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All Glories to Sri Sri Guru and Gauranga

A Compilation of Written Offerings

for our Srila Gurudev, Om Visnupad

Sri Srila Bhakti Sundar Govinda Dev-Goswami Maharaj

On His Divine Grace's 73rd Anniversary

Sri Vyasa Puja Celebration

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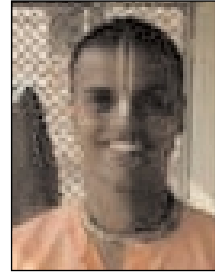
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Dear Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances unto your holy lotus feet. Just by your causeless mercy am I able to honor this holy day and to understand its glories. I have no right to ask you anything but I pray for Your Divine Grace to eternally keep this mosquito engaged as your slave.



Jaya Srila Bhakti Sundar Govinda Dev Goswami Maharaja!
Jaya Srila Bhakti Raksaka Sridhar Dev Goswami Maharaja!

Janaki Vallabha das
Govardhan; Italy



We are so happy and so lucky to have, by your Divine Grace, the opportunity to serve the Lord of Love. Gurudev, you are the light, the happiness and the soul of our life. Ocean of mercy, for all the times, we will be grateful to serve your Sweet Grace Thank you for being here with us in this crazy world. Please receive for your Vyasa Puja Celebration all my most respectful dandavats and all my love. My heart is always with You.

Happy Birthday Gurudev!!!

From Krsna Kamini
Merida, Mexico



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cintyacintya-samasta-veda-nipunam sri-rupa-panthanugam
govindabidham ujjvalam vara-tanum bhakty anvitam sundaram
vande visva-gurun ca divya-bhagavat-premno hi bija-pradam

devam divya-tanum suchanda-vadanam balarka-celancitam
sandrananda-puram sad-eka-varanam vairagya-vidyambudhim
sri-siddhanta-nidhim subhakti-lasitam sarasvatanam-varam
vande tam subhadam mad-eka-saranam nyasisvaram sridharam

My Dear Gurudeva, Srila Govinda Maharaj,

Please accept my sincere dandavats at your lotus feet. Gurudeva, I recall very well that the first book of yours I read was Golden Reflections. From then on, I knew in my heart that you would be my Gurudeva. Your tenderness and humility touched my heart so much!

I still remember that on the occasion of my harinama initiation I cried, for somehow you were present by your unconceivable potency. It does not matter if the guru is not physically present because we can feel him in spirit.

I have been in contact with the devotees since my initiation. So many things have been happening in my life: few gains and a lot of losses but I am still on my way to Krishna, trying to get His mercy. But this is only possible with the grace of the Guru and the Vaisnavas.

Here in the Rio Math I am trying to render some service to the deities of Nitai-Gaura. On the 21st of December 2002, we intend to install the deity of Nimaishundara and we ask your blessings for that.

May you pass a joyful Vyasa Puja in the presence of the vaisnavas at the Holy Dham. May Lord Krishna allow you to come some day to the Rio Math. This certainly would be nectar. My repeated obeisances.



Your fool servant and disciple,
Jayadeva das
Rio Math, Brazil

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Sri Sri Guru Gauranga Jayatah!
Sri Acharyadeva Srila Bhakti Sundar Govinda Dev Goswami Maharaj
Avirbhav Maha Mahotsav Ki Jai!

Dear Srila Gurudeva,

Your Divine Grace's Holy appearance day is a very fortunate blessing in our lives, affording us the opportunity to Glorify You and celebrate Your Divine Mercy in our lives. We are composed of nothing but Your Divine Mercy, and service life at Your Holy Feet is our only shelter and nourishment.



As you have told: "We are followers of Paramahansa Dharma," and our beloved Master His Divine Grace Srila Sridhar Maharaj has identified Your Grace as a "natural paramahansa". Gladly we wholeheartedly surrender our tiny lives to your service and shelter. We have no other shelter but Your Divine Grace.

The holy qualities and divine attributes that others only aspire for, by striving and practicing with much endeavor to cultivate through sadhana, all those divine qualities are seen naturally adorning Your Divine Personality, as You are an eternally liberated servitor of Sri Sri Guru Gauranga Gandharvika Govinda Sundar Jiu, appearing here out of divine compassion to deliver the fallen souls. We have no other shelter but Your Divine Grace.

The Divine example of Your life of dedication and service to Sri Sri Guru-Gauranga clearly demonstrates Your eternally liberated position, which is confirmed by Your own Divine Master as well as the many stalwart associates of Srila Bhakti Siddhanta Saraswati Thakur whom have unanimously showered their blessings upon You. We have no other shelter but Your Divine Grace.

At a time when much confusion had cast shadows of doubt over the western devotees, Your Grace selflessly and generously welcomed all to the Holy Feet of Your Divine Master Srila Sridhar Maharaj and accepted the responsibility of nourishing and sheltering we who were fallen into misconception. We have no other shelter but Your Divine Grace.

When Your Master Srila Sridhar Dev Goswami Maharaj, Who is a treasure house of vaisnava conclusions in the line of Srila Rupa

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Goswami ended His divine pastimes in this world, like a great blazing sun setting and passing from our vision, Your Grace simultaneously rose up like the beautiful bright full moon, revealing Your Divine form as self-effulgent Acharya and Jagad-Guru. We have no other shelter but Your Divine Grace.

Just as the full moon nourishes the juices within the herbs and plants of this earth, Your Divine Grace nourishes the devotional sprouts growing in the inner spiritual hearts of the aspiring devotees, who have wisely taken shelter of Your Divine Grace. The fortunate devotees throughout the world who aspire for Your service, grow stronger day by day in the beautiful soothing rays of devotional light showering down from Your Divine Grace. We have no other shelter but Your Divine Grace.

In the pastime of Jagad Guru, Your Divine Grace has established centers and temples throughout the entire earth bringing soothing relief to the burning hearts of all honest spiritual seekers. Everywhere, on every continent, Your Holy Name and activities of pure devotion are glorified and recited bringing hope to the hopeless and mercy to the fallen. We have no other shelter but Your Divine Grace.

Your infinite devotional intelligence, practical wisdom and kind affectionate nature are legendary, and are additionally resplendent and augmented by Your Divine sense of humor and natural genuine humility. We have no other shelter but Your Divine Grace.

There can be no greater blessing, wealth, shelter, or spiritual treasure than the continuous aspiration to serve Your Divine Grace. Please Gurudeva, always keep us near, and enlist us in the company of Divine Servitors who constantly cultivate the exclusive mood of surrender and service to Your Holy Feet. All aspirations of life are realized only in Your Divine service. We have no other shelter but Your Divine Grace.

Sincerely,

Mathuranath das, Krsnangini dasi, Sundar Syam das, Vinodini dasi



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All Glories to Sri Sri Guru Gauranga!

On the blessed appearance day of Sri Vaishnava Acharya
His Divine Grace Bhakti Sundar Govinda Deva Goswami Maharaj,
I make an offering of myself again and again in service
to His transcendental Lotus Feet.

The happiness that comes to the heart from loving service
to the Lord and His devotees,
Cannot be compared with any thing mundane,
For the inclination to service, the service itself, and any result thereof,
Is neither mundane nor intended for anything other than
The transcendental pleasure of Sri Krishna.

Oh, Acharyadeva, Who drives away the four-headed serpent of
bhukti, mukti, siddhi, and kami,
Your special qualities enable you to cleanse our hearts of misgivings
And to receive such favorable service which might be pleasing
to our beloved Lord, Sri Krishna.

Assured forever more of the protection bestowed by the merciful
Supreme Personality of Godhead,
Fully confident in Him alone, Drawn by His magnetic charm,
Afforded service to His Lotus Feet by the Grace of Shri Acharya deva,
I pray for any insignificant service available to
Sri Hari-Nama, the elixir of the Age of Kali.

Sri Hari-Nama has mercifully descended with His entourage
of generation after generation of saintly souls,
Whose direction from the Divine Sri Gaurasundar Mahaprabhu is to
Distribute the nectar of the Holy Name.
Oh servant of Sri Nityananda Prabhu,
Kindly make me a vessel of any insignificant service
For the satisfaction of Your Divine Grace.

We remain humbly yours,
Pusta Krishna das, Daru Brahma dd, Krishnapriya dd, Chaitanya das

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Dearest Srila Gurudeva,

Please accept our humble dandavat pranams in the most precious and holy dust of your divine lotus feet.

Recently I expressed to you how Krishnalata didi and I were feeling the lack of any direct devotee association, and you reminded me of how in such circumstances the disciple should take shelter of the vapu association of Guru and Vaisnava. Later I realized just how much association you have so graciously arranged for in the form of the Math website. None of this wonderful service would be going on if these disciples were not so inspired to satisfy you, their most beloved Gurudeva.

When Krishnalata didi and I visit the Math everyday in the virtual reality of the World Wide Web, we are feeling so grateful to you for inspiring all this wonderful service that makes it possible for us to be with you virtually every day. In this way our pains of separation are somewhat mitigated.

You have created a situation of perfect spiritual communism within Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math. In spiritual communism guru and Krishna are at the center. Krishna is always perfect, and when guru is also perfect then true spiritual communism is established. Perhaps your greatest gift to Srila Guru Maharaja's mission and the world is the perfect example you have set for all of your followers.

And, what is that? Being humble, being tolerant, giving all respect to others, and following the order of Guru faithfully and fully. There is now great hope in the world based on the way you have shown how to serve Guru and Krishna. I have full faith that your example will continue to be followed by all your disciples, and that none will get caught up in a hankering for prestige and power, but rather that we will all continue to be inspired by your perfect example and to seek only service in a mood of cooperation.

All glories to your unlimited service. All glories to your unlimited compassion for the fallen souls. And all glories to your mood of devotion, which is so infectious and so pure that the whole world is now being inundated with pure Krishna consciousness.

Your humble servants,
Acyuta Priya dasa and Krishnalata didi

My dear Gurudeva,

I am happy to have connection with you. I hope I can continue serving you for eternity.

Many glories to you.

Subhadra Manjari devi dasi
Sorocaba, Brazil



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Dearest Gurudeva,

We offer our humble obeisances to Your divine shelter-giving lotus feet. You are the only sanctuary in this blazing world of ignorance. In this age of quarrel and hypocrisy, You are the gateway to harmonizing truth.

All glories to You Gurudeva. You are the fountainhead of all divine inspiration, the great dispensary of causeless mercy, and the treasure chest of unlimited bhakti. You are the light of faith in this world of darkness. With Your sweetness and kind heart, You give hope to the hopeless fallen souls. With such an exemplary mood of servitude to Your divine master, Srila Bhakti Raksak Sridhar Dev-Goswami Maharaj, You provide a clear and beautiful path for us to follow.

We bow down again and again to Your unending glories, hoping for a fraction of Your mercy, and beg that one day we can properly serve You.

Your fallen souls,
Rasa Priya das and Bona devi dasi

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All Glories to Sri Sri Guru and Gauranga!

Dearest Srila Gurudeva!

Please accept my dandavat pranams at your holy lotus feet on this very special and auspicious day. You are an ocean of mercy for all souls who are so fortunate to get a glimpse of you, or if they are really lucky, your holy association.



I am very fallen and drowning in the sea of ignorance. Through all my struggling, your affection is giving me a glimpse of Reality the Beautiful and the strength to go on. I know I cannot do without your mercy. You are the light showing me the way home. I am praying that some day I will be able to serve you properly.

Your little, very silly daughter,
Sita devi dasi
Berlin



Dear Guru Maharaja!

It is one of your disciples, Jaya Gauranga, appealing to you. I humbly bow down at your lotus feet. Please excuse me for not meeting with you this year. Guru Maharaj, you just can't imagine what great poverty rules in Ukraine. It is extremely hard to satisfy even simple material needs. Those devotees who were spiritually close to me and to whom I trusted either left the movement or went somewhere else.

Guru Maharaja, what advice can you give to a devotee whose spiritual life is a hard struggle, but who still keeps a taste for Krishna Consciousness, and who feels in himself a big unspent potential, but can't use it?

Guru Maharaj, I again bow down at your lotus feet, the ocean of mercy.

Jaya Gauranga das
Ukraine

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Jay Sri Guru and Sri Gauranga!

My dear Gurudeva,

Please accept my humble obeisances and dandavat pranams! This is just a small offering to your lotus feet on this auspicious day of Sri Vyasa Puja!

I have gotten so much nectar from you even though I haven't met you in person. I now have been worshipping your Divine Grace for a year! It might feel like really short time, but for me it has felt like forever! What is better than worshipping the lotus feet of a pure servant of Sri Radha, Sri Krishna and Sri Gauranga forever? Nothing! I thank you for giving me such a great opportunity.

I end this offering in the words of Srila Bhaktivinod Thakur: "If you examine me, you will find no qualities. Your mercy is all that I am made of. If you are not merciful unto me, I can only weep, and I will not be able to maintain my life."

Your servant forever,
Bhakta Jani
Finland



All glories to Sri Guru and Sri Gauranga!
All glories to You, Srila Gurudev!

I bow down with my all respects to You, my Spiritual Master, Srila Bhakti Sundar Govinda Maharaja, who are merciful to the most fallen souls as I am, who are my one and only deliverance from the domination of this illusory world. My desire is to serve Your disciples and to meet with You, so that I can offer You my sincere obeisances and, to the best of my ability, fulfill Your desires. On your 73rd anniversary I wish You fulfillment and realization of your intentions and plans.

With my best regards and obeisances,
Your eternally indebted disciple,
Pavan Krsna das from Slovakia

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All glories to Sri Guru and Sri Gauranga

My lovely Gurudeva,

Thanks for pouring your mercy on us, I am so immature that I cannot understand any of those blessings, but I'm sure that my spirit is happy because of you. Some time ago I dreamed something beautiful about you, that you visited my home in Colombia, and so many of your devotees came from all over the world to greet you. Then you came into my room and you wrote on the closet door with white ink: "Love everything inside and outside of you" and "Understand that life has a perfect flow."

The kitchen was also a special room for you. There we talked, and suddenly a hole appeared in the roof, and we could see the clouds. Then a beautiful lady appeared and told you that you were needed in your home. I begged you not to leave, and you said that whenever I needed you, you'd be here with me.

Thanks a lot Gurudeva for your greatest mercy. This I dreamed before I knew any devotee of Krishna Consciousness. Thanks for teaching me and for guiding me. I only ask that don't you take your shelter from me, don't leave me, even if I'm not steady in my spiritual life. At present, my situation is difficult because I'm so young and I still have so many bad tendencies to burn out. I'm trying to improve my personality.

Gurudeva, you perfectly know the problems I'm living through; it isn't necessary for me to tell you, but it is very important for me to be in touch with you. I still don't know when it is my mind telling me things, or if it is the ego, or if it is the heart. I prefer to be in contact with you in this way.

I wish to be in your service with my mind, my ego, my heart, my activity, because once I have found you, I don't want to be apart from you! Thanks a lot Gurudeva; I hope I'm not being disrespectful by telling you this, but I like to know that I can tell you what I really feel. May Lord Krishna keep on blessing you. Please accept my dandavats, and forgive my offenses.

With love,

Hemakanti didi

Colombia

Dear Gurudeva!

All glories to Your mercy! The 73rd anniversary of Your merciful appearance in this world is forthcoming, and therefore, let me write some words to glorify Your Divine Grace. You are embodiment of Lord's mercy and You kindly descended in this world of illusion. You appeared in our dreams to show us the truth and help us awake. The whole world was dreaming, it had no chance to awaken or realize the truth, but suddenly You appeared and like a great fire-ball You crossed our way to teach us the reality about our Golden Lord and about our environment (sambandha-jnana). You are such a valuable person. How valuable is such a Sad-guru, who can awake the sleeping souls?

Everybody has dreams and we know that when we awaken, everything that was in our dream has no value. And this you help us to understand. There is nothing more valuable and you take care of us, so that we won't spoil our human births. Jiv jago, jiv jago, jiv jago! You call the same way as Golden Lord Gaurasundara. You abound with love and compassion. Who could resist following You faithfully? Many of Your awakened servitors help You to spread Your mission. It is great mission, a mission of true love. Although I am insignificant, by Your compassion, you gave a place in Your mission and allowed me to spread Your mercy.

My prayer is to be able to, life after life, help in Your mission and in this way, help the sleeping souls. Without Your mercy we would be lost. I bow down to Your divine feet and I call Your glories:

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

Om Visnupada Paramahansa Parivrakacaryya Astotara-sata Sri
Srimad Bhakti Sundar Govinda Dev-Goswami Maharaja ki jaya!

Your last servant,
Madhavendra das
Slovakia

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Sri Sri Guru Gauranga Jayatah!
All Glories to His Divine Grace
Srila Bhakti Sundar Govinda Dev-Goswami Maharaj!

Dear Srila Gurudev!

Please accept my respectful and most humble obeisances. On the 73rd anniversary of Your Divine Appearance, please let me wish You good health and fulfillment of Your desires in the service of Your dear Srila Guru Maharaj and the Supreme Lord. Please let me express a small glorification of Your Holy Appearance Day:

Your Appearance in this world is supreme benediction
To the fortunate souls You give divine connection.

The wish-fulfilling tree that shines like the most precious gem
You give mercifully to all the seeds of Krishna-prem.

Your Holy Advent is a blessing for the Vaishnava section
because the Divine Master appeared in disciplic succession.

Those who see in You their friend and Guru of the world
They will worship this Holy Day with great joy and love.

Let me bow down to Your Feet and from all my heart cry:
Holy Appearance Day of Sri Gurudev ki jay!

Your insignificant servant,
Anasuya Devi Dasi
Slovakia



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On Your Birthday

I thank you for your sweet sweet smiles,
And words that soothe us over the miles,

I thank you for your endless guidance and time,
And warm loving bhajans so achingly divine.

I thank you for the opportunity to serve your friends,
I am grateful they overlook my silly trends.

I thank you because just by claiming you as my own,
The world has given me a family that's grown,

Across the nations, races, ages and gender,
Your love unites us with compassion so tender.

Happy Vyasa Puja Gurudeva.

Lovingly,
Rambanita didi
Melbourne, Australia



With my due respects and most sincere humility, I bow down
before Your Divine Graces, and thank you for the teachings
that you share with us.

My most humble obeisances to all the devotees. As Prabhupad said,
maya always chases after ignorance and thanks to a beloved person,
I've just avoided falling into such nescience. I am happy that I can still
remember the writings of our master and have the wise guidance of
my wife.

Aurelio Dominguez Jorge
Barcelona, Spain

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A humble attempt of offering love unto His Divine Grace's lotus feet on His holy appearance day:

O our dear and supremely worshipable Srila Guru Maharaj! We offer our worthless obeisances to Your Divine Grace. We know that Your Divine Grace is non-different from the Supreme Lord Himself, but we still cannot serve Your Divine Grace properly. On this Special Day we shall beg for Your causeless mercy so we can continue on this path of devotional service with a submissive humble attitude although we are still very attached to this false ego. Even though we have little taste for the Holy Names, let us always chant them. Even though we continue to commit offences, even though we are rascals and do not follow your instructions, please allow us to remain.

All glories to our Divine Spiritual Master on His Sri Vyasa Puja day.

The most fallen,
Rama Ratan das,
Krishna Sangini devi dasi
Sruti Moyee devi dasi
Sitiawan, Malaysia



Dear Srila Govinda Maharaj,

The superior knowledge teaches us that essence is more valuable than form. There is no better day for glorifying the Divine Master. Too many things to be said, but now I want to express my gratitude for the great connection that you've given me with the superior realm through your Guardian.

All glories to the master of the gopis and his beloved servitors.

Govinda Vilas das

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Dear Srila Gurudev,

All glories to You, the Eternal Father and Spiritual Master of so many fortunate servitors on this earthly planet. Everyday there is now renewed with enthusiasm to engage in sadhana and maintain the Krishna Conscious lifestyle in every situation. Your Divine Inspiration makes big problems become insignificant. With the Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math Website we are able to know of Your activities in India and abroad.

Here in Christchurch we are so far from You in a physical sense, but we understand that everything is contained within the transcendental sound vibrations that You have mercifully transmitted from Your Lotus Mouth.

With care and attention we are observing the details of spiritual life according to your prescription. We wish Your Divine Grace a wonderful Vyasa Puja 2002. Please stay with us for many more years!

Countless Dandavats,
Ramananda das, Shanti and Niraj.
New Zealand



Dear Govinda Maharaj!

First of all, I would like to wish You a Happy Birthday! God bless You! My name is Viktor Varga. I'm a 27-year-old history scientist from Hungary.

It's been just a few months since I met the devotees, but I feel like I've found what I've been looking for for such a long time. I cannot be grateful enough.

I would like to stay with them on this road and hope that as soon as I am initiated, I will be able to follow my search for Sri Krishna. I hope that I may meet You in the future.

With my greatest honor,
Varga Viktor
Hungary



My dear Srila Govinda Maharaj,

Please accept my dandavat pranams to your lotus feet. On this wonderful day of your appearance I would like to express some words to glorify you and to show my affection for you. Truly, there are no words to express my feelings. Even if I danced, screamed, or cried, still I would remain frustrated because I cannot express myself correctly.



There is nothing in this world as important and beautiful as you; no mountains, no flowers, no stars, no words. You gave dignity to my life and accepted my service. Without you I am like a boat without an ocean, a field without flowers; without you I am nobody.

Please let me continue serving your lotus feet and accept this affection of mine. All glory to you, my adorable and marvelous Srila Govinda Maharaj.

Your eternal servant,
Rohini Shakti d.d.
Brazil



To my dearest Gurudev,

All glories to Srila Govinda Maharaj. Gurudev, I am at a loss for words to describe how fortunate I am to be your disciple. My heartfelt wishes to you. Happy 73rd Birthday, Gurudev. Thank you for everything, Gurudev.

Your servant
Amrtamayi
Wales, UK

Blessed Appearance

By Madhura Krsna dasanudas

In an unassuming humble hidden Bengal town
His holy Lotus feet touched down upon this sacred ground
Where pious father Sriyukta Nitaipada rejoiced
In divya dharsan of Lord Shiva's benedictine voice

"Full protection I bestow to this my son"
Padma-lochan of Mahadev has come.
To inundate one and all with purest loving affection,
Extending the grace of Guru and Gauranga to the fallen section.

Bhava-drenched effulgence, burning bright
In brahman vaishnava family, he did alight
Spreading benediction rays of hope and illuminating light,
Giving soothing relief to this troubled planet's plight.

Like the rays of dawn you take the darkness, from Kaliyugas' night.
To the blind and forlorn souls, you restore their perfect sight,
Raining infinite mercy to the soft and stony-hearted alike,
Exemplifying all the qualities of a pure and gentle vaisnavite.

How to give befitting praise to a heart filled with divine grace?
That calculation just can't measure.
How to express appreciation for a soul whose shining face
Emanates such abundant treasure?

Uncountable glories ornament your perfect form,
Like shining jewels from a heart of gold, that they adorn,
Radiating the noble dignified grace, of a paramahamsa soul
Who inspires all feet to dance to the rhythms of karatal and kohl

Where Sri Sri Gaura Nitai and guru varga all sing with jubilation
In one resounding kirtan, like a gandhava choir of revelation
Unanimously confirming Srila Bhakti Raksak Sridhara's exclamation
His beloved Govinda Maharaj is the personification of dedication

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Through your life of unwavering service, where miracles abound,
Where the fulfillment of each and every inner wish of Guru is to be
found,
Distributing the inspiration of divine service all around
Turning mundane soil everywhere into holy sacred ground.

To this spellbound animation, you graciously impart
The priceless gift of Hari Nam to many a fortunate heart,
Where the enlivened currant of Gurudev's kindness and affection
Gives ever-new refreshing life and everlasting protection.

Praying to eternally serve the servants at your holy lotus feet
And through your example give love and honor to all that we meet.
Koti dandavats, I Madhura Krsna das do faithfully pranam
Count me as atomic particle in the assembly of your divine bhajan.



Dear Gurudev,

We hope You have a very nice birthday celebration. We want to thank You for all the caring You give us, for all the concern You have for us Your sons and daughters. We are slow and foolish but Your kindness helps us to improve every day. We want to be healthy and serve You. By Your Grace that is happening. You are so far away, yet when we read Your words You are close. We hope you are strong, happy and youthful for a very, very long time. So on this day of the year, we would like to give ourselves to You, to be better and to do good for all.

Jaya Srila Bhakti Sundar Govinda Dev Goswami Maharaj

All our love,

Purna Brahma das, Ananda Murti didi and Nandanandan das

Dear Gurudeva,

Please accept my most humble and respectful obeisances at your sweet lotus feet, which are so refreshing and soft as the dew of a sweet morning.

All glories to you my beloved master! You have descended in this miserable and temporary material world from the eternal and blessed spiritual world to save these lost souls from the strong hold of maya.

You are not only one spiritual master in the disciplic succession, you are the acharya to whom Sri Krishna Chaitanya Mahaprabhu, the most merciful manifestation of the Supreme Personality of Godhead, directly bestowed His potency to preach the consciousness of Sri Sri Radha-Krsna.

My dear and beloved Gurudeva, words in this world would not be able to describe my feelings of love and respect for you. Your mission of relief is acknowledged in all of the three worlds. I have been trying to be a loyal servant working with my god-brothers at the Rio Math for the growth of your exalted mission. In spite of knowing we should not have attachment I wish you would stay with us in this material world for many, many years, for I know today the meaning of union in separation. There is no distance for the soul who loves and I know how much I love you eternally.

Your servant,
Govardhan das





Dear Gurudeva!

Please accept my warmhearted and grateful obeisances on behalf of all the Hungarian disciples on the occasion of the 73rd anniversary of Your blessed appearance.

Despite the fact that I have been trying to attain self-realization for over 20 years, my spiritual life was refreshed a few years ago when we met after the disappearance of my former Guru, Srila Narayana Maharaj. At that time, You encouraged me with these words: “Aninda Sundar Prabhu, I am much more pleased with reconstructing an old church than building a new one.”

Since that time my spiritual development and devotional service has been refreshed, my solitude has disappeared and today a small enthusiastic group of 30 initiated disciples is serving You and the eternal supreme substance of Sri Guru.

I’m glad to serve the Hungarian enquirers by Your guidance. Thank You for this opportunity. It is enchanting to see Your teachings growing in their hearts as they attain the vaisnava values.

My everyday life consists of fathomless anxieties but I have no doubt of the fundamental goal of my life. I’m particularly thankful for Your kind attention to us this spring when we could spend a few days close to You.

Accept my humble dandavat pranams,
Aninda Sundar das
Hungary

Dear Gurudeva!

Please let me wish You the best and accept my most honest obeisances on the occasion of Your birthday. I also would like to tell You how grateful and happy I am to have the auspicious guidance and blessings of You and the chance to serve You and the Vaisnavas.



This year, when I visited Calcutta, You magnanimously gave me second initiation, making my most secret hope come true. Thank You for Your confidence in me.

After returning back to Hungary I started to learn and absorb the scriptures. By Your omnipotent mercy at Janmastami we got the opportunity to consecrate Radha–Madanmohan in our house. They completely changed my innermost feelings toward Krishna Consciousness and deepened my attachments to the Lord and his eternal confidential associates.

This seva is a new possibility for me to serve the Hungarian bhaktas and enquirers better; however, the Deities lead and strengthen our preaching and enable us to learn more about devotion. With the aid of my husband I am teaching the philosophical concepts and making my beautiful service as the art and production director of our publication.

I would like to express my gratitude to You for helping me attain the revered service and maintenance of the Deities. I try to put my heart and soul into the preaching service of my beloved husband and Your mission.

In your service,
Madhava Dayita d.d.
Hungary

Dear Gurudeva!

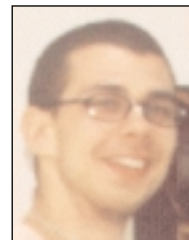
In a letter last year I reported to You about activities of the szegedien devotees. There have been some very nice results their service. Last summer, with Ananda Vardhana Prabhu, we succeeded in finding the first szegedien community center, which we thought totally suited our purposes. Every devotee got the opportunity to take prasadam and attend the lecture or discussion on every day of the week. Some took advantage of the service opportunity and others not so much. This attempt affected our community. As time went by, we had trouble cooperating and we decided to go separate ways.

We can analyze the causes, but I think it would be useless, because for two young men, who are just becoming adults, it is very difficult to keep a common goal. I do not think that anyone's ideas are better than the other's, only different. The main is that we were able to understand our characters better. Now my flat serves as the community center.

The public preaching did not change, my szegedien lectures are going on, and I seriously think about the possibilities of expanding. The devotees come together twice a week. The enthusiasm of the devotees is indicated by our summer yoga-camp. Many young, very devoted men arrived at our community, mainly from szeged. This gave a completely new dynamism to our szegedien group.

The third important thing is the Bhagavad-gita of Sridhar Maharaj. The translation, which I am slowly working on, still goes on, and I hope that we can present it to You and the devotees soon. Sometimes I feel that the whole process is about purification and not only about translation. This is the szegedien seva that is now going on. For this I beg Gurudeva's blessing and animation.

Your servant,
Ravindra Krishna dasa
Hungary



Dear Govinda Maharaja!

With a humble heart I am grateful to divine providence for helping You recover from Your health crisis. I wish with all my heart that your health is good and that many devotees gather around You all the time.

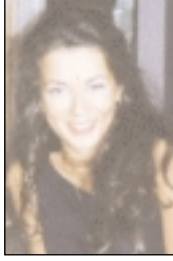
In the past year I have reached a much deeper understanding of our philosophy, and it has helped me understand myself and others. It has filled me with the good feeling that I have succeeded in awakening my desire for knowledge. It was very important for me to learn about the Vedic literature. Love, acceptance, selflessness, and the overcoming of the ego – all of these I wanted to live by and not just speak about them. Unfortunately I could not succeed in reaching all of them yet, but I aspire with my whole heart that day by day I will be able to calm the ocean of my disquieted mind, and become able to surrender at the lotus feet of the Supreme Lord.

This year's yoga-camp taught me a lot. I succeeded in controlling my mind very well. I had more patience and acceptance than I ever had. I could open my heart towards the devotees more and more. It was a great feeling to serve the devotees at the camp. Even I was astonished how delicious the prasadam was. I felt the presence and inspiration of Krishna.

In the past year I have had to face not only my spiritual problems but physical problems as well. I am glad to have the desire to search, reveal and solve my depression, resulting from my mundane existence. Consciousness came to me by Bhakti Yoga, so I am very grateful to all the vaisnavas. I wish that the desire for the service of Radha and Krishna be born in everyone!

Haribol!
Amrita-moyi devi dasi
Hungary





Dear Govinda Maharaja!

I am very happy that all the grateful devotees can think of You with love. You have continuously bestowed upon them Your grace. I am glad that You are among us.

Since my initiation my experiences have become more intense. I try to walk with opened eyes, see, love, search and serve. I make further advances in my spiritual life delight, and it is delightful to experience the casual difficulties on my way. This is wonderful.

The devotee's dedication towards You and Krishna is undiminished. I feel that the relation between the devotees is becoming more and more intimate, and the intensity of the service done towards each other is increasing.

I would like to send You one of my poems, and I sincerely hope that You accept it with love.

The All Grace

I wait for the patience
The divine humaneness
I need no asking
The shelter is coming

It's still paining within
My foolish fears
Sometimes it makes me mad
The distance in my head

I can close my eyes
You are my only sight
A link to peace
To take away sadness

My only destiny
For the Divinity
Is to care for seedling
In Your hand with love

How I will be ready
Thanking You, Your mercy
Stumbling on my way
Went down on my poor knees

Again and once again
Reaching flowers to gain
Besides Your holy way
Looking to sky I pray

If I see furrow-weeds
I cry out in my need
But no chance for my stop

When You start carrying me
I forget all my bleeding
And see a new flower
Spiritual power

Kesava-nandini d.d, Hungary



Please let me offer my respectful obeisances to You with great love on Your birthday.

The first time I wrote a letter to You, I asked You with respect to accept me as a disciple. I would like to express my gratitude for this. We took Your blessings. For my duties, my You told me to support the devotees and study the philosophy, and I'm trying to fulfill these. I am finding great pleasure in it. In my life I want to have association with the devotees as often as possible, and to do useful service. I must admit that I am lacking in service, humility and obedience.

With all these things, please keep me in Your good heart and bless me to be fit for devotional service. Thank You for giving me the Supreme Lord's blessing through Your connection.

Please, accept my respectful obeisances again.

Laksman dasa

Hungary



Dear Govinda Maharaja!

I am grateful for your mercy. If not for your mercy, I couldn't be amongst your devotees. Remembering you, I realize who I am and what my obligation is. I feel fortunate to have the opportunity to serve you. As it is written in Sri Caitanya-caritamrta, Madhya-lila 19.151:

brahmanda bhramite kona bhägyavän jéva
guru kãñëa prasäde päya bhakti-latä-béja

Krishna-bhakti is asleep in everyone. This love is manifested amongst the good devotees. This is my only hope.

Your devotee,

Laksmi-Pati das

Hungary



My dear Gurudeva!

All glories to You! I bow down unto Your Lotus feet! Please accept my respectful obeisances! I have been Your initiated disciple for two years, and I am only writing my second letter to You. I am speechless. There is no explanation for this.

It would be more befitting if I praise You cheerfully. But I can only cry and beg. Cry to You how evil I am, and beg for Your help to get rid of my evilness. I confess that I was always afraid to ask for help in getting rid of my faults, because I know that the growing result causes material pain to me. For example I am not ready for that kind of renunciation yet. But when will the moment that I am ready arrive?

In this year I have done nothing and progressed nowhere. I worked and attended the university, but I couldn't do both, and I left school that semester. Later I was taken to the hospital. I have spent the whole of October in psychiatric care. I do not know even now why I was taken there, I do not remember anything. Then I lost my job and now I have been evicted from my flat. I have no income, so I do not know where to go. I must continue with the university in February.

My sweet Gurudeva! There is a very big problem with my humility. I cannot open myself to anybody. Not even to Aninda Sundara Krishna Prabhu, although He is the person who represents You. But how can I turn to Him after I have not revealed anything about my spiritual life in the last two years?

I still have two good things in my life (besides Krishna and You). The first is the congregation of the devotees. And the other is a great present of Krishna: a devotee, a man with whom I have been associating for one and a half years. In my fallen state he always reminds me of Krishna and You. The only problem is that he is attached to ISKCON. I feel that our devotees accept and love him, but in the future surely I will turn to You, Gurudeva.

That is my offering. At least I can open myself freely. I must have caused sorrow to You with my polluted mind. I am very sorry, and I try the best I can to change it. But alone I am nothing; I have no power. So I beg for Your mercy and Your forgiveness of my million offenses.

Please, take me to the light, to the path of purification.

Your worthless servant, Candra-mukhi devi dasi, Hungary



Sri Vyasa Puja December, 2002

All glories to Sri Guru and Gauranga!

Dear Govinda Maharaj,

I wish you many happy birthdays. I wish you good wealth, happiness and pleasure in all of your devotees all over the world.

About myself briefly I can tell you. I make efforts in devotional life; I intend to develop in this process, but all the same, I feel fallen. I know that I can trust only in your mercy and in Krishna's mercy. Only this keeps me in devotional life.

My service is to organize Aninda Prabhu's lectures here in our town, and I am the hostess of the sadhu-sangas here every week. When we meet at Aninda Prabhu's ashram every month, the day before the meeting I help prepare prasadam. I read a lot, chant and learn the philosophy. I am very grateful to Aninda Prabhu. He gives wonderful lessons, I can learn a lot from him and he always encourages me in spiritual life.

I like the association of the devotees. I think it's wonderful to gather, chant and sing and dance together. I personally can learn a lot from them. I can follow their footsteps, and they encourage me very much.

Dear Govinda Maharaj! Please, bless me, give me your mercy in order to develop in my faith, in my devotional life and my efforts to really surrender to the Lord.

With respectful devotion,
Krsna Priya d.d.
Hungary



Sri Vyasa Puja December, 2002

All gories to Sri Guru and Gauranga!

Dear Gurudev!

With sincere respect I offer my obeisances to you, on the occasion of your holy appearance day. It was this spring, that I received Harinama initiation. Dear Gurudev! Thank you for this enormous possibility. It was the holiest thing that has happened to me in my life.

When I practice devotional life, sometimes I feel like flying, so much feeling gathers in my heart, as if it wanted to blow up. But other times I feel hopeless, I feel that I have just wasted my time because I haven't developed a bit. I feel hopeless without your mercy! Please, bless me, and keep me under your protection. You see, I haven't strengthened enough in my spiritual life. I know I have to develop my understanding of the transcendental philosophy and devotion.

The most I could do was translation. I got the oppurtunity to translate your lectures for two books: *The Divie Servitor* and *Dignity of the Divine Servitor*. I am very grateful to Aninda Prabhu for this service, because sometimes I could feel you in your books, as if you spoke to me. I like bhajans and kirtans too. I practice songs, and it makes me feel I can serve the devotees here in our town.

With respectful devotion, your devotee,
Madhubala D. D.



Dear Govinda Maharaja!

My heart admitted the world of Krishna Consciousness slowly, but now I feel that my life is worth living only in this way. I'm delighted to find the sense and the purpose of my life. Ravindra Krsna Dasa and Aninda Sundara Krsna Dasa are teaching me from week to week about the way of worthy living spiced with the practicality of life.

Although I am a beginner and an inquirer who is always failing, Krishna and Radharani are increasingly important for me. The association with the bhaktas helps me a lot. I can get an insight into the world of Krishna and Radha. We sing bhajans, cook and after the offering, we honor the delicious prasadam.

After returning home I try to live like this, but it is not going well yet. I attempt to do my job with a devoted attitude while keeping Krishna in my mind. Every morning I chant four rounds of japa, taking care to correctly pronounce. I offer some sweets to Radha and Krishna and I read one chapter from the Bhagavad-gita.

My honorable Gurudeva, what advice can you give me about how to live so I can attain the devoted service of the Supreme Personality of Godhead?

Gergely Doka
Hungary



Dear Govinda Maharaja!

I have difficulties speaking my thoughts and feelings to such a person as you, whom I have never met. But from the loving stories of you told by the Hungarian devotees, I feel like meeting you will be like meeting a dear family relative.



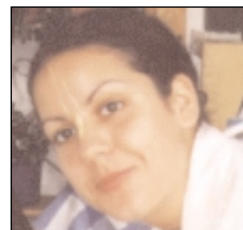
I cannot say much about myself, only that I have fallen from the height of spirituality that I used to know as a jiva, I can only hope to stop falling now. But that can only happen by sincerity. I am grateful to the devotees and you, their spiritual master.

I offer my respectful obeisances to my spiritual preceptor and wish Him a happy birthday.

Zsolt Veres, Hungary

Dear Gurudev,

I offer my respectful obeisances unto Your Lotus Feet and wish many happy birthdays to You.



I am embarrassed to write this letter. How could I please You? First of all I would like to thank You for the gracious blessings that You gave to me.

I am thankful for Your blessings that give me the possibility of doing service for the devotees. Considering my present abilities, I try to do my best not to make offense to the devotees.

Please give me Your mercy, so that I can have clean devotion and chant the Holy Name with deep affinity and affection. Only You can give me this blessing, and without it I feel myself lost.

Please forgive my offenses committed out of my ignorance. I sincerely desire to be a devotee one day.

Getting the foot dust from Your servant's servants,
Krsnanandini Devi Dasi
Hungary



Dear Gurudev!

First of all, I would like to wish You a Happy Birthday. God Bless You, My name is Tamás Varga. I was born on the December 13, 1973.

Thanks to Your Divine Grace, I spent a whole week with Aninda Sundara dasa and the devotees in August. Since then, I have been following their example. I have been searching for the right way to serve them and through them, serve You, Gurudev.

I hope, that Krishna may give me the grace to meet You in the future, Gurudev, and ask for initiation.

With respectful obeisances,
Tamas Varga
Hungary

