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All Glories to Sri Sri Guru-Gauranga!

Dearest Srila Govinda Maharaj,

**Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare
Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare!**

All glories to your most transcendental preaching movement!

*P*LEASE ACCEPT MY HUMBLE OBEISANCES. I would again like to express my gratitude for your special mercy of initiation. I aspire to always use this material life to make spiritual advancement and serve Krishna to the best of my ability.

Thank you for guiding us all in the proper activities for this age. I appreciate your wisdom and instruction and will always strive to follow it.

Your loving servant,
Radbarani Devi Dasi
Soquel, California



Dear Srila Gurudev,

*A*LL GLORIES TO YOU AND TO SRILA BHAKTI RAKSHAK SRIDHAR DEV-GOSWAMI MAHARAJ. Please accept my most humble obeisances.

This conditioned soul has faith in herself and knows that the temporary things that surround her will always bring defeat and delusion. But if she is fortunate enough to find a genuine spiritual master she will become happy and victorious.

By the mercy of Lord Nityananda I have received this fortune. I am happy to have received your mercy, without which it is impossible to make any spiritual progress.

The reflection of your great spiritual love has illumined my life and allowed me to see the way to follow.

Please protect me in this fight against the illusory energy of this world where everything is based only on the surface. Without your mercy nothing has any value, any real substance, except the great ocean of mercy and love that you have manifested on this planet.

On this day, which is so auspicious for all living entities, I wish you all the best with all my heart.

Your servant,
Lilanandini Devi Dasi
Italy



Then Krishna spoke to his friend and
With profound affection he said:
Why have you been far away?

Meeting with the servant of the servant
His eternal waiting
My recurrent error
A loving smile and
Words that open like a lotus filled with visions
The extended hand that lifts me up
Leaving loneliness behind in the finite
Chorus of chosen ones
Govinda, the friend.

Respect gives way to friendship
Surrendering without measure
Not quantifying the infinite
Opens a door to eternal love
Govinda, the friend.

Forget the play of the dead
Routine calculation of short steps.
Dancing in eternal pastimes
Rhythmically spontaneous in Beauty.

Yesterday's brothers
Today's friends.
Reminiscing forest
Hidden horizon.
Govinda, the friend.

Jagadiswar Das
Venezuela



My beloved Srila Gurudev,

*A*LL THE GOOD THINGS I DO IN THIS LIFE, I dedicate to you, because your wisdom and transcendental sweetness are the source of inspiration for me, for my family and the fortunate thousands of souls who take shelter at your lotus feet. I offer my reverent obeisances to those souls.

All glories to you today and always.

Your servants,
Madan Mohan Das
Draupadi Devi Dasi
Caitano Mahadeva B. K.
Tchandra L. K.
Radbarani L. K.
Mabaraj L. K.



Dear Srila Gurudev,

*Y*OUR WHOLE LIFE IS DEDICATED TO YOUR DIVINE MASTER. You have no other desire, but that of your Gurudev. You are tolerance personified, without which it would be impossible to deal with us, lovers of darkness.

Armed with all the divine qualifications of a pure Vaisnava, you appeared in our life like a powerful, brilliant sun. Walking amongst us, people of the darkness, you give us freedom from total ignorance, but we continue to prefer the shackles of Maya.

You come to treat us with tenderness, but we continue to prefer the mistreatment of materialistic people in exchange for money.

You come to give real friendship, but we continue to waste our valuable time with our so-called previous friends.

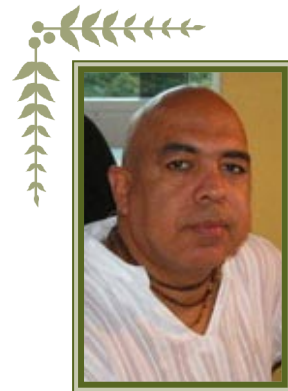
You come to show us how to live in a real united spiritual family, but we continue to fight each other for position and power.

You come to teach us the art of giving, but it is not possible for us to give up our selfish spirit.

Like a perfect father, you come to give us pure love in exchange for love, but we continue to prefer hypocrisy in exchange for sex.

But only Krishna knows why you continue to see hope in us, lovers of darkness.

Antaryami Das
Venezuela



All Glories to Sri Guru and Sri Gauranga!

All Glories to His Divine Grace Srila Bhakti Sundar Govinda Dev-Goswami Maharaj,

Dear Srila Govinda Maharaj,

*O*N YOUR GLORIOUS 76TH APPEARANCE DAY ANNIVERSARY may I sincerely and humbly wish you a very happy birthday. With prayerful obeisances, I hope your day is cheerfully sweet and shared with your intimate associates.

Srila Govinda Maharaj, you are eternally showing the whole universe such mercy through practicing and teaching tolerance, humility and giving honor.

Thank you, Srila Gurudev, for your divine instructions in Krishna consciousness. Thank you for your kindness, generosity and love.

All glories to Srila Govinda Maharaj!

Sincerely
Jadunandan Das
Byron Bay, Australia

Dear Srila Gurudev,

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

Please accept our humble obeisances at your lotus feet.

*E*VERYWHERE WE LOOK, and increasingly more each day, we see so many wonderful manifestations that bare witness to Your Divine Grace's glories: temples established both in people's hearts and in cities around the world, and so many devotees who are being inspired in their spiritual lives by your perfect example of divine service.

What is it that makes your divine service so perfect? We feel it is your humility, tolerance and giving

honor to others without expecting honor in return. You embody these qualities in the most exalted and substantial way, and we feel that it is because of this that all your attempts to serve your Guru Maharaj are so beautifully crowned with success.

On this, your all-auspicious Appearance Day, we pray that Your Divine Grace will always remain our inspiration and guide and that, one day, by your mercy, we might learn how to glorify and serve you properly.

Again we offer our obeisances.

Your aspiring servants,
Krishnachandra Das
Anindita Devi Dasi
UK



All Glories to Sri Sri Guru-Gauranga!

Jaya Avirbhava Mahotsava 108 Srila Bhakti Sundar Govinda Dev-Goswami Maharaj Ki Jay!

Dearest Govinda Maharaj,

Please accept our dandavat pranams.

*T*HIS DAY OF YOUR ADVENT, the most auspicious for the fallen and liberated souls, gives us meaning to the word Grace. We can be reminded of the unprecedented good fortune we have had by your birth and through it our subsequent feeling of total love and total purpose.

Dearest Srila Gurudev, you protect us from being crushed by the weight of our unwanted desires for sense gratification, amidst a sea of indifference and from our hankering for the perpetual slumber that's a reaction from our depression in shattered illusions.

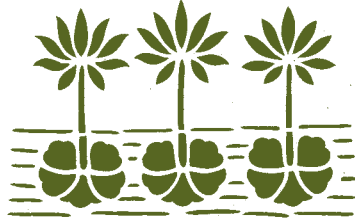
It is everyday that we worship your divine grace, giving thought to the special mercy we have been ex-

tended in the form of the service we attempt under your guidance. Yet today is uniquely special to your devotees as we can shamelessly declare the beauty and sweet benefit we have received by your appearance. We want everyday to be your Appearance Day!

We declare that we are easily the most fallen of your students and are ashamed at selfishly pursuing our own agendas, foolishly believing that we are somehow capable of developing our devotion in the company of ignorance, of which we are susceptible. Today we realize more than any other day that despite being the most in need of your mercy, without your appearance we would never have known the real existence of such a concept. In short without you we would be spiritually nowhere.

Srila Gurudev, thank you for the opportunity to serve, no matter how brief. One drop is enough to inundate the whole world and makes us drunk with love for Sri Gauranga. With your blessings we promise to make ourselves fit recipients of your grace, today and everyday. Our only prayer is that we may continue to offer you service and bring you joy in our attempt.

Your surrendered servants,
Navasundar Das
Subhadra Devi Dasi
Shivananda Sen Das
Australia



To Your Holiness Srila Bhakti Sundar Govinda Dev-Goswami Maharaj,

*P*LEASE ACCEPT MY APOLOGIES FOR EVERYTHING. I am sending a letter, but it is difficult for me to think of anything to say as I have no association and feel so far from the devotees. It is the most terrible thing that could ever happen.

I wish you the very best celebration ever!

Your lost servant,
Rasa Rani Devi Dasi

All Glories to Sri Guru and Sri Gauranga!

All Glories to Srila Bhakti Sundar Govinda Dev-Goswami Maharaj!

Beloved Srila Gurudev,

*P*LEASE ACCEPT MY RESPECTFUL REVERENCES AT YOUR LOTUS FEET. Adorable Srila Gurudev, your infinite causeless mercy accompanies every day of my life, and this love cannot be separated from my soul.

It is not easy to write to you, adorable Srila Gurudev, but I can say I love you and that my head is always under your divine lotus feet.

All glories to the transcendental day of your appearance!

Beautiful and beloved Srila Gurudev, thank you for showing the light to me when I feared the dark. Thank you for teaching love to me when I had envy. Thank you for teaching the Holy Name to me when I did not have Faith. Thank you for teaching me to give, when I have been egoistic. Thank you for teaching me how great are the Manifestations of the Infinite.

It is my desire that you have a wonderful, beautiful celebration.

I am very happy to be able to write these lines.

Your fallen servant,

Lalita Sundari Devi Dasi

Cancún, Quintana Roo, México



All Glories to Sri Sri Guru-Gauranga Gandharvika Giridharijiu!

Dear Srila Gurudev,

Please accept my obeisances in the dust of Your Lotus Feet.

FMUST ASK MYSELF, who am I to dare to glorify the greatest Vaisnava? Certainly my voice is just an irritating squeak before such an exalted and saintly soul. Yet there is one case when such impudence is excusable. That is when you want to express your gratitude to your Srila Gurudev for all His Mercy unto you. Even if this gratitude is expressed by my squeak - what can I do if that my capacity?

Dear Srila Gurudev, all the shastras and sadhus say that Guru is Krishna's blessing unto his disciple. To meet a pure devotee is much better for a fallen soul, than to search after a meeting with God Himself. One can commit so many offences to God, but His devotee is so merciful that He still gives knowledge, hope, love and kindness. Without the mercy of a pure devotee, without Your mercy, dear Srila Gurudev, there wouldn't be any chance for us to spiritually rise.

**aksnoh phalam tvadrsa-darsanam hi
tanoh phalam tvadrsa-gatra-sangah
jihva-phalam tvadrsa-kirtanam hi
sudurlabha bhagavata hi loke**

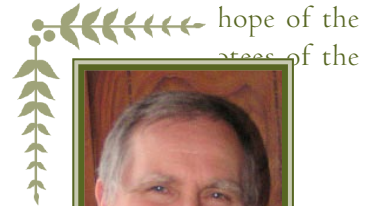
“O dear Vaisnava, seeing a person like you is the perfection of one's eyesight; touching your lotus feet is the perfection of the sense of touch, and glorifying your good qualities is the tongue's real activity, for in the material world it is very difficult to find a pure devotee of the Lord.”

Cc, Madhya, 20.61

Srila Gurudev, You are the personification of faith that comes from the upper abode. It is unlimited faith, hope, light and love of Mahaprabhu. You are an ocean of this great hope of the world of beauty and harmony. So I pray for the opportunity, in an attempt to reach the steps of the Supreme Lord, to serve the lotus feet of Your powerful servants.

Dear Srila Gurudev, please excuse me for these presumptuous words.

Your aspiring servant,
Dinasbraya Das
St Petersburg, Russia



All Glories to Srila Gurudev, His Divine Grace Srila Govinda Maharaj!

ON THE DIVINE DAY OF THE HOLY APPEARANCE of the loving transcendental pastimes of my very affectionate Gurudev, Srila Bhakti Sundar Govinda Maharaj, this lowly aspirant to Your Divine Grace prays to be allowed to prostrate with devotion under the loving shade emanating from Your resplendent Lotus Feet, the Supreme abode of Divine love.

On this indescribable and transcendental day Sri Krishna Chaitanya Nityananda showers His causeless mercy upon the innumerable fallen souls, including this insignificant Krsnacandra Das. I place my heart of steel at Your Feet. Please make it Yours.

Srila Gurudev I am not a devotee, so on Your very auspicious Appearance Day as well as everyday, allow me to offer myself to You. Please make me Yours. I am not a devotee so I offer myself to You. I offer my family, Janavi Devi Dasi, Krsna Gopal Das, Saraswati Devi Dasi and Utara Devi Dasi. They are yours. Please take them as we do not recognize any other refuge besides Your Lotus Feet.

On the most wonderful of all days, Your loving Appearance Day, we offer You what we are, Your lowest servants.

With a lot of affection and gratitude, we wish a happy day for You Srila Gurudev!

Srila Gurudev, allow a droplet of mercy for the Chanting of the Holy Names to be born in this heart.

Hare Krishna!

Aspiring to serve the Vaisnavas,
Krsnacandra Das and family
Quito, Ecuador



**Nama-srestham manum api saci-putram atra svarupam
Rupam tasyagrajam uru-purim mathurim gostavatim
radha- kundam giri-varam aho radhika-madhavasam
prapto yasya prathita-krpaya sri gurum tam nato smi**

“I am totally indebted to Srila Gurudev. Why? Because he has given me so much. He has given me the highest conception of the Holy Name of Krishna, the highest form of sound which contains the most exalted structure of thought, of ideals, everything! And then he has given the Maha Mantra.

He has given me the service of that great savior, the son of Mother Saci, Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu, who resembles a golden mountain signaling the way to Krishna-lila. Srila Gurudev has taken me to the lotus feet of Svarupa Damodara, Mahaprabhu’s favorite personal assistant, who is the representation of Lalita devi, Radhika’s favorite friend.

Besides, he has connected me with Sri Rupa, who was appointed to distribute the highest type of devotional love, Rasa. Also, by his grace, I have attained the association of Sri Sanatana Goswami.”

Karun Krsna Das
Maracaibo, Venezuela

Jaya Om Vishnupad Srila Bhakti Raksak Sridhar Dev-Goswami Maharaj Ki Jaya!

Dear Srila Govinda Maharaj,

*H*OW CAN I WRITE THAT I SURRENDER TO YOUR FEET WHEN I HAVE SO MANY SELF-INTERESTS?

I am ashamed to write just to tell you that I do not see a single drop of love inside of me and my intentions to serve are insignificant.

I want to learn English perfectly to be able to understand what you tell us. I also want to understand Sripad Bhakti Sudhir Goswami Maharaj. I need to understand English and want to live in London to continue learning music but I am afraid that all this effort is only mundane. Therefore, I beg for your mercy to keep me away from all activities not involved with service and which do not satisfy you.

It will not be easy to explain with words my objective and my plans, but you are a visionary of the desires in our heart and if my plans are according to your wishes everything will be a success despite any adversity. I am not afraid of having my plans frustrated but of wasting so much energy not dedicated to your satisfaction. I do not want to waste my life any longer, please remove all impediments in my road and give me again your blessings.

In this letter dedicated to your Appearance Day I write to ask you, as usual for such an unconscious son like me, that I want to learn how to give, truly!

Affectionately and with much fondness,
Robini Kumar Das

All Glories to Sri Guru and Sri Gauranga!

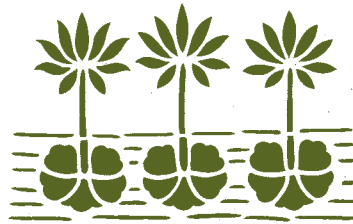
Dear Srila Gurudev,

*O*N THIS AUSPICIOUS SRI VYASA PUJA DAY, I want to join the universal wave of congratulations and joy, lovingly dedicated to the lotus feet of our Beloved Gurudev, His Divine Grace Srila B.S. Govinda Dev-Goswami Maharaj.

ullasita visvavasi labhe prema-dhana
anande naciya gahe tava gunagana

With love and respect

Your servant,
Madan Gopal Das
Quito, Ecuador



*A*LL GLORIES TO YOU SRILA BHAKTI SUNDAR GOVINDA DEV-GOSWAMI MAHARAJ on your appearance day, this joyous occasion!

How fortunate we are, how grateful we are to be in contact with Your Divine Grace and to learn from your mission that is inspiring devotees to become more spiritually learned and advanced in life.

You have brought me closer to Krishna, you have helped me to read, write, study, and think of Krishna and his ways. You have brought me to higher understanding, and now I am a vegetarian.

Oh how you have brought this lowly, unsatisfied, plain person to be a Krishna Conscious devotee.

Dandavat Pranams,
Gadaira Gauranga Das



All Glories to Sri Guru and Sri Gauranga!

All Glories to Srila Gurudev!
All Glories to the holy Appearance Day of Srila Govinda Maharaj!

Dear Srila Gurudev,

*H*APPY BIRTHDAY AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE BLESSING of true sweetness and beauty you have brought into my life.

Sincerest gratitude and heartfelt birthday wishes,

Dyuti Krishna Devi Dasi
Byron Bay, Australia

All Glories to Sri Guru and Sri Gauranga!

Dear Srila Gurudev,

Please accept my full dandavat pranams at your lotus feet.

*T*ODAY ALL ARE GLORIFYING THIS DAY OF YOUR DIVINE APPEARANCE IN THIS WORLD AND IN OUR LIVES. I write these few words to express my gratitude to the Lord for Your presence in my life, for allowing me to serve Your mission, although I am such a fallen soul.

Together with Srila Swami Prabhupad and Srila Guru Maharaj, Your Divine Grace has been my shelter and guide during the very difficult and painful days I have gone through.

I pray to them I will always be able to serve You, for You are their topmost servitor, the incarnation of prema, visible in your inconceivable level of humility, tolerance and respect to all.

Always think of me as a servitor that is always expecting to be useful for Your divine purposes in this world.

Grabbing Your lotus feet, I surrender in seva.

Your servant,
Bhuvana Mohan Das
Brazil



Dear Srila Gurudev, Savior of the fallen souls,

*M*Y HUMBLE DANDAVAT PRANAMS TO THE SWEET LOTUS FEET of a supremely surrendered soul who is serving Sri Sri Radha-Krishna!

I am deeply fallen however I continue trying to serve you. Please excuse my foolishness and give me your blessings so I can continue this search with full dedication for Sri Krishna, the Beautiful.

All glories to Srila Gurudev Srila Govinda Maharaja, Ki Jaya!

Your eternal servant,
Govardhan Das
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

All glories to Sri Guru and Sri Gauranga

Jaya Gurudev!

Dear Srila Gurudev,

Please accept my most humble obeisances. May your effulgent lotus feet always bless us.

*F*ROM SO FAR AWAY IN OUR SMALL TOWN CUMANA, Venezuela, we are always trying to remember you. According to our capacity, we have regular gatherings to chant the Holy Name of Mahaprabhu. We hold harinam kirtans and hari-katha only to be able to have you in our heart, have the fortune to see your tender, sweet face and receive in this way your mercy.

Your eternal aspiring servants,
Induleka Devi Dasi and the devotees from Cumana:
Tarmoyi Devi Dasi
Haridas Das
Nityananda Das
Kamalini Devi Dasi
Little Izan Devi Dasi

Laksmi Priya Devi Dasi
Bhaktin Juliana
Bhakta Hector
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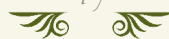
Dear Srila Gurudev,

*A*LL OUR HUMBLE OBEISANCES TO YOU. How can we tell You of our gratitude! You gave us so much mercy that changed our lives.

Dear Gurudev, You are for us the lovely, the wise, and the right soul. You give us so much that we feel love with no end. What you brought to us gives us answers and inspiration to our existence and we can appreciate more how it is given to us. Now we can't imagine our life without all this precious help and support.

Dear Gurudev, You brought us to a plane of sun, love and dedication. We are not great students, but we want to make progress. We won't give up—we will try to be better and better.

We are now in Vojvodina. There we will celebrate Your birthday and remember all the benefit, all the memories we have in Your company: Nabadwip, a place of peace and harmony; Govinda Kunda, where we had walks with You; Bamunpara, Your birthplace; and many others.



Happy Birthday to You!

Jaya Om Visnupada Paramahansa-Parivrajakacharyya-Varyya Astottara-Sata-Sri Srimad Bhakti Sundar Govinda Dev-Goswami Maharaj ki jaya!

Jaya Gurudev. Dandavats.

Prita Krishna Das

Nanda-Lala Das

Jagannath Das

Alhadini Devi Dasi

Dear Srila Gurudev,

*M*Y DANDA VAT PRANAMS TO YOUR LOTUS FEET! I wish to be your servant for eternity. You are all my inspiration for having faith in Krishna and love for Lord Chaitanya's mercy. You are the embodiment of that mercy; you are glorious, and I feel so fortunate to have the mercy of being your servant. Please let me serve you always!

Rukmini Devi Dasi

Columbia

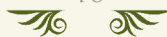


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All glories to you Srila Gurudev!

Of all the saints you are the best! When you chant the glories of the Lord, you release from suffering all those unfortunate souls who can listen to your sweet sound vibration.

When you dance to the transcendental sounds of the Holy Names, all the universes open up, so the inhabitants of the spiritual heaven can see you.



In ecstatic kirtans you sing “Nitai Gaura Haribol,” and you chant so lovely.
 Looking at your holy form, all souls dive into ecstatic love, and their eyes become full of tears.
 Ornamented with your saffron dress and decorated with your tilak, you shine like the golden sun and the
 scent of your body refreshes the entire environment.
 Your holy form always radiates a matchless beauty; only the full moon compares with your splendor.
 Your benevolence, sweet heart and happy smile are like clear water, pure and fresh that quenches the thirst
 of those who suffer from lack of affection and understanding.
 Your infinite mercy and your magnificence are constant in your dealings with all living entities.
 You are the most dear to everyone and the most worthy jewel of Srila Guru Maharaj.
 You have the dignity of all the instructing guardians of our Gaudiya Sampradaya.
 With your unlimited knowledge you have the strength and the character to defeat all materialistic mayavadis
 in debate, just like Lord Chaitanya did five hundred years ago.
 You reveal the deep meaning of the Vedanta and Holy Scriptures.
 You put up your little finger just like Lord Krishna did when he raised Govardhan Hill—in that moment
 he erased forever the fear of all the devotees who were under his shelter.
 Oh dearmost of the Vaisnava Kings: at your feet that shine like entire constellations I put all my faith and
 my service.
 Oh Gurudev, you who have all affection, please allow me to follow you to your transcendental abode—
 where your Lordship is reigning—and to forever serve you and your Vaisnava servitors.
 With the purest devotional love,

Your eternal servant,
Madhavi Devi Dasi
 Columbia



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My most humble obeisances to you, Srila Gurudev.

TODAY IS A VERY AUSPICIOUS DAY for all of us because it is your divine appearance in this mundane world in the age of Kali Yuga—and age that is defying us at every single moment. But in this fight against maya, I am fortunate to be in the association of all the devotees of Parama Karuna, following their instructions happily. They make me see life clearly. I feel plenty of happiness. Please forgive all my offences. I wish you a happy birthday and very good health. My obeisances to you. Hare Krishna.

Bhaktin Karina Alejandra Blanco Merchan
Caracas, Venezuela

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My dear Srila Gurudev,

TSAY YOU HAVE UNLIMITED MERCY IS NOT ONLY A SIMPLE PHRASE; it is something true and real. Although I have no merits, and I don't deserve anything in this world, you are always there, serving your Guru and looking at us with your sweet smile and your heart full of compassion. You are always giving me opportunities for service, a good family, a refuge all around the world and showering blessings in the form of instructions, nice association, service, temples and so much more.

You put in our lives people eager for Krishna consciousness in order to show us how much work we have to do in this world. You also put excellent servitors in my life in order to show me how devotional service should be done. You forgive all the offences that we make, giving nourishment to our soul in unlimited ways.

With all these gifts, I have no heart to ask you for anything else and no words to describe your glories. I can only bow my head before your feet thousands of times with my heart full of gratitude for you.

Your ever-aspiring servant,
Laksmi-kanti Devi Dasi
Caracas, Venezuela



Our Beloved Srila Bhakti Sundar Govinda Dev-Goswami Maharaj,

*T*HE APEX OF OUR LIVES AS ASPIRING RESIDENTS OF SRI GUPTA GOVARDHAN is to be exploring the oceanic glories of your divine personality. Drowning in this nectar-like substance one is plummeted upon the hard rocks of the reality that it is not possible to be engaged in the service of Sri Radhika without absolute surrender unto you.

In the maelstrom of your glories that leaves one short of breath, again and again one is brought to collide with the realization that “The Supreme Personality of Godhead Sri Hari embraced by the heart and halo of Sri Radhika has descended as the Divine master in the Holy Abode of Sri Nabadwip” and “Krishna’s most cherished form exists in Her heart so dear when you serve Gauranga Krishna will shine forth in that form so clear.” Her Service is your Service.

Without your Sankirttan each year Lord Gauranga does not rise. There is no Gaura Purnima, there is no illumination in the Gaudiya sky and the brahmanda will be plunged in darkness, having only the brahman for a dry resource of bliss.

What to say of your kirttan danam? One can only gasp for air, having the fortune to contemplate such things. If one can make your service their life then there is hope of such a reality becoming realized within their consciousness. Your service is the purifying agent that can establish the souls—drenched with the taste of Maya—in connection with the topmost plane of all consciousness.

This is not general praise that can be adorned upon any and every Vaisnava, but a jewel of glorification solely for you our Acharyya. For you the Acharyya, the chains of divine slavery lock away the heart of your devotees to the safe-keeping of your confidential worship of Srila Sridhar Maharaj.

Only the chaste can distill the universal attraction and glamour of union with the divine from cryptic sound of the katha that protects her lotus feet—and it is there that your service begins. The nature of Bhagavan is He who attracts all and forcibly engages them in service. Again and again as your disciple I am taken to this realization as the core of my sadhana. vidya vadhu jivanam. Engage me again and again.

Your first instruction for us is to chant the Holy Name, to study and become free of Nama aparadha, but while one maintains bodily attachment, what chance does one have? Make my body your body, and pass it through the telescope of the parampara. Save me from the apparent guise of your service engagement as fruitful activities. Take what I keep in the dark and expose it for what it is. Allow it to be burnt by the flames of sacrifice that fuel the service plane. Sing your magnificent song my master, and drown this universe with Sri Gaura Prema. Use my life as extra resource in your seva, make my mind a sharpening

stone of your conception, my tongue a knife in the fight against the illusionary doctrines encasing the conditioned souls. Make my heart a bomb of your transcendental affection in the war with Maya.

Oh Gurudev, forever my love is for you.

Ishabandhu Das
Australia

All glories to His Divine Grace Sri Srila Bhakti Sundar Govinda Dev-Goswami Maharaj!

Dear Srila Gurudev,

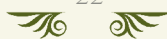
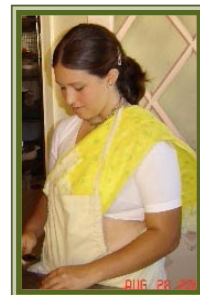
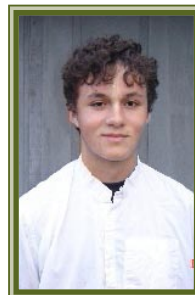
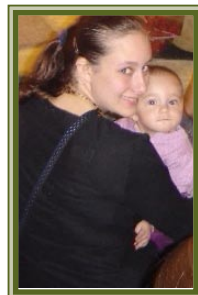
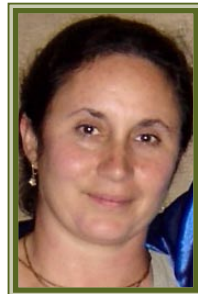
*P*LEASE ACCEPT OUR SINCERE DANDAVAT PRANAMS AT YOUR BEAUTIFUL LOTUS FEET, by whose mercy we may learn to serve Their Supreme Lordships in love and dedication.

We miss you so much and wish you a very happy and healthy birthday celebration. We are remembering when you were here for your Vyasa Puja last year and gave us all wonderful mercy. Your keep our hearts nourished and help us see the beauty of your Soquel Seva Ashram.

Our prayer on this most auspicious of days is that we may stay close to you and your sincere servitors. It is our only hope of learning to serve Their Divine Lordships Sri Sri Radha Krishna.

With much affection,
KrsnaPriya Dasi and family:
Vyasadev Das
Cbitra Dasi
Shivani Dasi
Damayanti Dasi
Nandini Dasi
Dhruva Das
Janavi Dasi

Soquel, California



My Dear Srila Gurudev,

*P*LEASE ACCEPT MY DANDAVAT PRANAMS AT YOUR LOTUS FEET. Just a short message on this auspicious day.

In this present time of trouble, to even see your divine form in a picture and to hear (or read) your words over the Internet gives infinite hope to those of us who cannot have the direct darshan of Your Divine Grace. Your smiling face gives a reminder of your fathomless affectionate heart.

You are our connection, even in the remotest parts of this world, to the invincible current of the Gaudiya Vaisnava Parampara.

All victory and glory to Your Divine Grace on this holy day. May you bask in the affection of your super-excellent divine master today and for eternity.

Nitai Gaura Premanande Haribol.

Your aspiring servant,
Paramananda Das
UK



All glories to Sri Sri Guru-Gauranga

Dear Srila Govinda Maharaj,

*P*LEASE ACCEPT MY HUMBLE DANDAVAT PRANAMS AT YOUR LOTUS FEET. The heartfelt glorification I want to render unto you must be the most exclusive and well-conceived possible. But how can the faulty ever understand the perfect? How can the mundane mind compete with transcendental revelation?

So in my hopeless, fallen condition I can only pray that you will be merciful to me and give your service. I am paying my repeated obeisances to you, Srila Guru Maharaj and Srila A.C Bhaktivedanta Swami Maharaj because you are all the most munificent and kind, spreading the divine message of love of God throughout the world, melting the hearts of everyone. Your exclusive mood of service to Srila Guru Maharaj is well documented, and Srila Guru Maharaj himself on numerous occasions—including his own Vyasa Puja day—spent a long time glorifying you.

I am only too glad and fortunate to have met you. Your deep wisdom and perfect understanding of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu's doctrine blends with your very kindly disposition. Your very light-hearted way with others makes you the perfect Acharyya.

I can only hope and pray your health and strength endures, and that you don't forget this fallen soul.

Aspiring to be a servant of a servant of your servant's servant,
Bhakti Nandan Narayan
Mauritius

All Glories to Sri Sri Guru-Gauranga

Dear Srila Gurudev,

 PLEASE ACCEPT MY MOST HUMBLE DANDAVAT PRANAMS UNTO YOUR HOLY LOTUS FEET. I hope you are enjoying sound health.

On this most auspicious occasion, I wish you a happy appearance day. All glories to you. All glories to your servants. All glories to Sri Sri Guru Gauranga Gandharvva Govinda Sundar Gopaljiu ki jaya! All glories to Sri Nabadwip Dham ki jaya! All glories to Sri Bamunpara Dham ki jaya!

Your servant's servant,
Rajendralall Das
UK

All glories to Sri Sri Guru-Gauranga

 PLEASE ACCEPT OUR HUMBLE OBEISANCES TO YOUR LOTUS FEET. On this occasion we wish you a happy Vyasa Puja.

Your humble servants,
Kanai Krishna Das
Rai Pratima Devi Dasi
Bhakta Madhava
UK



All glories to Sri Guru and Sri Gauranga!

**samsara-davanala-lidha-lokatranaya
karunya-ghanaghanatvam
praptasya kalyana-gunarnavasya
vande guroh sri-charanaravindam**

Dear Srila Bhakti Sundar Govinda Dev-Goswami Maharaj,
Please accept our heartfelt obeisances.

Let us congratulate You on Your Birthday!

*W*E ALWAYS FEEL YOUR ENCOURAGEMENT HELPS US DAILY CHANT SIXTEEN ROUNDS OF JAPA and read Srimad Bhagavad-Gita and Sri Sri Prapanna Jivanamritam by Srila Bhakti Raksak Sridhar Dev-Goswami Maharaj. We want to receive Your darshan very, very much!

Hare Krishna!

Your humble servant,
Abhimanyu Das
Alina (my wife)
Sita (my daughter)
Ventspils, Latvia

All glories to Sri Guru and Sri Gauranga

*V*ASA PUJA OFFERING TO OUR DEAR SRILA GURU MAHARAJ.
Please accept our dandavats at Your holy lotus feet.

Dear Srila Govinda Maharaj,
Your everlasting smile is engraved within our mind.
Within this plane no one is to be found of Your kind.
In the moment of our deepest despair
our only hope is to know that You are there.
The thought of You is what gives us hope
and what helps us cope.
Within this mortal world there is no true shelter to be found.

Just things that function as substitutes and keep us bound.
Love and affection, what the heart really craves for,
that is what we hope for, more and more.
You always tell us this path is both difficult and plain,
but once you start to follow nothing will ever be the same.
For us there is no way back
and even when everything around us seems black.
You are that shining light.
Your presence is what makes everything bright.
May we become true servants in heart and soul.
Dear Srila Gurudev, please make us whole.

Your aspiring servants,
Arjjananda Das
Parama Bhakti Dasi
Lila Sundari Dasi
Devananda Das
The Netherlands

All glories to Sri Guru and Sri Gauranga

Dearest Srila Gurudev,

 PLEASE ACCEPT OUR MOST HUMBLE DANDAVAT PRANAMS AGAIN AND AGAIN at your divine lotus feet on this most holy of holy days.

Out of Supreme Compassion and Mercy you have manifested your transcendental activities of distributing the message of Divine Love for the benefit of all enamored by mundane illusion.

Carrying within you the treasure of your Divine Master, the Supremely Illustrious Guardian of Devotion His Divine Grace Srila Guru Maharaj, you are the nectar-ean crest jewel of the Gaudiya Sampradaya of Sri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu.

Distributing the nectar of Harinam Sankirtan and enhancing the teachings of Srila Guru Maharaj and the whole Gaudiya Vaisnava Sampradaya, you are supremely happy.



The highest harmony of Love's Divine Service is your only inspiration, the transcendental destination and desire of only the most fortunate of pure-hearted souls.

How the supremely merciful, loving plane of sweetness, beauty, and charm is manifest in this world through Your Divine Grace is the inscrutable wonder of wonders.

Oh dearest Srila Gurudev, we are pitifully languishing in this mortal world for want of the most precious of all precious things: a drop of your divine mercy.

What hope do we have? Only to render genuine loving service to your lotus feet.

On this most auspicious of holy days, we rejoice in the festival of the advent of your divine pastimes and humbly pray to remain the aspiring servants of the servants of your loving servants.

Krsna Ballabha Das
Sulocana Devi Dasi

Dearest Srila Gurudev,

Happy Appearance Day!

*P*LEASE ACCEPT MY HUMBLE OBEISANCES TO YOUR HOLY LOTUS FEET. I love You very much and appreciate that You have given me the opportunity to be Your disciple. Your Grace is the most inspirational influence in my life. Sometimes I feel overwhelmed when I have a sudden realization that Your Divine Grace is my connection to the Supreme Personality of Godhead. You have blessed me and my family. I go to sleep every night listening to Your voice on my CD player in the hopes that You will be in my dreams.

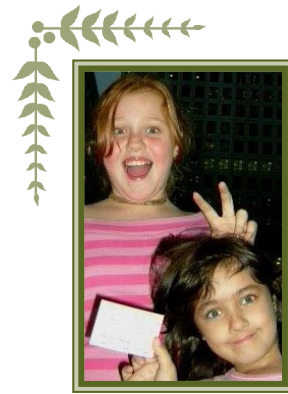
Your loving disciple,
Jabnavi Devi Dasi (age 10)
London
Dear Gurudev, Srila Govinda Maharaj,

Happy Appearance Day!

PLEASE ACCEPT MY HUMBLE DANDAVATS AT YOUR HOLY LOTUS FEET. GURUDEV, I feel so happy that You are here in this world with us. I love You so much and wish I could visit You in India sometime. Thank You for being my Gurudev. I hope that even in my next life I will still be Your disciple.

You mean so much to me, and I always say Your pranam mantra, the pancha tattva mantra and then the Maha-mantra on the way to school while thinking of You. I know that all the living entities like the trees and animals can hear me, so they too can have Your Divine Grace's blessing on Your holy appearance day. I read some of the Gita out loud to my mom and sister and a squirrel and some birds in our garden came to listen.

Love from *Kalindi Mayi Devi Dasi* (age 7)
London



My Dearest Gurudev,

Please accept my humble obeisances at Your holy lotus feet and forgive my many offences.

WE ARE SO BLESSED TO HAVE YOUR DIVINE GRACE'S ASSOCIATION, love and protection in this lifetime—more blessed than anyone can conceive of. You said to us once: "Remember, I am always with you," and Your Divine Grace's words are embedded in my heart and mind for eternity. We are never alone. You are always with us. For this reason I rarely feel separation from Your Grace. I feel Your presence constantly, because You are so powerful, loving and merciful. You have kept us under Your Divine wing of protection, without which we are lost in a quagmire of illusion and death. S.O.S. Save our souls. Please keep us close to You forever.

With much love and affection,
Your grateful disciple,
Harivallabha Devi Dasi
London

All glories to Sri Guru and Sri Gauranga!

Dandavat pranams Srila Gurudev!

*B*EG YOUR GRACE TO KINDLY ACCEPT THE WISHES OF THIS MOST FALLEN SOUL, on this holy occasion of your divine appearance!

Gurudev! Although I very well know that I don't deserve any chance to get my wish fulfilled being in the lowest position among those striving to serve you, I beg Your Divine Grace to consider me, as I've no other choice except to be at your graceful disposal!

Oh Most Merciful Master! Please forgive the offences of this most fallen soul and grace me with your Divine Blessings so that even I can achieve any meager level of spiritual development!

Jaya Gurudev! Hare Krishna!

Sincerely,
Servant of the servant of your servant,
Jaya Kumar Das

Dear Srila Govinda Maharaj,

*O*N THIS MOST AUSPICIOUS DAY OF YOUR APPEARANCE, please accept our humble obeisances at your divine lotus feet.

All glories to your divine master, the Founder-Acaryya of Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math, Sri Srimad Bhakti Rakshak Sridhar Dev-Goswami Maharaj! All glories to you, his beloved disciple! You possess all good qualities!

Dear Srila Gurudev, we are thankful to you for giving us shelter at your divine lotus feet and initiating us into the chanting of the Holy Name. It has been a long way for us, and now we are happy because Sri Krishna Chaitanya Mahaprabhu bestowed upon us His causeless mercy by giving us the spiritual master to guide us.

You are our master, and our only desire is to become your servants. We are praying to you, "Please engage us in the service of your lotus feet and the Vaishnavas."

We wish you a long and happy life in the service of Sri Guru for the benefit of all living entities.

Your servants,
Tulasi Manjari Devi Dasi
Hladini Sakti Devi Dasi
N.Novgorod, Russia

All Glories to Sri Sri Guru-Gauranga!

All Glories to our beloved Srila Govinda Maharaj!

Dear Srila Govinda Maharaj,

 PLEASE ACCEPT OUR RESPECTFUL AND HUMBLE DANDAVAT PRANAMS at your divine lotus feet that lighten our lives.

Jay Srila Gurudev! I hope your health is very well and that the Lord overwhelms you with love and happiness. All glories on the day of your advent, your Vyasa Puja.

You are the heart of our lives, who always overwhelms our souls with happiness and light, offering us the best love. You are the king of kings, my beloved Gurudev, the most valuable jewel of all worlds. With your divine example, you give us the vision to dedicate ourselves in authentic devotional service.

The sweet love that you grant us gives fullness and happiness to all the devotees of the world. You are the one that makes everything beautiful and with you everything is great and pleasant and you give us the strength to continue fighting against the illusion (Maya). You are the medicine that alleviates us from the burden of this life.

You are our beloved Nityananda, and we are always praying to obtain your love and mercy. Allow these insignificant servants to take shelter at your feet.

Doya Mayi
Baladeva Das
Nitai Chaitanya Das
Bogota, Colombia

All glories to Sri Sri Guru-Gauranga

All glories to my Spiritual Master, His Divine Grace Srila Bhakti Sundar Govinda Dev-Goswami Maharaj!

All glories to our beloved Srila Guru Maharaj!

Dear Srila Gurudev,

*P*LEASE ACCEPT MY HUMBLE, full dandavat pranams at Your Lotus Feet on the special occasion of Your glorious 76th Vyasa Puja.

When I see the darkness of Kali Yuga and all the problems I must live through I immediately remember my merciful connection with my beloved Srila Gurudev. I feel that I am one of the most fortunate men in the world.

I hope one day I may really serve You.

With love,
Humbly,
Your servant,
Ananta Dev Das

Life of Service

All glories to you, dear Srila Gurudev!

*W*ISHING YOU GOOD HEALTH, good friends and good prasadam on your 76th appearance day.

Your life is a life of service to Sri Hari, Guru and Vaisnava, dear Srila Govinda Maharaj. Practicing what you preach, you lead the way for all to follow in the footsteps of Sri Guru. You bestow your Divine Grace. If I don't try and follow you my life will be a disgrace.

Your mystic power illuminates the hearts of your disciples and friends, and from your seat you sustain the worldwide mission of your beloved Srila Guru Maharaj. You are my great fortune, my best friend,

my lord and master, my past, present and future. O dear Srila Gurudev, thank you for accepting me into your household and mission.

Srila Guru Maharaj described the Math as a hospital, and you are the Chief Consultant. With all the cures for our ills in your pocket, you freely give us the eternal prescription. But like a foolish child I don't take that medicine of service to the Holy Name. I pray that one day I may take that medicine. This is my only hope.

Dear Srila Gurudev, you are our wonder healer, just like Srila Swami Maharaj. The cure for our ills is service to the Vaisnavas; the medicine for our disease is the Holy Name. The remedy for our progress is humility, tolerance and giving respect to others. And your sweet smile is more powerful than the strongest painkiller.

I hope that I remain sick forever, if I can be a patient in your hospital. And one day I might take that medicine and receive some small service. Only you can heal my wounds, and smash the black box of my heart to make me a fit disciple, to become servant, not master.

You have shown us how dangerous name, fame and good fortune can be: maya's most powerful weapons, the eternal test of the false ego. But by practicing tolerance, humility and giving honor to others, we can defeat the servants of maya and cross over the ocean of illusion.

All glories to you, Srila Gurudev, Liberator of the Universe,
Chief Consultant for all living beings, Merciful Benefactor of the sincere seeker.

I, your Pranashis, lay my head at your beautiful lotus feet.

Happy birthday to you, dear Srila Bhakti Sundar Govinda Dev-Goswami Maharaj.

Your aspiring disciple,
Pranashis Das
Germany