



Ode To Our Divine Master

Supreme Master, our
Reservoir of joy and
Infinite transcendental qualities, we surrender to your
Lotus feet.
Agent of Perfect Truth – We offer all glories to you!

Gurudeva! You are an
Ocean of Mercy, benefiting the whole world.
Victorious in every field of life,
Inconceivable genius,
Nityananda's pleasure ever plays within thy heart.
Divine Treasure of Compassion and Devotion, thou art
Acharyya Bhaskara, resplendent as the Sun!

Matchless beauty of your holy form,
Adorned with Tilak, Tulasi Beads and sandalwood fragrance.
Humble, giving honor, in sweet conversation,
Awakening the thought of the Lord in the minds of all. The nectar of
Radha-Govinda's Pastimes we may drink only through your Grace.
Always - Past, Present, Future - for all Eternity, we beg for your mercy.
Jai Guru Maharaj!

Vijay Krishna Das
on behalf of all the Singapore Devotees



My Lord, my Master,

One year more you are granting us your divine mercy; one year more you are giving us the gift of your divine presence; one year more are you allowing us to contemplate your divine lotus feet. But what we are giving to you? Nothing! We are moving as egocentric particles instead of as atoms of a circle, in which the center is you. Attempts, attempts. You are only contemplating how we are offering ashes instead of service. How great is your mercy!

I pray to Srimati Tulasi Devi for a drop of devotion. I pray for the arrival of the day when obstacles do not come that impede me from prostrating at your lotus feet like a staff; from surrendering with body, mind and soul. I pray for the death of this material life, which is catching and consuming us. I pray to be alive and devoted to your service forever.

Your manifestation on this plane is the day of the most auspicious celebration in the whole universe. This day is so incredible that Param Guru Maharaj himself, who is your life and soul, has chanted your glories on this day. How great must be this day! It's a day like no other! If you allow me, I will join your devotees; from behind I will chant the glories of your divine appearance. Srila Guru Maharaj ki jaya!

Forever yours, and not to anyone else,

Madhuchanda Devi Dasi, Vera Cruz, Mexico



What can I say to you Srila Maharaj?

I have dedicated my life to committing sin after sin and even so you lifted me on your arms like an orphan child that has been wandering in the dark streets of death and suddenly found his lost father.

You granted me the sacred shadow of your lotus feet under the guidance of your dear servants. This is much more than I can expect in millions and millions of pious births.

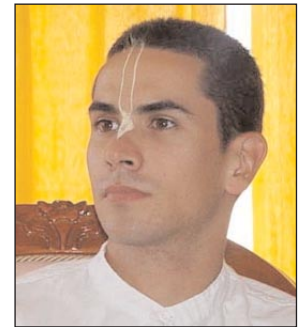
All the good qualities are happily living inside you, and with infinite humbleness, tolerance and respect you are teaching how to develop these in stone hearts like mine

I cannot but express my most sincere gratefulness toward you for this undeserved mercy on the beautiful occasion of your appearance day.

What more can I say to you Srila Maharaj? Again and again I bow down unto you in your eternal service.

Your unworthy servant,

Gauracandra Das, Venezuela





Sri Sri Guru Gauranga Jayatah!

All glories to the 75th appearance day celebration of His Divine Grace Srila Bhakti Sundar Govinda Dev-Goswami Maharaj!

Dear Srila Gurudev,

It is my greatest fortune and a supreme blessing to remember Your Holy Lotus feet on the occasion of Your Divine appearance in this world. I am humbled and heart-melted by Your kindness to this unworthy soul. In Your great generosity You always disregard our defects and magnify whatever feeble attempt we have made towards Your service, just as the swan separates milk from water. All of my personal attempts, both mundane and spiritual, have proven worthless or reactionary. I can only pray exclusively for Your Divine Mercy as my only source of spiritual nourishment. I have personally experienced the miraculous efficacy of Your Grace upon my practicing life. *klesagni subhada moksa laghutakrt.*

Therefore, to be engaged in Your service is my only desire and aspiration. Your Mercy is the very substance of my life. *yogyata vicare, kichu nahi pai, tomara karuna-sara.* Your Grace has personally demonstrated that it is rare and excellent to live in obedience to a superior shelter and guide, and to completely abandon the selfish idea of being one's own master, a free agent, or a finished professor. That misconception has brought ruin to many and is the antithesis to saranagati. It is the fundamental miscalculation that plagues all of humanity, and like a whirlwind, it throws the dust of materialistic self-interest into our tender spiritual eyes. Only Your Grace can clear our consciousness and vision of these selfish delusions, and for that You are the greatest friend, trustworthy guardian, and affectionate shelter of all souls.

By Your superior example we can begin to understand the true purport and witness the practical demonstration of *sarvopadhi vinirmuktam tat paratvena nirmalam* - what it truly means to abandon all phases of provincial interest and nakedly approach the Supreme Truth, attaining a positive engagement in the service world of Reality the Beautiful. Although Your Grace is fully engaged externally, internally there is nothing but the pure desire to satisfy that higher interest. Therefore Your Grace is completely aloof from all reactionary activities. Nirguna. Your Divine Grace fully manifests the potency of adjusting all souls in their proper service positions. That potency is the exclusive property of the Supreme Personality of *Servitor* Godhead. *kintu prabhor yah priya eva tasya.*

By Your Grace the inconceivable and transcendental becomes approachable, and only then, by the gracious mercy of Your Divine magnanimity. As Srila Rupa Goswami Prabhupad has stated:

atah sri krsna namadi, na bhaved grahyamindriyaih

"The transcendental reality of Sri Krsna's nama, guna, rupa, lila cannot be approached through the mind or senses, but appears of its own volition."





As Srila Guru Maharaj has explained: All rights are reserved. Reality is for Itself and by Itself, or as the Upanishads have also stated: *yam evaisa vrnute tena labyas*. Reality is self-evident, self-revealing by His own choice, and super-subjective. When the serving tendency is awakened within the aspiring devotees by Your Divine Grace and benediction, a true and reliable connection is established with that inconceivable Divine Reality. *sevonmukhe hi jivadau*.

As the manifest agent of that Divine Reality, Your Grace reveals Your Divine Service family as You Yourself choose, and by the conscious light rays of Your manifest service to the Rupanuga sampradaya, Your Grace illumines the path of all blessedness for the aspiring devotees. As the rising sun reveals a hidden path, Your Divine Personality, character and instructions reveal our highest, sweetest, spiritual aspiration, the hidden treasure within our hearts.

I pray that I may constantly accept Your Divine Grace into my heart, making me ever more humble, more dedicated, and more earnest to renounce my own misconceived local interest, remembering always my poverty in devotional qualities and exclusive dependence upon Your Divine Grace.

It is mysteriously beautiful that the greatest of devotional personalities, who are the dearest in the eyes of the Lord, are the lowest in their own estimation. *jnana sunya bhakti*. The more glorious they are, the more humble their spirit. We have been told by Srila Guru Maharaj that the overwhelming proximity of Divine Reality makes them so, as demonstrated in the mood of Srila Krsna Das Kaviraj Goswami when he sang: *prapistha purisera kita haite muni se laghista*.

Regretfully we will be unable to personally attend Your Vyasa Puja celebrations in Nabadwip as our service engagement to Your Grace necessitates our presence here in Oregon at this time. We are Your exclusive dependents. You are the only Lord of our lives. *mat prana-natas tu sa eva naparah*.

Ever aspiring for Your Divine Service connection,

Mathuranath das
Krsnangini dasi
Sundar Syam das
Vinodini devi dasi
Oregon, USA





Dear Gurudev,

Please accept my sincere and humble reverences. My name is Rama Sundar dasa. I live in Brazil in the city of Sorocaba (near the city of São Paulo). Here you have a small community of Vaishnavas who are your sincere disciples, and my seva is to try to inspire them in the service of your Divine Grace, of the Vaishnavas and of Krishna.

You are really doing an incomparable service to Srila Guru Maharaj, and in my humble opinion, I am sure that he is very happy. Your example inspires us to want to serve you more and more and always in a better way. Please permit us to do more service to you because this is the way of life more glorious than all others.

From your servant,

Rama Sundar dasa



Dear Srila Gurudev,

We must bow down to Your Sweet Holy Lotus Feet as You alone have taken Your dear sweet Guru Maharaj's inspirations and made them into reality so the whole world can have a taste of True Krishna Consciousness. We are so happy that we have the eternal connection of our beloved Srila Guru Maharaj and You, Dear Srila Gurudev.

Our luck is to know we are in the care of the Highest! We are holding on to You, dear Srila Gurudev as well as our sweet Srila Guru Maharaj. As our Guru Maharaj would teach: Faith and Love are the ticket Home. So, our eyes are looking towards Home with You, dear Srila Gurudev, leading us that way. We may struggle, but Faith will take us because that is what our dear Srila Guru Maharaj said.

Happy Birthday To You Forever!

Love from Your friends forever,

Rayarama and Cintamani
Hawaii, Maui



All Glories to Sri Guru and Sri Gauranga



My Dear Srila Gurudev,

Please accept my dandavat pranams at your lotus feet. All glories to Your Divine Grace on your Holy Appearance Day. All glories to the divine mission of your inconceivably glorious Guru Maharaj - His Divine Grace Srila B.R. Sridhar Deva Goswami Maharaj.



Ananta Sesa has given us some advice when trying to describe the Lord's infinite glories. Despite having numerous mouths and tongues, he found it impossible to come anywhere near giving the full picture. However, as we are told, the pleasure relished in the attempt also defies description.

Likewise, the time has come once again to try and glorify you, Srila Gurudev, on Your Vyasa Puja. Despite the limits of the English language and the infinitesimal capacity of this fallen soul, it is always a happy task to attempt to find a few words of appreciation for Your Divine Grace on your appearance day. Please forgive any offences caused by ignorance in this attempt.

Each year it seems you have shown increased superhuman qualities in spreading the influence of Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math all over the world. The Nabadwip Math now looks magnificent, full of opulence, showing that Sri Guru and Sri Gauranga are reciprocating because of your sincere service to them.

You have surpassed so called big personalities of the material world like Napoleon and Hitler by conquering Russia. They tried by force and failed. Through your affection, the sincere devotees of Russia have gladly surrendered to your lotus feet.

As you revealed once when speaking about your divine relationship with Srila Sridhar Maharaj, it wasn't necessarily any high philosophical revelation about Sri Krishna that made you stay with your Guru Maharaj, but the deep affection he showed to you. It is such a sweet and simple thing. It gives us infinite hope, especially as you are freely distributing this mood to all, regardless of position. This means that Krishna Consciousness can be so simple that even children, animals and trees can feel benefit and affection from the highest region.

Srila Gurudev, no doubt many lives I have to come in this material place, but please never forget this insignificant fool. However long it takes, I aspire only for the service of your servants' servants. Once again please accept my dandavat pranams with very best and affectionate wishes on this holy day.

Hare Krishna. Gaura Haribol.

Your aspiring servant,
Paramananda das
U.K.





Dear Gurudev,

My life really began on the 24th of June, 2000, by my ritvik initiation in the house of Amiya Krsna Prabhu. By your mercy, I live a spiritual life.

All glories to the pure devotees of Sri Krishna!
Jaya Bhakti Sundar Govinda Dev-Goswami Maharaj!
Jaya Gaura Bhakta Vrinda!

Your humble servant,
Doyal Nitay Das
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil



All Glories to Sri Sri Guru and Gauranga!

Dearest Guru Govinda Maharaja,

Please accept my humble obeisances. Hare Krishna!

From all the Love in my life You are the giver.
From all the wisdom in my life You are the knower.
From all the questions that I have You have got the answers.
From all the guidance that I need You can give it.

Please allow me to find my way to get to know what Seva is all about. I want to become wise and peaceful, and I pray for the strength and knowledge to serve You right. I truly love You deeply. You are the everlasting Light on my path. May this attempt reach You in good health. And may I learn to serve Your Lotus feet. Please guide me forever!

Guru Maharaja ki jay!
Hare Krishna Hare Krishna Krishna Krishna Hare Hare!
Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare!

I am but a fallen soul.
Lavanya Moyee dasi
Utrecht, Holland





Sri Sri Guru Gauranga Jayatah!

My dear spiritual father and master, Srila Govinda Maharaj,

Please accept my sincere dandavat pranams. I have your photo in front of me, and I sincerely wish to write you some words in order to honor you on your glorious Vyasa Puja. I am not capable of doing it properly, however. Your body is the sacred dhama, and mine is miserable, full of desires; your soul is pure, and mine is full of sin; you are an expert in all Vedic conceptions *cintyacintya-samasta-veda nipunam*, and I am a stupid person.

But whenever you write to me and say "my affectionate blessings with love," my tiny soul revives full of hope and happiness just by your affection. This affection you give me makes me your slave day by day. Your affection for me is my unique qualification. No doubt, there may be many genuine gurus who speak spiritual truths, but no one speaks and preaches as you and my spiritual grandfather do. There may be many noble missions, many houses, but none are equal to Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math. The son only feels comfortable at the father's house.

Together with my god-brothers Doyal Nitay das, Radha Krsna das, Bhuvana das and many others from Brazil, I wish you a happy Vyasa Puja!

Yours,
Jayadeva Das
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

P.S. After your blessings, my mother is recovering her health little by little.



All glories to the most exalted servant of Srila Bhakti Raksaka Sridhar Dev-Goswami Maharaj, who is humbly preaching the glories of Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu.

You are a devotee of first quality who is constantly engrossed in the lila of the Supreme Lord. I prostrate myself reverently at your holy feet and beg for your mercy.

Govinda Vilasa Das





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

All Glories to His Divine Grace Om Visnupada Paramahansa Parivrajakacharya
Astottara Sata-Sri Srila Bhakti Sundar Govinda Maharaj
On the Holy Advent of His 75th Most Auspicious Appearance Day

Most Respected Dear Govinda Maharaj,

Bowing down unto Your Sweet Lotus Feet is the fortune that is not destined for many. All who have had the blessed opportunity to have Your direct association know what it means. That is why I offer my most humble obeisances unto those Holy Feet and worship them because there is no other way to progress or move towards the goal of life if we disrespect them. We have to remember our spiritual father and master Srila Bhakti Raksak Sridhar Dev-Goswami Maharaj who kindly and expertly placed You on the radiant transcendental path and recognized Your most pleasing nature - that of Sundar - which is therefore especially beautiful to devotees who have natural respect for Him.

I pray to the Lord Sri Gauranga for auspiciousness during this day and hoping that Your transcendental body be decorated with fine garments, flowers, sweet oils, tilaka, sandalwood paste and all the paraphernalia. When devotees eagerly long for Your association and receive the mercy of devotional service, that is the moment when the pain of separation is most felt. I am sure that those blessed souls, who are under Your direct protection, are experiencing the highest ecstasy on this very special day, realizing their great fortune constantly. This is the day of immense bliss for the whole world and is understood as such by all sincere surrendered devotees.

Being of inferior character and acting in ordinary ways, I am unable to appreciate You in a proper way and that is why I beg, please be merciful unto me on this glorious day of Your Vyasa Puja. Please help me remove all the impurities since I am lowest-born. You are the One who is able to do so with love and without discrimination. Kindly forgive me for any offences I may have committed towards You in the past due to my deep ignorance.

Wishing You all the best and hoping that you are in a good physical state and relishing the association of pure servants of the Lord on this extraordinary day of Your manifestation. I remain in the service of Sri Sri Guru and Gauranga and am repeatedly longing for the Nectar of Your Lotus Feet and for service to Your Dedicated and Sincere Servants.



Bilvamangala Das
Holland



The Holy Advent

On this day, the most worship-able for the entire Gaudiya Vaishnava world, we consider it extremely fortunate to have the opportunity to address your Divine Grace. In our attempt to do so we feel very unqualified but we will take this opportunity for our own purification. Your uncommon and extraordinary personality, your nobility and greatness were proclaimed by your Guru Maharaja, and you are fully adorned with the blessings of all your Gurus, your Guru-varga.

**Yasya deve para bhaktir, yatha deve tatha gurau
Tasyaite kathita hy arthah, prakasante mahatmanah**

The key to success in spiritual life is unflinching devotion to both the spiritual master and Krishna.

Although the scriptures teach us how to control kama, krodha and lobha, there is only one thing by which we can conquer all these abnormalities. What is that? Guru-bhakti.

etat sarvvam gurau bhaktya, puruso hy anjasa jayet

We are to withdraw all plans and put everything just in this one point. Whatever is coming through the Guru, the representation of the Lord, we shall do that. There is no necessity of any other thinking, planning or designing.

After Guru Maharaja passed away you took firm control of the rudder, without considering if someone was a disciple of this Guru or that Guru. You are guiding and helping everyone. You are the bestower of the seed of divine love, as composed by Srila Sridhar Dev-Goswami Maharaja,

vande visva –gurun ca divya-bhagavat-premno hi bija-pradam.

“You are the Guru of the entire universe and the bestower of the seeds of divine love for the Supreme Lord.”

Your lotus feet destroy the pain of material existence. You relieve all the miseries of your surrendered servants, and they will eagerly aspire to take shelter under your lotus feet in surrender. The pain of all who come to serve you will be removed and their inner necessities will be fulfilled, because you are providing affectionate care of those who take shelter in you; they are given protection as well as everything they may need. You are always surrounded by exclusive servants, valuable devotional company, who are irresistibly attracted by your super excellent qualities.

For the sake of the devotees welfare you accepted sannyasa in order to save them and renew the hope of those who have been misguided. You also treat your servitors with affection and dignity, and you show respect for your disciples.





We remembered once in Vrindavan, after a new devotee had been initiated, he used to come every day and ask you for some service, at which Your Divine Grace remarked, "I do not know this devotee well. I don't know what his capacity is. I don't want to give any service that could be beyond his capacity, and later if he cannot do this service it will create some disturbances in his mind. In this way I do not want to put any disturbances in the mind of my disciples." Guru Maharaja describes one of the Guru's qualities; he must be prudent, with good sense. That shows clearly that you are very cautious with your disciples' spiritual lives.

In the form of Guru, Krishna blesses the fortunate souls. We are praying that the glorification of Your Divine Grace through your associates and devotees continue forever.

Taking advantage of this occasion we would like to beg your Divine Grace to please claim us like your property. You are very kind to accept our attempts at service.

Rajaram Das
Revati DD, and
Bimlanandini DD
California



Dearest Srila Govinda Maharaja,

I offer my heartfelt obeisances at your holy lotus feet. All Glories to you on your Divine Appearance Day!

You are the most dear divine servitor of His Divine Grace Srila Bhakti Raksak Srila Sridhar Dev-Goswami Maharaja. In the words of Srila Bhakti Sudhir Goswami Maharaja, you are a "wholesale fanatic" of your beloved Gurudeva. It is Srila Guru Maharaja who delivered me to your lotus feet, and you so mercifully chose to accept the task of leading me. You are my divine shelter who has taken on the ominous task of guiding this fallen soul to Sri Krishna, Reality the Beautiful.

Your fallen servant,

Krsna Kanti d.d.
USA





Sri Sri Guru Gauranga Jayatah!

Most worship-able and beloved Srila Gurudev,

On this most wonderful of all days, your blessed appearance day, we feel humbled, blessed and filled with the grace of God.

We are unable to measure or even realize what kind of fortune we have: to have met you and been accepted as an aspiring servant at your feet. You are so near to us and so accessible that we often fail to understand what has happened to us; our ignorance is so marked and ingrained that if we only knew for a moment we must faint. Oh how blind we can be!



My Master all we can offer you is what you have given to us, like the offering of a palm-full of Ganges water back to the river from which it came. But somehow you are satisfied by our childish offerings, just as the father accepts with happiness the offerings of his children.

We are poor, insignificant and feeble; yet you encourage us, and by that encouragement we become more than we are. We aspire for that which is actually unthinkable because by your affection and love we believe that the unattainable can be ours - ours by mercy, sympathy and the affectionate extension of loving kindness that you alone so freely give.

You are the Acharyya - Krishna's own self, all that is Godly and Holy, and you have appeared before us as our dearest friend and most merciful Master. I cannot but marvel when I think what you hold within you: the full repository of the wealth of Sri Srila Bhakti Rakshak Sridhar Dev-Goswami Maharaj. He is inconceivably held within your unique person, which shines with real Humility, extreme Tolerance and overwhelming Honor for all living beings. Truly, one drop of your grace can flood the entire universe with spiritual Love, Beauty and Affection.

I bow at your feet again and again, and knowing that I am an insignificant jiva, I pray that all men may come to know that real wealth and real prosperity exists in the dust of your footprints and the service of your real servants.

Although I am full with fault, brimming with insincerity and always running after illusion, still in my moments of sanity I pray always to remain yours.

The most fallen beggar,

Devashis das
London





All glories to our well-wisher Srila B.S. Govinda Maharaj!

Just for who and what you are
The world's a better place
Providing support
You never fall short
If there's one thing I'm keen on
It's your Lotus Feet to bow on

I could praise you
For "making things happen"
You see places to go
And things to be done
You move ahead with your plans
With ambitious eagerness and dedication
Creating success and achievement
No matter what you do
Fulfilling your divine wishes

So skillfully you have carved out
Your own special place in the world
Long live Srila Bhakti Sundar Govinda Dev-Goswami Maharaj!
Long Live Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math!
Haribol!

From,

Dipta Krishna Das
Purnamasi Dasi
Bhakta Balai Das
Kripalini Dasi and
Satyavati Dasi
Vaishnava Seva Society, Mauritius

We wish you a very Happy and Glorious 75th Vyasa Puja!

