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Some years ago I began to compile a book of prayers. That book is still unfinished, but I am often asked to share whatever prayers I have collected so far. I hope to be able to publish the finished product one day. In the meantime, the prayers that will form the basis of that book are presented here. I continue to chant these prayers every day upon rising. They have helped me to enter more fully into New Vraja-dhāma and Rādhā-Śyāmasundara's service. I hope that by sharing these prayers, devotees may be benefited in some small way.

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Introduction

vande 'ham śrī-guroḥ śrī-yuta-pada-kamalaṁ
 śrī-gurūṁ vaiṣṇavāṁś ca
 śrī-rūpaṁ sāgrajātaṁ saha-gaṇa-raghunāthānviṭaṁ
 taṁ sa-jīvaṁ
 sādvaitaṁ sāvadhūtaṁ parijana-sahitaṁ
 kṛṣṇa-caitanya-devaṁ
 śrī-rādhā-kṛṣṇa-pādān saha-gaṇa-lalitā-
 śrī-viśākhānviṭāṁś ca

“I offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of my spiritual master and of all the other preceptors on the path of devotional service. I offer my respectful obeisances unto all the Vaiṣṇavas and unto the Six Gosvāmīs, including Śrīla Rūpa Gosvāmī, Śrīla Sanātana Gosvāmī, Raghunātha Dāsa Gosvāmī, Raghunātha Bhaṭṭa, Gopāla Bhaṭṭa, and Śrīla Jīva Gosvāmī and their associates. I offer my respectful obeisances unto Śrī Advaita Ācārya Prabhu, Śrī Nityānanda Prabhu, Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu, and all His devotees, headed by Śrīvāsa Ṭhākura. I then offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of Lord Kṛṣṇa, Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī, and all the *gopīs*, headed by Lalitā and Viśākhā.” (Śrī Caitanya-caritāmṛta, Antya-lilā 2.1)

paśupāla-vareṇya-nandanau
 varam etaṁ muhur arthaye yuvāṁ
 bhavatu praṇayo bhava bhava
 bhavator eva padāmbujeṣu me

“O prince and princess of the *gopas*! Again and again I pray to you for this benediction: Birth after birth may I love Your lotus feet.” (*Utkalikā-vallārī* 68)

*pracīnānām bhajanam atulam duṣkaram śṛṇvato me
nairyāsenā jvalati hṛdayam bhakti-leśālasasya
viśva-drīcīm aghahara tavākarma kāruṇya-vicīm
āsā-bindūkṣitam idam upety antare hanta śaityam*

“I am very weak and lazy to do even the smallest devotional service, and so when I hear of the peerless and difficult-to-perform services perfected by great devotees of ancient times, my heart burns with despair. But O Lord! O killer of Agha! When I hear that Your waves of mercy splash everyone, not only the demigod Brahmā but even the most insignificant creature, my heart is sprinkled with a cooling drop of hope.” (*Stavamālā*, *Tribhaṅgī-cchandaḥ-stava*, untitled prayer 2)

*rādhā dāmodara-ṣreṣṭhā rādhikā vārṣabhānavī
samasta-ballavī-vṛnda- dhamillottamaṁsa-mallikā*

*kṛṣṇa-priyāvalī-mukhyā gāndharvā lalitā-sakhī
viśākhā-sakhya-sukhinī hari-hṛd-bhṛṅga-mañjarī*

“Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī is known as Rādhā, She who is dear to Lord Dāmodara, His greatest worshipper, the daughter of King Vṛṣabhānu, She who is the crowning garland of

mallikā flowers on the decorated braided hair that is the *gopīs* of Vraja, the first of Kṛṣṇa's beloveds, an expert singer and musician, Lalitā's friend, She who is delighted with the friendship of Viśākhā, and the flower blossom that attracts the black bee of Lord Hari's heart." (*Stavamālā, Ānanda-candrikākhyā-rādhā-daśa-nāma-stotra* 1–2)

Prayers to Vaiṣṇavas



Śrī Vaiṣṇava Praṇāma

*vāñcā-kalṭatarubhyaś ca kṛpā-sindhubhya eva ca
patitānām pāvanebhyo vaiṣṇavebhyo namo namaḥ*

“I offer my respectful obeisances unto all the Vaiṣṇava devotees of the Lord. They are just like desire trees that can fulfil the desires of everyone, and they are full of compassion for the fallen conditioned souls.”

Śrī Guru Praṇāma

*om ajñāna-timirāndhasya jñānāñjana-salākayā
cakṣur unmilitam yena tasmai śrī-gurave namaḥ*

“I was born in the darkest ignorance, and my spiritual master opened my eyes with the torchlight of knowledge. I offer my respectful obeisances unto him.” (Śrī Prema-bhakti-candrikā, Invocation 1)

*nāma-śreṣṭham manum api śacī-putram atra svarūpam
rūpam tasyāgrajam uru-purīm māthurīm goṣṭhavātīm
rādha-kunḍam giri-varam aho rādhikā-mādhavāśām
prāpto yasya prathita-kṛpayā śrī-gurum tam nato ‘smi*

“I bow down to the beautiful lotus feet of my spiritual master, by whose causeless mercy I have obtained the supreme

holy name, the divine mantra, the service of the son of Śacī-mātā, the association of Śrīla Svarūpa Dāmodara, Rūpa Gosvāmī, and his older brother Sanātana Gosvāmī, the supreme abode of Mathurā, the blissful abode of Vṛndāvana, divine Rādhā-kuṇḍa and Govardhana Hill, and the desire within my heart for the loving service of Śrī Rādhikā and Mādhava in Vṛndāvana.” (Śrī Mukta-carita, Invocation)

*he guro jñāna-da dīna-bandho
svānanda-dātaḥ karuṇaika-sindho
vṛndāvanāsīna hitāvatāra
prasīda rādhā-praṇaya-pracāra*

“O spiritual master, O giver of divine wisdom, O friend of the fallen, you are the giver of your own bliss and you are the only ocean of mercy. Although dwelling in Vṛndāvana, you have descended for the welfare of fallen souls like myself and you are preaching the glories of Rādhā’s divine love for Kṛṣṇa. Please be kind upon me.” (Cited in *Pañcarātra Pradīpa*)

Śrīla Prabhupāda

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrimate bhaktivedānta- svāminn iti nāmine*

*namas te sārasvate deve gaura-vāṇī-ṭracāriṇe
nirviśeṣa-śūnyavādi- pāścātya-deśa-tāriṇe*

“I offer my respectful obeisances unto His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda, who is very dear to Lord Kṛṣṇa, having taken shelter at His lotus feet. Our respectful obeisances are unto you, O spiritual master, servant of Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī Gosvāmī! You are kindly preaching the message of Lord Caitanyadeva and delivering the Western countries, which are filled with impersonalism and voidism.”

Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī Ṭhākura

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-ṭreṣṭhāya bhū-tale
śrīmate bhaktisiddhānta- sarasvatīti nāmine*

*śrī-vārṣabhānavī-devī- dayitāya kṛpābdhaye
kṛṣṇa-sambandha-vijñāna- dāyine ṭrabhave namaḥ*

“I offer my respectful obeisances unto His Divine Grace Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī, who is very dear to Lord Kṛṣṇa, having taken shelter at His lotus feet. I offer my respectful obeisances to him, who is also known as Vārṣabhānavī-devī-dayita Dāsa. He is favoured by Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī, and he is an ocean of transcendental mercy and the deliverer of the science of Kṛṣṇa.”

Śrīla Gaura-kiśora Dāsa Bābājī

*namo gaura-kiśorāya sākṣād-vairāgya-mūrtaye
vipralambha-rasāmbhode pādāmbujāya te namaḥ*

“I offer my respectful obeisances unto Gaura-kiśora Dāsa Bābājī Mahārāja, who is renunciation personified. He is always merged in feelings of separation and intense love for Kṛṣṇa.”

Śrīla Bhaktivinoda Ṭhākura

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

“I offer my respectful obeisances unto Saccidānanda Bhaktivinoda, who is the transcendental energy of Caitanya Mahāprabhu. He is a strict follower of the Gosvāmīs, headed by Śrī Rūpa.”

Śrīla Jagannātha Dāsa Bābājī

*gaurāvirbhāva-bhūmes tvam nirdeṣṭā saj-jana-priyaḥ
vaiṣṇava-sārvabhaumaḥ śrī-jagannāthāya te namaḥ*

“I offer my respectful obeisances to Jagannātha Dāsa Bābājī, who is respected by the entire Vaiṣṇava community and who discovered the place where Lord Caitanya appeared.”



Viśvanātha Cakravartī Ṭhākura

*viśvasya nātha-rūpo 'sau bhakti-vartma-pradarśanāt
bhakta-cakre varttitatvāt cakravarty ākhyāya ye bhavet*

“Because he has shown the residents of this universe (*viśva-vāsīs*) the path of *bhakti*, he is called ‘Viśvanātha,’ and because he is situated amongst the circle (*cakra*) of devotees, he is called ‘Cakravartī.’” (*Viśvanātha-praṇati* written by Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī Ṭhākura)

Narottama Dāsa Ṭhākura

*śrī-kṛṣṇa-nāmāmṛta-varṣi-vaktra-
candra-prabhā-dhvasta tamo bharāya
gaurāṅga-devānucarāya tasmai
namo namaḥ śrīla narottamāya*

“I offer respectful obeisances to Śrīla Narottama Dāsa Ṭhākura, a sincere follower of Lord Gaurāṅgadeva. The nectarean shower of the holy name radiating from the moon of his mouth destroys the darkness of ignorance.” (*Narottama-prabhor-aṣṭaka* 1)

Lokanātha Gosvāmī

*śrīmad-rādhā-vinodaika sevā sampat samanvitam
padmanābhātmajam śrīmāl lokanātha-prabhur bhaje*

I worship the lotus feet of Śrī Lokanātha Gosvāmī Prabhu, the son of Śrī Padmanābha. He is a storehouse of single-minded service to the lotus feet of Rādhā-Vinoda.” (*Bhakti-ratnākara* 1.297)

Bhūgarbha Gosvāmī

*gosvāminam ca bhūgarbham bhūgarbhottham suviśrutam
sadā mahāśayam vande kṛṣṇa-prema-pradam prabhum
śrīla-govinda-devasya sevā-sukha-vilāsinam
dayālum premadam svaccham nityam ānanda-vigraham*

“I revere the illustrious Bhūgarbha Prabhu, who is said to have been born from the bowels of the earth. He bestows love of Kṛṣṇa, delights in the service of Govindadeva, is compassionate, simple, and always joyful.” (*Śākhā-niṣayāmṛta*)

Kṛṣṇadāsa Kavirāja Gosvāmī

*kṛṣṇadāsa kavirāja rasika bhakata-mājha
je racila caitanya-carita
gaura-govinda-lilā śunile galaye śilā
nā ḍūvila tāhe mora cita*

“Amongst the devotees, Kṛṣṇadāsa Kavirāja is extremely expert at relishing the nectarean mellows of love of God. When the stones hear his *Caitanya-caritāmṛta* and *Govinda-lilāmṛta*, they melt in ecstasy. In spite of this, I cannot appreciate him within my heart.” (*Prārthanā* 3.3)

Prabodhānanda Sarasvatī Ṭhākura

*parama-vairāgya-sneha-mūrti-manoram
mahā-kavi-gīta-vādyā-nṛtye anupam*

“Very austere and renounced, Prabodhānanda Sarasvatī overflowed with love for the devotees. His handsome form was pleasing to the eyes. He was a learned poet and scholar. No one could compare with him in the arts of singing, dancing, and playing musical instruments.”
(*Bhakti-ratnākara*)

Śrīla Haridāsa Ṭhākura

—“*jaya jaya jaya haridāsa
nāmera mahimā yeṅha karilā prakāśa*”

“All glories to Haridāsa Ṭhākura, who revealed the importance of chanting the holy name of the Lord!” (Śrī *Caitanya-caritāmṛta*, *Antya-līlā* 11.99)

“He reasons ill who says that Vaiṣṇavas die
When thou art living still in sound!
for Vaiṣṇavas die to live, and living try
to spread the holy name around.”

(*On Haridāsa’s Samādhi, A Sāragrāhi Vaiṣṇava*)

Ṣaḍ-gosvāmī

*nānā-śāstra-vicāraṇaika-niṣṇau sad-dharma-saṁsthāpakau
lokānām hita-kāriṇau tri-bhuvane mānyau śaraṇyākarau
rādhā-kṛṣṇa-padāravinda-bhajanānandena mattālikau
vande rūpa-sanātanau raghu-yugau śrī-jīva-gopālakau*

“I offer my respectful obeisances unto the Six Gosvāmī, namely Śrī Sanātana Gosvāmī, Śrī Rūpa Gosvāmī, Śrī Raghunātha Bhaṭṭa Gosvāmī, Śrī Raghunātha Dāsa Gosvāmī, Śrī Jīva Gosvāmī, and Śrī Gopāla Bhaṭṭa Gosvāmī, who are very expert in scrutinisingly studying all the revealed scriptures with the aim of establishing eternal religious principles for the benefit of all human beings. Thus they are honoured all over the three worlds, and they are worth taking shelter of because they are absorbed in the mood of the *gopīs* and are engaged in the transcendental loving service of Rādhā and Kṛṣṇa.” (*Ṣaḍ-gosvāmy-aṣṭaka 2*)

Raghunātha Dāsa Gosvāmī

*yan-mitraṁ raghunātha-dāsa iti vikhyātaḥ kṣitau rādhikā
kṛṣṇa-prema mahārṇavormi nivahe ghūrṇa sadā divyati
dṛṣṭānta prakara-ṣṛbhābharam atyavānayor bhrājator
yas tulyatva padam mātas tribhuvane saścāryam aryottamaiḥ*

“Raghunātha Dāsa has become world famous for being the friend of Śrī Rūpa and Sanātana. He always swims in the waves of the great ocean of love for Rādhikā and Kṛṣṇa. The greatest saints say that no one in the world can be compared with Rūpa and Sanātana, but amazingly enough, Raghunātha Dāsa has attained a position equal to theirs.”

Rūpa Gosvāmī and Sanātana Gosvāmī

*sanātanaṁ rūpaṁ udiyusoh kṣitau
hṛdād-adhanau vraja-kānaneṣayoḥ
tat-keli-kalpāgama-saṁgatīlitaḥ
sadāli-vithir anurāginir-bhaje*

“I worship Śrīla Rūpa Gosvāmī and Śrīla Sanātana Gosvāmī, who brought Rādhā and Kṛṣṇa, the king and queen of Vṛndāvana, out of their hearts into this world, revealed Their pastimes from the Vedic scriptures, and who are followed by all those devotees who love Kṛṣṇa.”
(Śrī Kṛṣṇa-bhāvanāmṛta-mahākāvya, Invocation)

Rūpa Gosvāmī

*ādadānas tṛṇaṁ dāntair idam yāce punaḥ punaḥ
śrīmad-rūpa-padāmbhoja- rajo 'ham syām bhava bhava*

“Taking a blade of grass between my teeth, I repeatedly

beg: birth after birth may I be the dust of Śrīla Rūpa Gosvāmī's lotus feet." (*Dāna-keli-cintāmaṇi* 175)

*śrī-caitanya-mano-'bhīṣṭaṁ sthāpitaṁ yena bhū-tale
svayaṁ rūpaḥ kadā mahyaṁ dadāti sva-padāntikam*

“When will Śrīla Rūpa Gosvāmī Prabhupāda, who has established the mission to fulfil the desire of Lord Caitanya, give me shelter at his lotus feet?” (*Śrī Prema-bhakti-candrikā*, Invocation 2)

Śukadeva Gosvāmī

*yaṁ pravrajantam anupetaṁ apeta-kṛtyaṁ
dvaipāyano viraha-kātara ājuhāva
putreti tan-mayatayā taravo 'bhinedus
taṁ sarva-bhūta-hṛdayaṁ munim ānato 'smi*

“Let me offer my respectful obeisances unto that great sage [Śukadeva Gosvāmī] who can enter the hearts of all. When he went away to take up the renounced order of life, leaving home without undergoing reformation by the sacred thread ceremony, his father Vyāsadeva, fearing separation from him, cried out, ‘O my son!’ Indeed, only the trees, which were absorbed in the same feelings of separation, echoed in response to the begrieved father.” (*Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam* 1.2.2)

*yaḥ svānubhāvam akhila-śruti-sāram ekam
 adhyātma-dīpam atitīrṣatām tamo 'ndham
 saṁsāriṇām karuṇayāha purāṇa-guhyam
 tam vyāsa-sūnum upayāmi gurum muninām*

“Let me offer my respectful obeisances unto him [Śuka], the spiritual master of all sages, the son of Vyāsadeva, who, out of his great compassion for those gross materialists who struggle to cross over the darkest regions of material existence, spoke this most confidential supplement to the cream of Vedic knowledge, after having personally assimilated it by experience.” (*Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam* 1.2.3)

Prayers to Holy Places

Gaṅgā-devī

*sadyaḥ pātaka-saṁhantrī sadhyo duḥkha-vināsinī
sukhadā mokṣadā gaṅgā gaṅgaiva parama gatiḥ*

“O Gaṅgā-devī! As the ultimate shelter you immediately destroy all sins and miseries, and bestow topmost happiness and supreme liberation.” (Cited in *Pañcarātra Pradīpa*)

Navadvīpa-dhāma

*svardhunyās cāru-tīre sphuritam
ati-bṛhat-kūrma-pṛṣṭhābha-gātram
ramyārāmāvṛtam san-maṇi-kanaka-mahā-
sadma-saṅghaiḥ paritam
nityam pratyālayodyat-praṇaya-bhara-
lasat-kṛṣṇa-saṅkīrtanādhyam
śrī-vṛndāṭavy-abhinnam tri-jagad-anuṣamam
śrī-navadvīpam īde*

“I praise the holy *dhāma* of Navadvīpa, which is identical with Śrī Vṛndāvana and completely different from the material world consisting of three planetary systems. Situated on the beautiful banks of the Ganges, Navadvīpa is covered by lovely groves and gardens, and it appears like the back of a gigantic turtle. That holy *dhāma* is filled with many great palatial houses made of gold, which are bedecked with brilliant jewels, and wherein devotees are

always performing *kṛṣṇa-saṅkīrtana* in the mellow of ecstatic love.” (Śrī *Gaura-govindārcana-smaraṇa-paddhati* 25)

Jagannātha Purī

*nīlācala nivāsaya nityāya paramātmane
balabhadra-subhadraḥhyām śrī-jagannāthāyate namaḥ*

“I offer my obeisances unto the Supreme Personality of Godhead Śrī Jagannātha, who resides eternally in Nīlācala-dhāma along with His personal expansion Lord Balarāma and His internal potency, Subhadra-devī.”





*Prayers to
Gaura and His Associates*

Pañca-tattva

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

“I offer my obeisances to Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya, Prabhu Nityānanda, Śrī Advaita, Gadādhara, Śrīvāsa, and all others in the line of devotion.”

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

“I offer my obeisances unto the Supreme Lord, Kṛṣṇa, who is non-different from His features as a devotee, devotional incarnation, devotional manifestation, pure devotee, and devotional energy.” (Śrī Caitanya-caritāmṛta, Ādi-līlā 1.14)

Śrīvāsa Ṭhākura

*jaya jaya śrīvāsādi yata bhakta-gaṇa
praṇata ha-iyā vandoṅ sabāra caraṇa*

“Let me offer my respectful obeisances unto Śrīvāsa Ṭhākura and all the other devotees of the Lord. I fall down to offer them respect. I worship their lotus feet.” (Śrī Caitanya-caritāmṛta, Ādi-līlā 8.4)

Śrī Gadādhara Paṇḍita

*gadādhara-ṇḍitādi—prabhura nija-śakti
tān'-sabāra caraṇe mora sahasra praṇati*

“I offer my respectful obeisances unto the internal potencies of the Lord, of whom Śrī Gadādhara Prabhu is the foremost.” (Śrī Caitanya-caritāmṛta, Ādi-līlā 1.41)

*baḍa śākhā,—gadādhara ṇḍita-gosāñi
teñho lakṣmī-rūpā, tāñra sama keha nāi*

“Gadādhara Paṇḍita, the fourth branch of the tree of Lord Caitanya, is described as an incarnation of the pleasure potency of Śrī Kṛṣṇa. No one, therefore, can equal him.” (Śrī Caitanya-caritāmṛta, Ādi-līlā 10.15)

Advaita Ācārya

*jaya jayādvaita-candra caitanyera ārya
sva-caraṇe bhakti deha' jayādvaitācārya*

“All glories to Advaita Ācārya, who is treated by Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu as superior due to His age and respectability! Please give me engagement in devotional service at Your lotus feet.” (Śrī Caitanya-caritāmṛta, Antya-līlā 11.7)

*advaitam hariṇādvaitād ācāryam bhakti-śamsanāt
bhaktāvatāram īśam tam advaitācāryam āśraye*

“Because He is non-different from Hari, He is called Advaita, and because He propagates the cult of devotion, He is called Ācārya. He is the Lord and the incarnation of the Lord’s devotee. Therefore I take shelter of Him.” (Śrī Caitanya-caritāmṛta, Ādi-līlā 1.13)

Nityānanda Prabhu

*nityānandaṁ ahaṁ naumi sarvānanda-karaṁ param
hari-nāma-pradaṁ devam avadhūta-śiromaṇim*

“I bow down to the Supreme Lord Nityānanda Prabhu, who is the awarder of the highest joy to all, the bestower of the holy name, and the crest jewel of all *paramahansa* mendicants.” (Cited in *Pañcarātra Pradīpa*)

*saṅkarṣaṇaḥ kāraṇa-toya-śāyī
garbhoda-śāyī ca payobdhi-śāyī
śeṣaś ca yasyāmśa-kalāḥ sa nitya
nandākhyā-rāmaḥ śaraṇaṁ mamāstu*

“May Śrī Nityānanda Prabhu be the object of my constant remembrance. Saṅkarṣaṇa, Mahāviṣṇu, Garbhodakṣāyī Viṣṇu, and Kṣīrodakṣāyī Viṣṇu, as well as Śeṣa, are His expansions and the expansions of His expansions. That

same Nityānanda Prabhu is none other than Balarāma.”
(Śrī Caitanya-caritāmṛta, Ādi-līlā 1.7)

Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu

*namo mahā-vadānyāya kṛṣṇa-prema-pradāya te
kṛṣṇāya kṛṣṇa-caitanya nāmne gaura-tviṣe namaḥ*

“I offer my respectful obeisances unto the Supreme Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya, who is more magnanimous than any other *avatāra*, even Kṛṣṇa Himself, because He is bestowing freely what no one else has ever given—pure love of Kṛṣṇa.” (Śrī Caitanya-caritāmṛta, Madhya-līlā 19.53)

*anarṣita-carīm cirāt karuṇayāvātīrṇaḥ kalau
samarṣayitum unnatojjvala-rasām sva-bhakti-śriyam
hariḥ puraṭa-sundara-dyuti-kadamba-sandīpitaḥ
sadā hṛdaya-kandare sphuratu vaḥ śacī-nandanah*

“May the Supreme Lord who is known as the son of Śrīmatī Śacī-devī be transcendently situated in the innermost chambers of your heart. Resplendent with the radiance of molten gold, He has appeared in the Age of Kali by His causeless mercy to bestow what no incarnation has ever offered before: the most sublime and radiant mellow of devotional service, the mellow of conjugal love.” (Śrī Caitanya-caritāmṛta, Ādi-līlā 1.4)

*rādhā kṛṣṇa-praṇaya-vikṛtir hlādinī śaktir asmād
 ekātmānāv api bhuvi purā deha-bhedam gatau tau
 caitanyākhyam prakātam adhunā tad-dvayam caikyam āptam
 rādhā-bhāva-dyuti-suvalitam nau mi kṛṣṇa-svarūpam*

“The loving affairs of Śrī Rādhā and Kṛṣṇa are transcendental manifestations of the Lord’s internal pleasure-giving potency. Although Rādhā and Kṛṣṇa are one in Their identity, They separated Themselves eternally. Now these two transcendental identities have again united in the form of Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya. I bow down to Him, who has manifested Himself with the sentiment and complexion with the sentiment and complexion of Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī although He is Kṛṣṇa Himself.” (Śrī Caitanya-caritāmṛta, Ādi-līlā 1.5)

*śrī-rādhāyāḥ praṇaya-mahimā kīḍṣo vānayaivā-
 svādyo yenādbhuta-madhurimā kīḍṣo vā madīyaḥ
 saukhyam cāsyā mad-anubhavataḥ kīḍṣam veti lobhāt
 tad-bhāvādhyāḥ samajani śacī-garbha-sindhau harīnduh*

“Desiring to understand the glory of Rādhārāṇī’s love, the wonderful qualities in Him that She alone relishes through Her love, and the happiness She feels when She realises the sweetness of His love, the Supreme Lord Hari, richly endowed with Her emotions, appeared from the womb of Śrīmatī Śacī-devī, as the moon appeared from the ocean.” (Śrī Caitanya-caritāmṛta, Ādi-līlā 1.6)

*nijatve gaudīyān jagati pariṅṛhya prabhur-imān
 hare kṛṣṇety evaṁ gaṇana-vidhinā kīrtayata bhoh
 iti prāyaṁ śikṣāṁ janaka iva tebhyaḥ paridiśan
 śacī-sūnuḥ kiṁ me nayana-saraṇīm yāsyati padam*

“When will the son of Śacī-mātā appear on the path of my eyes? He has accepted as His personal associates the Gauḍīya Vaiṣṇavas, who are like bees at His lotus feet. And like a father, He gives them instructions to chant the Hare Kṛṣṇa *mahā-mantra* by counting a fixed number of rounds.” (*Stavāvalī, Śrī Śacīsūnv-aṣṭaka 5*)

*ānanda-līlāmaya-vigrahāya
 hemābha-divya-cchavi-sundarāya
 tasmai mahā-ṭrema-rasa-ṭradāya
 caitanyacandrāya namo namas te*

“O Lord Caitanyacandra! You are the embodiment of blissful pastimes, Your beautiful complexion is as splendid as gold, and You give the nectar of pure love for Kṛṣṇa. O Lord! Again and again I offer my respectful obeisances unto You.” (*Śrī Caitanya-candrāmṛta 11*)

*kalāḥ kalir balina indriya-vairi-vargāḥ
 śrī-bhakti-mārga iha kaṇṭaka-koṭi-ruddhaḥ
 hā hā kva yāmi vikalāḥ kiṁ ahaṁ karomi
 caitanyacandra yadi nādyā kṛṇāṁ karoṣi*

“Now is the Age of Kali. The senses are powerful enemies, and the splendid path of pure devotional service is blocked by millions of thorns. I am weak and agitated. Alas! Alas! O Lord Caitanyacandra! If You will not give me Your mercy now, then in this completely confused condition, what shall I do, where shall I go?” (Śrī Caitanya-candrāmṛta 49)

*śrī-kṛṣṇa-caranāmbhoja- premāmṛta-mahāmbudhe
 namas te dīna-dīnaṁ māṁ kadācit kiṁ smariṣyasi*

“O Lord Caitanyadeva! O great ocean of the nectar of pure love for the lotus feet of Lord Kṛṣṇa! I offer respectful obeisances unto You. Do You sometimes remember me, the most wretched of all wretched people?” (Śrī Kṛṣṇa-līlā-stava 406)

*Prayers to the
Name and to Divine Love*



Hari-nāma

*ceto-darpaṇa-mārjanam bhava-mahā-dāvāgni-nirvāpaṇam
śreyah-kairava-candrikā-vitarāṇam vidyā-vadhū-jīvanam
ānandāmbudhi-wardhanam prati-padam pūrṇāmṛtāsvādanam
sarvātma-saṅgamanam param vijayate śrī-kṛṣṇa-saṅkīrtanam*

“Let there be all victory for the chanting of the holy name of Lord Kṛṣṇa, which can cleanse the mirror of the heart and stop the miseries of the blazing fire of material existence. That chanting is the waxing moon that spreads the white lotus of good fortune for all living entities. It is the life and soul of all education. The chanting of the holy name of Kṛṣṇa expands the blissful ocean of transcendental life. It gives a cooling effect to everyone and enables one to taste full nectar at every step.” (Śrī Śikṣāṣṭaka 1)

*nikhila-śruti-mauli ratna-mālā
dyuti nīrājita-pāda-ṅkaṅkānta
ayi mukta-kulair upāsyamānam
paritas tvām harināma saṁśrayāmi*

“O Hari-nāma! The tips of the toes of Your lotus feet are constantly being worshipped by the glowing radiance emanating from the string of gems known as the *Upaniṣads*, the crown jewels of all the *Vedas*. You are eternally adored by liberated souls like Nārada and Śukadeva. O Hari-nāma! I take complete shelter of You.” (Śrī Kṛṣṇa-nāmāṣṭaka 1)

*jayati jayati nāmānanda-rūpaṁ murārer
viramita-nija-dharma-dhyāna-ṭṭijādi-yatnam
kathamapi sakṛdāttam muktidaṁ prāṇinā yat
paramam amṛtam ekaṁ jīvanam bhūṣaṇam me*

“All glories, all glories to Lord Murāri in the form of His all-ecstatic name! If any living being puts aside such tasks as meditation, ritual worship, and social duties and even once takes the Lord’s holy name, the name will grant him liberation. That holy name is the greatest source of eternal pleasure and is my very life and ornament.” (Śrī Bṛhad-bhāgavatāmṛta 1.1.9)

*nāma cintāmaṇiḥ kṛṣṇaś caitanya-rasa-vigrahaḥ
pūrṇah śuddho nitya-mukto bhinnatvān nāma nāmiṇoḥ*

“The holy name of Kṛṣṇa is a transcendental wish-fulfilling gem. It bestows all spiritual benedictions, for it is Kṛṣṇa Himself. It is the personification of divine mellow and the fountainhead of all pleasure. The holy name of Kṛṣṇa is eternally liberated and spiritual. This is because the name of Kṛṣṇa and Kṛṣṇa Himself are non-different.” (Śrī Bhakti-rasāmṛta-sindhu 1.2.233)

*tunde tāṇḍavini ratim vitanute tuṇḍāvali-labdhave
kaṛṇa-kroḍa-kādambinī ghaṭayate kaṛṇārbudebhyaḥ spṛhām
cetaḥ prāṅgaṇa-saṅginī vijayate sarvendriyāṇām kṛtim
no jāne janitā kiyadbhir amṛtaiḥ kṛṣṇeti varṇa-dvayi*

“I do not know how much nectar the two syllables ‘Kṛṣṇa’ have produced. When the holy name of Kṛṣṇa is chanted, it appears to dance within the mouth. We then desire many, many mouths. When that name enters the holes of the ears, we desire many millions of ears. And when the holy name dances in the courtyard of the heart, it conquers the activities of the mind, and therefore all the senses become inert.” (Śrī Vidagdha-mādhava 1.15)

*rādheti nāma nava-sundara-sīdhu mugdham
 kṛṣṇeti nāma madhurādbhuta-gāḍha-dugdham
 sarva-kṣaṇam surabhi-rāga-himena ramyam
 kṛtvā tadaiva piba me rasane kṣudārte*

“O tongue tortured by thirst, please mix the delicious nectar of the name Rādhā with the wonderfully sweet condensed milk of the name Kṛṣṇa, add the fragrant ice of pure love, and drink this charming beverage at every moment!” (Stavāvalī, Abhīṣṭa-sūcanam 10)

*rā-śabdāṁ kurvate trasto dadāmi bhaktim uttamām
 dhā-śabdāṁ kurvataḥ paścād yāmi śravaṇa-lobhataḥ*

“I give transcendental devotional service to anyone who calls out ‘Rā!’ And I eagerly appear before anyone who speaks the syllable ‘dhā.’” (Brahma-vaivarta Purāṇa 4.15.71)

*devānām atha bhakta-mukta-suhṛdām atyanta-dūram ca yat
 premānanda-rasaṁ mahā-sukha-karaṁ coccāritaṁ premataḥ
 premṇākarmaṇyate jāpaty atha mudā gāyaty athālīṣṭayaṁ
 jalpaty aśru-mukho haris tad amṛtaṁ rādheti me jīvanam*

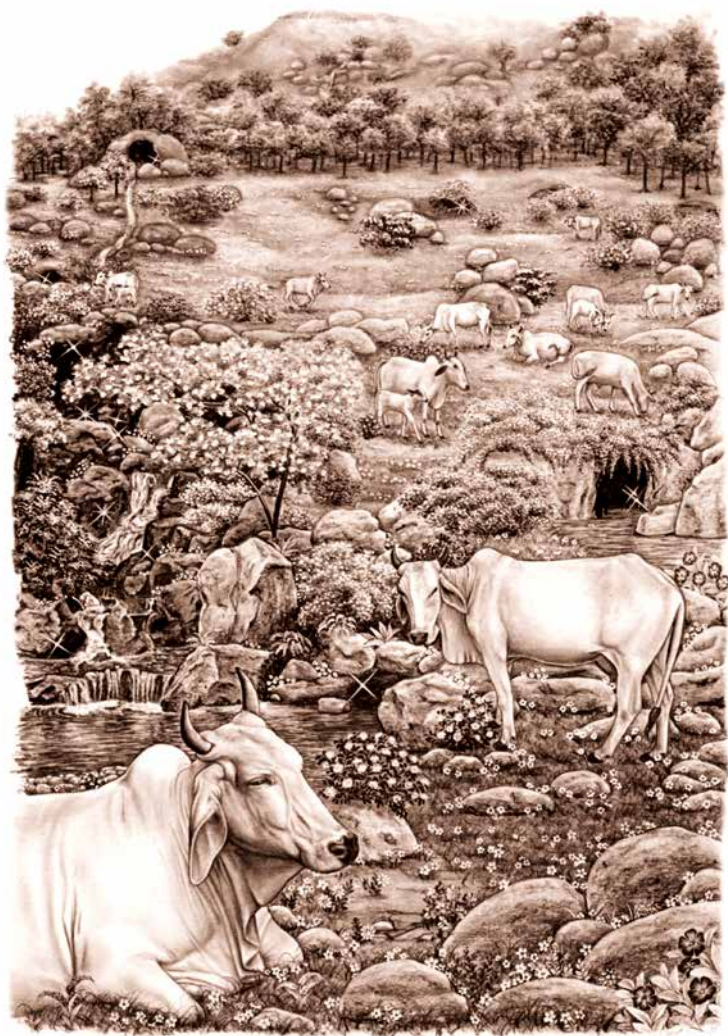
“The nectarean name ‘Rādhā’ is very far from the demigods, the liberated souls, the devotees, and kindly persons who are friends to all. When spoken with affection, it brings a flood of the blissful nectar of love. And in the company of the *gopīs*, Lord Hari, tears streaming down His face, happily hears, chants, and sings this name, which is my life and soul.” (*Rādhā-rasa-sudhā-nidhi* 97)

Prema-bhakti

*kva jano 'yam atīva pāmarāḥ
 kva durāpaṁ rati-bhāgbhir apy adaḥ
 iyam ullasayaty ajarjarā
 gurur uttarṣa-dhurā tathāpi mām*

“Where is this fool? And where is that divine love that even the great devotees cannot attain? Still, a new and intense thirst to attain that very rare love now makes me tremble.” (*Utkalikā-vallarī* 26)

*Prayers to the
Pastimes Places in Vr̥ndāvana*



Yamunā River

*cid-ānanda-bhānoḥ sadā nanda-sūnoḥ
para-ṣrema-ṣātrī drava-brahma-gātrī
aghānām lavitrī jagat-kṣema-dhātrī
pavitri-kriyān no vapur mitra-putrī*

“O river Yamunā! You are the blissful spiritual water that gives love for the son of Nanda Mahārāja. Because you have descended from the spiritual world you can vanquish all our offences and the sinful reactions incurred in life. You are the creator of all auspicious things for the world. O daughter of the sun god, kindly purify us by your pious activities.” (*Caitanya-candrodaya-nāṭaka* 5.11)

Govardhana Hill

*namo vṛndāvanānkāya tubhyaṁ goloka-mauline
pūrṇa-brahmātapatrāya namo govardhanāya ca*

“Obeisances to you, who are the crown of Goloka and who sits on the lap of Vṛndāvana! Obeisances to Govardhana, the parasol of the Supreme Personality of Godhead!” (*Śrī Garga-saṁhitā* 2.2.15)

*hantāyam adrir abalā hari-dāsa-varyo
yad rāma-kṛṣṇa-caraṇa-ṣparaśa-ṣpramodaḥ*

*mānaṁ tanoti saha-go-gaṇayos tayor yat
pānīya-sūryavasa-kandara-kandamūlaiḥ*

“Of all the devotees, this Govardhana Hill is the best! O my friends, this hill supplies Kṛṣṇa and Balarāma, along with Their calves, cows and cowherd friends, with all kinds of necessities—water for drinking, very soft grass, caves, fruits, flowers and vegetables. In this way the hill offers respects to the Lord. Being touched by the lotus feet of Kṛṣṇa and Balarāma, Govardhana Hill appears very jubilant.” (*Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam* 10.21.18)

*nirupadhi-karuṇena śrī-śacīnandanena
twayi kapaṭi-śaṭho 'pi tvat-priyenārṇṇito 'smi
iti khalu mama योग्ययोग्यातां माम् अग्रहणान्
nija-nikāṭa-nivāsaṁ dehi govardhana tvam*

“O Govardhana! Although I am a cheater and a criminal, unlimitedly merciful Lord Śacīnandana, who is very dear to you, has given me to you. Please do not consider whether I am acceptable or not, but simply grant me residence near you.” (*Stavāvalī, Śrī Govardhana-vāsa-ṇṇrāthanā-daśaka* 10)

Rādhā-kunḍa

*yathā rādhā priyā viṣṇos tasyāḥ kuṇḍaṁ priyaṁ tathā
sarva-gopīṣu saivaikā viṣṇor atyanta-vallabhā*

“Just as Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī is most dear to Śrī Kṛṣṇa, Her bathing place is also dear to Him. Amongst all the *gopīs*, Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī is unequalled and She is very dear to Lord Kṛṣṇa.” (*Padma Purāṇa, Kārttika-māhātmya*)

*he śrī-sarovara sadā tvayi sā mad-iśā
preṣṭhena sārdham iha khelati kāma-raṅgaiḥ
tvam cet priyāt priyam atīva tayor itīmam
hā darśayādya kṛpayā mama jīvitam tām*

“O beautiful lake! My queen eternally enjoys amorous pastimes with Her beloved on your shore. Since you are most dear to Them, then, oh please, now mercifully show me that girl who is my life and soul!” (*Śrī Vilāpa-kusumāñjali* 98)





*Prayers to the
Residents of Vraja*



Vraja Associates

*diśi vidiśi vihāram ācarantaḥ
 saha paśuṣpāla-vareṇya-nandanābhyām
 praṇayi-jana-gaṇās tayoh kurudhvaṃ
 mayi karuṇām bata kākum ākalaya*

“O affectionate companions of the son and daughter of the best *gopas*! You always enjoy transcendental pastimes with Them, so please hear my words choked with emotion and be merciful to me.” (*Utkalikā-vallarī* 21)

Tulasī-devī

*vṛndāyai tulasī-devyai priyāyai keśavasya ca
 kṛṣṇa-bhakti-ṭrade devi satyavatyaḥ namo namaḥ*

“I offer my repeated obeisances unto Vṛndā, Śrīmatī Tulasī-devī, who is very dear to Lord Keśava. O goddess, you bestow devotional service to Kṛṣṇa and you are the abode of the highest truth.” (Cited in *Songs of the Vaiṣṇava Ācāryas*)

Nanda Mahārāja

*śrutim apare smṛtim itare bhāratam anye bhajantu bhava-bhūtāḥ
 aham iha nandaṃ vande yasyālinde paraṃ brahma*

“Those who are afraid of material existence worship the Vedic literature. Some worship *smṛti*, the corollaries to the Vedic literature, and others worship the *Mahābhārata*. As far as I am concerned, I worship Kṛṣṇa’s father, Mahārāja Nanda, in whose courtyard the Supreme Personality of Godhead, the Absolute Truth, is playing.” (*Padyāvalī* 126, as cited in *Śrī Caitanya-caritāmṛta, Madhya-līlā* 19.96)

bandhūkāruṇa-vasanam
sundara-kūrcaṁ mukunda-hṛta-nayanam
nandaṁ tundīla-vapuṣaṁ
candana-gaura-tviṣāṁ vande

“I offer my respectful obeisances to Nanda Mahārāja! His garments are as red as a *bandhūka* flower, his face is handsome, his form chubby with the golden hue of sandalwood paste, and his eyes are always enchanted by the sight of Lord Mukunda.” (*Padyāvalī* 128)

Mother Yaśodā

trayyā copaniṣadbhīś ca sāṅkhyā-yogaiś ca sātvataiḥ
uṣagīyamāna-māhātmyaṁ harim sāmanyatātmajam

“The glories of the Supreme Personality of Godhead are studied through the three *Vedas*, the *Upaniṣads*, the literature of *sāṅkhya-yoga*, and other Vaiṣṇava literature,

yet Mother Yaśodā considered that Supreme Person her ordinary child.” (*Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam* 10.8.45)

aṅkaga-pañkajanābhām
navya-ghanābhām vicitra-ruci-sicayām
viracita-jagat-pramodām
muhur yaśodām namayāmi

“I repeatedly offer my respectful obeisances to Mother Yaśodā as she holds Pañkajanābha on her lap. Her garments are wonderfully beautiful, her complexion is the colour of a fresh rain cloud, and she delights the entire world.” (*Padyāvalī* 129)

Subala

subala ballava-varya-kumārayor
dayita-narma-sakhas tvaṁ asi vraje
iti tayoh purato vidhuraṁ janam
kṣaṇam amuṁ kṛpayādya nivedaya

“O Subala! You are Rādhā’s and Kṛṣṇa’s best friend here in Vraja. Please show me some pity and tell Them of my sorrow.” (*Utkalikā-vallarī* 24)

Vṛndā-devī

*hṛdi cira-vasad-āsā-maṅḍalāmba-pāḍau
 guṇavati tava nāthau nāthitum jantur eṣaḥ
 saṇḍadi bhavad-anujñāṁ yācate devi vṛnde
 mayi kira karuṇādrām dṛṣṭim atra prasīda*

“O virtuous Queen Vṛndā! This person begs your permission to present his appeal before your king and queen. Please be kind and cast your merciful glance upon me, that I might approach Them whose feet my heart has long yearned to attain.” (*Utkalikā-vallarī* 4)

Vraja-vāsīs

*e heno rādhāra caraṇa-jugale
 paricaryā pā’ba kabe
 hā hā braja-jana more dayā kori’
 kabe braja-bane la’be*

“When, oh when will I serve Śrī Rādhā’s feet? O people of Vraja! When will you show your compassion to me and take me with you to the forests of Vṛndāvana?” (*Gītā-mālā, Siddhi-lālasā* 10.3)

Prayers to the Gopīs



Mañjarīs

*tāmbūlārpaṇa-pāda-mardana-payo-dānābhisārādibhir
vṛndāraṇya-maheśvarīm priyatayā yās toṣayanti priyāḥ
prāṇa-preṣṭha-sakhī-kulād api kilāsaṅkocitā bhūmikāḥ
keli-bhūmiṣu rūpa-mañjarī-mukhās tā dāsikāḥ saṁśraye*

“By offering Rādhā and Kṛṣṇa betel nuts, by massaging Their feet, bringing Them water, arranging Their secret meetings, and performing many other services, many maidservants affectionately please Rādhārāṇī, the supreme controller of the Vṛndāvana forest. When the divine couple are absorbed in loving pastimes, these maidservants perform service in Their presence without shyness, moving even more freely than Rādhā’s dearest friends such as Lalitā and Viśākhā. I take shelter of those maidservants, who have Rūpa-mañjarī as their leader.” (*Vraja-vilāsa-stava* 38)

*tuyā adarṣana-ahi garale jārāla dehī,
cira-dina tāpita jīvana
hā hā rūpa koro doyā deho more pada-chāyā
narottama laila śaraṇa*

“O Rūpa-mañjarī! Separation from you is like snake venom that makes my soul decay, or like a fire that burns my life-breath. Please be merciful to me and give me the shade of your lotus feet. Narottama Dāsa takes shelter of you.” (*Prārthanā* 16.4)

Viśākhā-devī

*kṣaṇam api tava saṅgam na tyajed eva devī
tvam asi samavayastvān narma-bhūmir yad asyāḥ
iti sumukhi viśākhe darśayitvā mad-iśāṁ
mama viraha-hatāyāḥ prāṇa-rakṣāṁ kuruṣva*

“O Viśākhā! O goddess! My queen will not leave your company for even a moment. Because you are both of the same age, you are the realm of Her playful joking pastimes. O girl with the beautiful face! Please show me my queen and save my life, which is on the verge of departure from not seeing Her.” (Śrī Vilāpa-kusumāñjali 99)

Lalitā-devī

*śrī rādhikā giribṛthau lalitā-prasada-
labhyāv iti vraja-vane mahatīm prasiddhim
śrutvā-śrayāni lalite tava pada padmaṁ
kāruṇya-rañjita-dṛṣaṁ mayi hā nidhehi*

“In Vṛndāvana everyone knows that Lalitā’s mercy enables one to attain Śrī Rādhā-Giridhārī. Now that I have heard this, O Lalitā, I will take shelter of your lotus feet and pray that you will cast your merciful glance upon me.” (Śrī Saṅkalpa-kalpadruma 96)

*Prayers to
Rādhā-Śyāma*







Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī

*devī kṛṣṇamayī proktā rādhikā para-devatā
sarva-lakṣmīmayī sarva- kāntiḥ sammohini parā*

“The transcendental goddess Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī is the direct counterpart of Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa. She is the central figure for all the goddesses of fortune. She possesses all the attractiveness to attract the all-attractive Personality of Godhead. She is the primeval internal potency of the Lord.” (*Bṛhad-gautamīya-tantra*, as cited in *Śrī Caitanya-caritāmṛta*, *Ādi-līlā* 4.83)

*taṭṭa-kāñcana-gaurāṅgi rādhe vṛndāvaneśvari
vṛṣabhānu-sute devī praṇamāmi hari-priye*

“I offer my respects to Rādhārāṇī, whose bodily complexion is like molten gold and who is the Queen of Vṛndāvana. You are the daughter of King Vṛṣabhānu, and You are very dear to Lord Kṛṣṇa.” (*Śrī Gaura-govindārcana-smaraṇa-paddhati* 10)

*bhajāmi rādhām aravinda-netrām
smarāmi rādhām madhura-smitāsyām
vadāmi rādhām karuṇa-bharādrām
tato mamānyāsti gatiḥ na kāpi*

“I worship lotus-eyed Rādhā, I meditate on sweetly-smiling Rādhā, I glorify supremely merciful Rādhā as the only goal of my life. I have no other goal.” (*Stavāvalī, Śrī Viśākhānandābhidha-stotra* 131)

*devi duḥkha-kula-sāgarodare
dūyamānam ati-durgataṁ janam
tvam kṛpā-prabala-naukayādbhutaṁ
prāpaya sva-pada-pankajālayam*

“O *devī!* Please rescue this unfortunate person drowning in an ocean of pain, place him on the strong boat of Your mercy, and carry him to the wonderful realm of Your lotus feet.” (*Śrī Vilāpa-kusumāñjali* 8)

*pādābjayos tava vinā vara-dāsyam eva
nānyat kadāpi samaye kila devi yāce
sākhya te mama namo 'stu namo 'stu nityam
dāsyāya te mama raso 'stu raso 'stu satyam*

“O Rādhā! I shall never ask You for anything other than direct service to Your lotus feet. I offer my respectful obeisances to Your friendship. I offer my respectful obeisances to Your friendship again and again. May I find Your service as sweet as nectar. May I find Your service as sweet as nectar.” (*Śrī Vilāpa-kusumāñjali* 16)

*hā devi kāku-bhara-gadgadayādya vācā
yāce niṣatyā bhuvī daṇḍavad udbhatārtiḥ
asya prasādam abudhasya janasya kṛtvā
gāndharvike nija-gaṇe gaṇanām vidhehi*

“Falling down like a stick on the ground, distressed, and stammering words choked with emotion, I beg You, ‘O Queen Gāndharvikā! Please be kind to this foolish person and count him as one of Your associates.’” (*Stavamālā, Śrī Gāndharvā-prārthanāṣṭaka 2*)

*bhavatīm abhivādya cāṭubhir
varam ūrjeśvari varyam arthaye
bhavadīyatayā kṛpām yathā
mayi kuryād adhikām bakāntakaḥ*

“O Goddess of Kārttika! I fall down before You and beg You with sweet words, ‘May Lord Kṛṣṇa, the killer of Baka, be as merciful to me as You are.’” (*Utkalikā-vallarī 20*)

*āsā-bharair amṛta-sindhu-mayaiḥ kathañcit
kālo mayāti-gamitaḥ kila sāmpratam hi
tvaṁ cet kṛpām mayi vidhāsyasi naiva kiṁ me
prāṇair vrajena ca varoru bakāriṇāpi*

“For me, somehow this moment is flooded by a nectar ocean of many hopes. If You do not give Your mercy, then



of what use to me are this life, the land of Vraja, and Śrī Kṛṣṇa, the enemy of Baka?” (Śrī Vilāpa-kusumāñjali 102)

Rādhe!

*na muñcec charaṇāyātam
 api duṣṭam dayāmayah
 ato gāndharvike hā hā
 muñcainam naiva tādṛśam*

“It is said that great personalities like Lord Viṣṇu never reject a surrendered soul, even though that soul may be most wicked. Therefore, O Gāndharvikā, please don’t reject me, who has surrendered completely to You.” (Stavāvali, Premāmbhoja-maranda 12)

Śrī Kṛṣṇa

*vyatyasta-pāda-kamalam lalita-tri-bhaṅgi-
 saubhāgyam aṁsa-viralī-kṛta-keśa-pāśam
 piñchāvataṁsam urarī-kṛta-vaṁśa-nālam
 avyāja-mohanam upaimi kṛpā-viśeṣam*

“His loosened hair crowned with a peacock feather and flowing over His shoulders, His handsome form bending in three places, and His feet crossing as He dances, merciful and charming Kṛṣṇa plays His flute. Such is the Lord whom I worship.” (Padyāvali 49)

*barhāpīdam nāṭa-vara-vapuḥ karṇayoḥ karṇikāraṁ
 bibhrad vāsaḥ kanaka-kapiśaṁ vaijayantīm ca mālām
 randhrān veṇor adhara-sudhayāpūrayan goṣa-vṛndair
 vṛndāraṇyaṁ sva-pada-ramaṇaṁ prāviśad gīta-kīrtiḥ*

“Wearing a peacock-feather ornament upon His head, blue *karṇikāra* flowers on His ears, a yellow garment as brilliant as gold, and the Vaijayantī garland, Lord Kṛṣṇa exhibited His transcendental form as the greatest of dancers as He entered the forest of Vṛndāvana, beautifying it with the marks of His footprints. He filled the holes of His flute with the nectar of His lips, and the cowherd boys sang His glories.” (Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam 10.21.5)

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

“O my dear Kṛṣṇa, You are the friend of the distressed and the source of creation. You are the master of the *gopīs*, and the lover of Rādhārāṇī. I offer my respectful obeisances unto You.” (Cited in *Bhagavad-gītā As It Is*, Introduction)

*jayatām suratau paṅgor mama manda-mater gatī
 mat-sarvasva-padāmbhojau rādhā-madana-mohanau*

“Glory to the all-merciful Rādhā and Madana-mohana! I am lame and ill advised, yet They are my directors, and

Their lotus feet are everything to me.” (Śrī Caitanya-caritāmṛta, Ādi-līlā 1.15)

*dīvyad-vṛndāraṇya-kalpa-drumādhaḥ
śrīmad-ratnāgāra-simhāsana-sthau
śrīmad-rādhā-śrīla-govinda-devau
preṣṭhālibhiḥ sevyamānau smarāmi*

“In a temple of jewels in Vṛndāvana, underneath a desire tree, Śrī Śrī Rādhā-Govinda, served by Their most confidential associates, sit upon an effulgent throne. I offer my humble obeisances unto Them.” (Śrī Caitanya-caritāmṛta, Ādi-līlā 1.16)

*śrīmān rāsa-rasārambhī vaṁśī-vaṭa-taṭa-sthitaḥ
karṣan veṇu-svanair gopīr gopīnāthaḥ śrīye 'stu naḥ*

“Śrī Śrīla Gopīnātha, who originated the transcendental mellow of the rāsa dance, stands on the shore in Vaṁśīvaṭa and attracts the attention of the cowherd damsels with the sound of His celebrated flute. May they all confer upon us their benediction.” (Śrī Caitanya-caritāmṛta, Ādi-līlā 1.17)

*praṇipatya bhavantam arthaye
paśuṣpāendra-kumāra kākubhiḥ
vraja-yauvata-mauli-mālikā-
karuṇā-pātram imam janam kuru*

“O prince of the *gopas*! I fall down before You and beg in a choked voice, ‘Please make me an object of mercy for She who is the jasmine crown amongst the flower-like girls of Vraja!’” (*Utkalikā-vallarī* 19)

*hā nātha gokula-sudhākara suprasanna-
vaktrāravinda madhura-smita he kṛpārdra
yatra tvayā viharate praṇayaiḥ priyārāt
tatraiva mām api naya priya-sevanāya*

“O Lord! O nectar moon of Gokula! O Lord whose cheerful face is a lotus flower! O sweetly-smiling one! O Lord melting with compassion! So that I may serve You both with love, please lead me to the place where Your beloved enjoys loving pastimes with You.” (*Śrī Vilāpa-kusumāñjali* 100)

Śyāma!
*premadam ca me kāmadam ca me
vedanam ca me vaibhavam ca me
jivanam ca me jivitam ca me
daivatam ca me deva nāparam*

“O Śyāma! You and You alone are my worshipful Deity, giver of love, and fulfiller of desire. You alone are my knowledge, my power and wealth, my vital force, and my very life. I have no one other than You.” (*Kṛṣṇa-karṇāmṛta* 104)

*cirād āśā-mātram tvayi viracayantaḥ sthira-dhiyo
 vidādhyur ye vāsaṁ madhurima-gabhīre madhu-ṭpure
 dadhānaḥ kaiśore vayasī sakhitām gokula-pāte
 prapadyethās teṣām paicayam avaśyam nayanayoḥ*

“O Śyāma! Please grant this one benediction: To those persons who reside in the profoundly sweet land of Vṛndāvana and who for a long time yearn with a steady heart to someday attain You, please O master of Gokula, appear before their eyes as their youthful friend.” (*Lalitāmādhava* 10.260)



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