lado me dio un poquito de coraje porque no me dijo nada acerca de que si le gusto o no. Lo unico que me dijo es que estaba un poquito raro, aparte ella es de una familia que come mucho carne y eso no me agrada mucho cuando le he predicado si lo acepta. Pero, llegamos al punto en que no debe comer carne y eso no le agrada mucho. No me dice nada pero yo se que piensa de que asi no debe de ser y yo no se que hacer si me sigo juntando con ella?

Gurudeva, en mi escuela tengo muchas personas que estan en contra mia; en otras palabras, les caigo mal. Me ven raro y piensan que soy de otro planeta hasta mis amigas y amigos de otros salones me dicen que soy extraterrestre. Bueno, por un lado no tomo en cuenta eso pero por el otro lado siento que como que si se burlaran y trato de no hacerle mucho caso a los comentarios de esas personas. Por otro lado Gurudeva, a lado de mi salon hay un grupito de alumnas y alumnos que no les caigo bien, y sabe solo, por que? Porque segun ellos soy una muchacha muy exagerada; lo que pasa es que no les gusta como me peino, como actuo segun ellos soy muy presumida y no es cierto soy muy alegre. Se ve que a ellos no les parece mi forma de ser y no les gusta que use muchos brochecitos de colores sobretodo a las muchachas y bueno me critican mucho. No me afecta pero hay ocasiones en que empiezan a molestarme y la verdad la ultima vez que me lo hicieron yo estalle ya les he tolerado cosas pero esta vez, ya no y les grite y les dije que no me estuvieran molestando y les dije otras cosas y sabe que? Senti que ellos se quedaron sorprendidos porque yo les habia contestado la agresion, es que casi

siempre yo los ignoraba, pero ahora cambie. Esta bien lo que hice o no Gurudeva?

Bueno discólpeme, Gurudeva, por todas las ofensas que cometi al escribirle esta carta. Por favor permitame postrarme ante sus dulces pies de loto y dejeme agradecerle por leer este e-mail de una caida sirvienta suya.

La mas insignificante de todas,
Lakshmi Priya
De la Familia de Reynosa (Tamaulipas, Mexico)



Todas las Glorias a Su Divina Gracia Srila Govinda Maharaj Ki Jaya!

En verdad es se lo debido a la obscura ignorancia que el ser humano cree que es el disfrutador de todo lo que existe. Sin embargo viene el Guru quien con su misericordia sin causa e infinito amor nos aleja de la obscura ignorancia. A esa gran alma, a mi muy amado Maestro Govinda Maharaj, yo le pido que por favor acepte mis mas humildes y respetuosas reverencias, y permita que mi alma perdida obtenga refugio en sus pies de loto, para que pueda cruzar sin temor este terrible oceano de tristezas que es la vida material.

Todas mis glorias a mi amado Gurudeva.

Su sirvienta,
Shyama Vilasa das

At this most Holy Time of the Divine Appearance of His Divine Grace Om Vishnupad Srila Bhakti Sundar Govinda Dev-Goswami Maharaj, we offer our heartfelt prayers at his holy lotus feet for his divine service for his pleasure for all time to come.

Swarupananda das
Ganga devi dasi
(U.K)



Happy birthday to you, our beloved Sri Guru!

Your appearance most beneficial for us
Only through your mercy can Krishna be known to us
Your life's work to spread the Holy Name
Dragging us away from our life of shame.

You are the reservoir of all good qualities
Leading us by your perfect example
Teaching us the pure unadulterated conception of Sri Rupa
Thank you for saving me life after life
This lost servant to you I pray.

Tolerance humility and giving honor to others
These are your instructions to us all
But unfortunately these qualities escape me
As into the black box of false ego I fall

I owe you my life Srila Gurudeva, thank you for saving me.

You're talking of leaving us your children,
your family

But dear Srila Gurudeva we need you so much
Helpless we are not, but we need you more than ever
We need the shelter of Your Holy Lotus Feet forever
This lost servant to you I pray, Srila Gurudeva with us please stay.

On this your glorious 73rd birthday celebration
All living entities have been blessed by your holy shadow
As you circumambulated Mother Bhumi eighteen times
Serving your beloved Srila Guru Maharaj in holy sankirtan
Upholding the glories of the Guardian of Devotion.

Happy birthday to you our beloved Srila Jagat Guru
You have opened our eyes to Reality the Beautiful
Nothing I can say and nothing I can do
Can describe the glories and wonder of you
I have promised you my last drop of blood
One day I pray that I can give it to you.

Pranasis das and Syamakanta dasi (Germany)



Sri Sri Guru-Gauranga Jayatah!

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Please, accept my dandavat pranams.

Please accept my imperfect love. I have no words to tell.

Please, simply accept my imperfect love, which helps me to live.

I have a unique request for you: please, come to Russia.

Your servant,

Aradhana Priya dasi (Russia)

All Glories To Sri Guru and Gauranga

Dear Srila Gurudev,

Please accept my most fallen dandavats on this auspicious day of your divine appearance. My words cannot begin to express the extent of my indebtedness to you. You have given me everything; you are my everything. I know that I am only able to appreciate a small fraction of the mercy that you daily shower upon me but I have hope that by your inconceivable mercy, even a fallen soul like me can be made to dance in your kirtan.

When you glance upon me with your loving, merciful eyes, I feel that my whole existence is fulfilled. When you smile at me, my heart swells with affection. Gurudev, I am yours.

I see so many exalted vaishnav devotees coming to get your association, and I feel extremely fortunate to be allowed into this group. They are my family, even though I am very low and more like the family dog rather than a member of the family proper. But any position with you and your associates is more than I deserve and more than I could have ever hoped for. I am a good example of your causeless mercy on the most fallen.

I pray that you will allow me to stay at your feet and give me an opportunity to serve you. Other than that, I have nothing to ask.

Your aspiring servant,
Sarvabhavana das (California)



All Glories to Sri Guru and Gauranga

Dear Srila Govinda Maharaj,

Please accept my humble obeisances at the dust of your lotus feet. All glories to your divine grace. All glories to your divine holy appearance in this mundane world. Your holy appearance is celebrated by all your devotees as the most auspicious of holy days. We are indeed counting our blessings that you are giving fallen devotees like ourselves a chance to render service. We are praying that we may take full advantage of this opportunity you have extended to us.

Your fallen servants,

Reshab dev das , Keshava das, Chumpavati devi dasi, Mukhara devi dasi,
Raghava Nandini devi dasi
(South Africa)



Dear Srila Bhakti Sundar Govinda Dev-Goswami Maharaj,

My respects to your lotus feet, which give me the possibility to continue in the way of the supreme truth and give me again a real sense of my existence. Now I don't understand what is really my fortune to obtain your grace, but I know that in the future I can realize the inestimable present that you have given to me. I hope to give you some small satisfaction, but I think that I'm not really able to do it.

Special thanks from my daughter, Swarnalata devi dasi, who obtained your mercy so young. I pray to Lord Nityananda and Lord Chaitanya Mahaprabhu for your health. You are like a very rare flower and are so precious for all the living entities. Thank you very much for your mercy. Please forgive my offence and my bad English. Please give your blessing to my family.

Your servants,

Vijaya Gauranga das, Swarnalata devi dasi
(Italy)

My dear Srila Gurudev,

I humbly bow down at Your lotus feet. It was a nice sunny day today but I can still feel how this world I live in is getting darker and darker each day, closing more and more doors for those who still aspire for any kind of goodness or morality, what to speak of spiritual values. I can see and feel how we are getting trapped within the thick layers of darkness. In general, there seems to be no hope.

My fortune is that through all those layers of darkness, a light is gently, yet efficiently reaching my sleeping soul to clearly illuminate the direct path to the highest, most exalted ideal and goal. Not only is it showing the way, it is doing so in a way that so extremely captures my heart and mind, that despite my tendencies towards ignorance, I cannot resist it, and I try to follow. That light of my life is You, Srila Gurudev, You and everything You are offering, emanating, giving in such a unique, sweet, soft and heart-touching way.

Now, how can I properly thank providence for bringing me to Your lotus feet? That I do not know. And how can I properly glorify You for all that You are, for all that You are giving? That I do not know either. To write a few words and put a full stop at the end- I wouldn't feel comfortable with that. As if after that full stop Your glories end; I think paper and pen cannot do justice to the treasures I am getting through You. And even if they could do so, do I know the limits of Your exalted position to be able to properly put it into words?

Therefore, on this joyous occasion of Your appearance, please allow me to simply thank You from the bottom of my heart, for being with us, for sharing, giving, guiding, directing, revealing, inspiring and lifting our hearts and consciousness. Thank You again and again.

I wish You a happy celebration in the association of Your devoted disciples and servants. Let Your divine association illuminate our lives for many years to come.

Humbly Yours,

Navanalini devi dasi (Navanalini)

Dear Srila Gurudev,

Please accept my humble obeisances. My wife is writing an offering for you in the other room while I'm here, sitting at the keyboard thinking what to write to you. Just a few moments ago I told my wife that it is difficult to write if one's heart is empty; or to say it another way, if one's heart is full of the dark dense illusion of the material world. She replied that even if I had something that I would consider worth telling you, there is no way to express it with just a piece of paper and a pen. She is actually right. The truth is, that if I look in my heart, then I must admit to myself that my life is not worth living without you in it. Even though I'm not aware of this fact every day, and that saddens me, I am aware of it now.

You are offering me so much, but I have failed to accept it so many times. I wish that I were able to somehow reciprocate Your kindness and love. What I'm trying to say is that you mean a great deal to me. I look up to you like a son would to his father.

I wish you a happy birthday and that this disciple of Yours would become a real disciple and not just an apparent one.

Your servant,

Ananta-priya dasa (Slovenia)



All Glories Sri Sri Guru and Gauranga

My Dear Gurudev,

Please accept my repeated dandavat pranams at your lotus feet. I am very fortunate to be able to give this humble offering for the celebration of your holy appearance day, a day auspicious for all of the universe. You came bringing love, and you conquer the hearts of all entities with your compassionate heart. I am always praying to remember your sweet merciful smile.

Dear Gurudev, even though I am very low and fallen, please give me shelter at your lotus feet eternally.

Jai Sri Gurudev!

From your aspiring servant,
Lavanya Mayi devi dasi (U.K.)

All Glories to Sri Sri Guru Gauranga!!!!!!

Dearest Gurudeva,

Please accept our most humble dandavat pranams to you on the most holy, auspicious of all auspicious days.

There aren't enough words in the English language to express my gratitude to your divine grace. The mercy that you have extended to me is incomparable in the three worlds. Oh Gurudeva, your grace picked me up out of the quagmire of ignorance and gave me that holiest of all mantras and the knowledge to start my journey home. Even though i am the most degraded, useless, wretched, poor and offensive soul, addicted to sense gratification, i still try to practice devotion daily, constantly trying to remember your lotus feet, which make one fearless. What would i be doing in my life right now if it wasn't for your grace? i would be a dead person walking like i was before i had met with your most merciful divine grace.

Because without your mercy (Lord Nityananda) we would never be able to reach Lord Gaurasundara. i'm always thinking and praying in this way for your causeless mercy. You have given so much of your mercy to me, but i never become satiated. i am always so greedy for your mercy and incessantly pray for more. Please forgive my offences.

Your most humble insignificant servant,
rama priya dasa (U.S.A.)

All Glories to Sri Sri Guru Gauranga!!!!!!

Dandavats Gurudeva,

Happy appearance day. I hope your health is good. I miss you very much. My dad says that if we keep praying, we will be able to come back to the Holy Dham and see you again, maybe next year at Gaura Purnima. I love you, Gurudeva. You are my Gurudeva eternally.

Sincerely yours with love,
Krsna Sukhi dasi (U.S.A.)

All glories to Sri Sri Guru and Gauranga

Dear Srila Gurudev,

Please accept my most humble obeisances; please forgive my many offences to you.

By your great mercy we have the opportunity to serve the Lord. Please grant me the proper vision to join your group of humble servitors.

Aspiring to be your humble servant,
Prema das (Australia)



Dear Dear Guru Maharaj,

You are so kind and so generous, patient, tolerant and ever encouraging. Your smile lights up everyone's heart and soul.

On this blessed day I search for something to offer you that is worthy of you. I find nothing of value with-



in. Instead a tiny voice whispers: "Make me a fit recipient of your Mercy, humble, tolerant, and ready to give real respect to all others."



For me, you are the embodiment of Srila Guru Maharaj and Srila Swami Maharaj Prabhupad. Please accept my humble obeisances.

Praying to please you, aspiring to serve you,

Your daughters,

Bhakti Seema devi dasi and Anjana Kirti dasi (U.K.)

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