

# The Benediction Sun

On the Arrival Day of Our Beloved Spiritual Master



## All Glories to Srila Prabhupada!!

Om Visnupada Paramahansa Parivrajakacarya Astrottara-sata Sri  
Srimad His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada.

**The New Gundicha Congregation offers this book to His  
Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada with  
great love and devotion!**

**Founder Acharya of the International Society for Krishna  
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# **All Glories to His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada !!**

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# Dedication

Dear Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept our humble obeisances. All glories to your wonderful devotional service to Srimati Radharani and Lord Sri Krishna.

We at the International Society for Krishna Consciousness Boston New Gundicha Temple dedicate this book in honor of your Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada. It is our sincere efforts to compile this collaborative work to express our love, appreciation, dedication, and admiration to our beloved founder.

## We offer you the Sri Guru Vandana Prayer

**Sri-guru-carana-padma, kevala-bhakati-sadma**

The teacher his lotus feet, the only way to devotion,

**Bando mui savadhana mate,**

Full of respect i bow, with prayer, reverence,

**Jahara prasade bhai e, bhava toriya jai**

Through his grace my godbrother, we may cross the ocean,

**Krishna-prapti hoy jaha ha'te**

Reaching krishna from there you will realize.

**Guru-mukha-padma-vakya, cittete koriya aikya**

His mouth like a lotus makes words, find union in the heart,

**Ar na koriho mane as'a**

For more may a spirit not desire.

**Sri-guru-carane rati, ei se uttama-gati**

Attached to the teacher his feet, is the ultimate goal

**Ye prasade pure sarva as'a**

His grace is the fulfillment of all hope

**Cakhu-dan dilo yei, janme janma prabhu sei**

Someone who made me see, life after life my lord,

**Divya-jnan hride prokas'ito**

The idea of god revealed in my heart.

**Prema-bhakti jaha hoite, avidya vinas'a jate**

The loving service of whom, destroys all the darkness,

**Vede gay jahara carito**

Hailed by the scriptures is his character.

**S'ri-guru karuna-sindhu, adhama janara bandhu**

Teacher ocean full of mercy, with low and mindfull our friend,

**Lokanath lokera jivana**

Lord of all granting all a life,

**Ha ha prabhu koro doya, deho more pada-chaya**

O, o master be of mercy, protect me at your feet,

**Ebe jas'a ghushuk tribhuvana**

Thus the glory over the three worlds,

**Prabhupada-patita-pavana**

Prabhupada savior of the souls.

**Jaya prabhupada, jaya prabhupada**

Jaya prabhupada, jaya prabhupada

# **Translation**

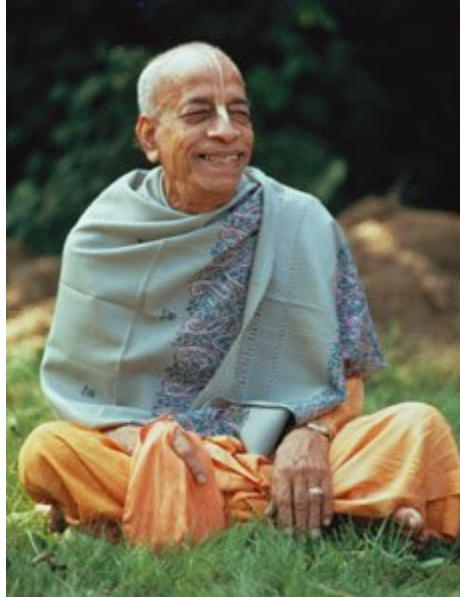
**“The lotus feet of our spiritual master is the only way to attain pure devotional service. I bow down to His lotus feet with great awe and reverence. By His grace one can cross the ocean of material suffering and attain the mercy of Krishna.**

**My only wish is to have my consciousness purified by the words emanating from His lotus mouth. Attachment to His lotus feet is the perfection that fulfills all desires. He opens my darkened eyes and fills my heart with transcendental knowledge. He is my Lord birth after birth. From Him ecstatic prema emanates, by Him ignorance is destroyed. The Vedic scriptures sing of His character.**

**Our Spiritual Master is the ocean of mercy, the friend of the poor, lord and master of the devotees. O master, be merciful unto us, give us the shade of your lotus feet. Your fame is spread all over the three worlds. We take shelter of your lotus feet. You are the savior of the fallen conditioned souls.**

**Srila Prabhupada ki Jaya!!!**

**New Gundicha Temple**



## Who Is His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada?

His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada was born in 1896 in Calcutta, India. He first met his spiritual master, Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Gosvami, in Calcutta in 1922. Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati, a prominent devotional scholar and the founder of sixty-four branches of Gaudiya Mathas (Vedic institutes), liked this educated young man and convinced him to dedicate his life to teaching Vedic knowledge in the Western world. Srila Prabhupada became his student, and eleven years later (1933) at Allahabad, he became his formally initiated disciple.

At their first meeting, in 1922, Srila Bhaktisiddhanta Sarasvati Thakura requested Srila Prabhupada to broadcast Vedic knowledge through the English language. In the years that followed, Srila Prabhupada wrote a commentary on the *Bhagavad-gita* and in 1944, without assistance, started an English fortnightly magazine.

Recognizing Srila Prabhupada's philosophical learning and devotion, the Gaudiya Vaisnava Society honored him in 1947 with the title "Bhaktivedanta." In 1950, at the age of fifty-four, Srila Prabhupada retired from married life, and four years later he adopted the *vanaprastha* (retired) order to devote more time to his studies and writing. Srila Prabhupada traveled to the holy city of Vrndavana, where he lived in very humble circumstances in the historic medieval temple of Radha-Damodara. There he engaged for several years in deep study and writing. He accepted the renounced order of life (*sannyasa*) in 1959. At Radha-Damodara, Srila Prabhupada began work on his life's



masterpiece: a multivolume translation and commentary on the 18,000-verse *Srimad-Bhagavatam* (*Bhagavata Purana*). He also wrote *Easy Journey to Other Planets*.

After publishing three volumes of *Srimad Bhagavatam*, Srila Prabhupada came to the United States in 1965, to fulfill the mission of his spiritual master. Since that time, His Divine Grace has written over sixty volumes of authoritative translations, commentaries and summary studies of the philosophical and religious classics of India.

On September 17th 1965, when he first arrived by freighter to Boston Commonwealth Pier, Srila Prabhupada was practically penniless. It was after almost a year of great difficulty that he established the *International Society for Krishna Consciousness* in July of 1966. Under his careful guidance, the Society has grown within a decade to a worldwide confederation of almost one hundred *asramas*, schools, temples, institutes and farm communities.

In 1968, Srila Prabhupada created New Vrndavana, an experimental Vedic community in the hills of West Virginia. Inspired by the success of New Vrndavana, then a thriving farm community of more than one thousand acres, his students founded several similar communities in the United States and abroad.

In 1972, His Divine Grace introduced the Vedic system of primary and secondary education in the West by founding the Gurukula School in Dallas, Texas. The school began with three children in 1972, and by the beginning of 1975 the enrollment had grown to one hundred and fifty.

Srila Prabhupada also inspired the construction of a large international center at Sridhama Mayapur in West Bengal, India, which is also the site for a planned *Institute of Vedic Studies*. A similar project is the magnificent Krsna-Balarama Temple and International Guest House in Vrndavana, India. These are centers where Westerners can live to gain firsthand experience of Vedic culture.

Srila Prabhupada's most significant contribution, however, is his books. Highly respected by the academic community for their authoritativeness, depth and clarity, they are used as standard textbooks in numerous college courses. His writings have been translated into eighty-five languages. The *Bhaktivedanta Book Trust*, established in 1972 exclusively to publish the works of His Divine Grace, has thus become the world's largest publisher of books in the field of Indian religion and philosophy.

In the last ten years of his life, in spite of his advanced age, Srila Prabhupada circled the globe twelve times on lecture tours that have taken him to six continents. In spite of such a vigorous schedule, Srila Prabhupada continued to write prolifically. His writings constitute a veritable library of Vedic philosophy, religion, literature and culture.

Slightly modified from the source: <http://krishna.org/srila-prabhupada-a-brief-biography/>

# **Literary or Artistic Offerings to His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada**



**nama om visnu-padaya krsna-presthaya bhu-tale**

**srimate bhaktivedanta-swamin iti namine**

namah--obeisances; om--address;visnu-padaya--unto him who is at the feet of Lord Visnu; krsna-presthaya--who is very dear to Lord Krsna; bhu-tale--on the earth; srimate--all beautiful; bhaktivedanta-swamin--A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami;iti--thus; namine--who is named

**Translation:**I offer my respectful obeisances unto His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, who is very dear to Lord Krsna on this earth, having taken shelter at His Lotus feet.

**Vyasa Puja Offering**  
**By H.H. Niranjana Swami on Fri, 2012-08-10**

Dear

Srila

Prabhupada,

Please accept my prostrated obeisance in the dust of your lotus feet. All glories to Your Divine Grace.

During the months of May/June, 1972, you wrote individualized letters to several disciples containing the same theme.

"Now I want that we shall concentrate on making our devotees Krishna conscious and ourselves becoming Krishna conscious, and not be so much concerned with expanding ourselves widely but without any spiritual content. Just like boiling the milk, it becomes thicker and sweeter. Now do like that, boil the milk." (Letter to: Rupanuga -- Honolulu 9 May, 1972).

Not long after these letters were written, a guest began visiting your temple in Boston. Little did he know at the time that this was your mood. Neither was this ever discussed. As far as he knew, Krishna consciousness was still expanding widely, and the clarion call to recruit many more soldiers into Lord Caitanya's Sankirtan army was gradually drawing another recruit into its ranks. His name—or as he was called then—was "Bhakta Neal".

Now, exactly forty years later, this same recruit (known now as Niranjana Swami) is just beginning to realize that the condensed milk preparation you wanted to make at that time still needs more boiling, especially because he, somehow or other, was added into the preparation even though you wanted only to turn up the flame.

"You can thin milk by adding water and you can make it thick by boiling. Now is the time for us to begin the boiling process." (Letter to: Damodara -- Honolulu 9 May, 1972)

Srila Prabhupada, you are the best cook ISKCON has ever known and with your own hands you personally taught disciples how to cook for Krishna's pleasure.

"On the Tuesday afternoon, at the request of Tusta Krishna, Prabhupada entered the kitchen to show a couple of the ladies how to cook milk sweets. Prabhupada poured a couple of liters of milk into a wide pan, added sugar and brought it to a rapid, rolling boil. Stirring methodically, he condensed the sweetened milk until it reached a creamy, sauce-like consistency. Lowering the heat, and stirring more firmly, he further reduced the mixture to a very thick, dark cream-coloured sticky paste that started to pull away from the sides. Prabhupada then scraped the milk fudge onto the side of the pan. It was done. Now the burfi, when cooled, could be rolled into balls, or pressed into a tray and cut into squares, ready to offer to Radha and Krishna." (The Great Transcendental Adventure by Kurma dasa)

Srila Prabhupada, ISKCON is one of your preparations still requiring your attention. I know because I am that Niranjana Swami who slipped into your movement even though you warned that no more recruits should come until everyone was more perfectly trained.

"We may thin the milk till it becomes useless, or we may boil it until it becomes thick and sweet, so now we have got enough followers, let us train them up perfectly in the philosophy and activities of Krishna Consciousness way of life. "(Letter to: StokaKrishna -- Los Angeles 20 June, 1972)

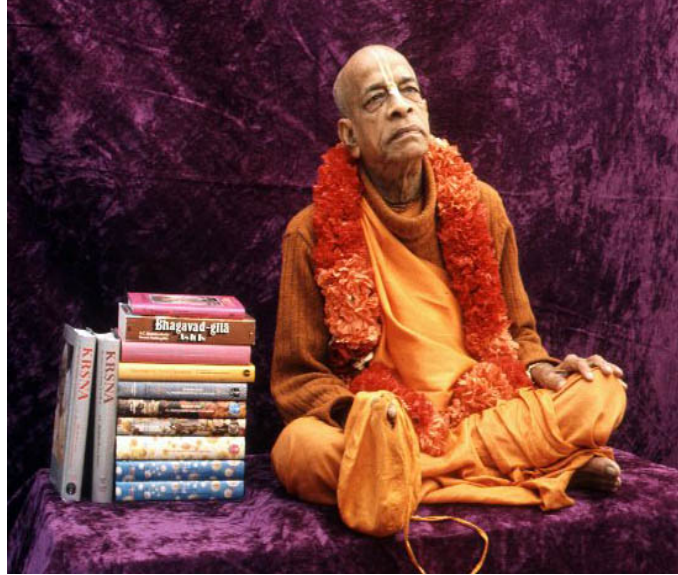
I'm not sure why you allowed me to join despite my lack of qualifications. Neither can I understand why you accepted me as your disciple very shortly thereafter. Both of these events can only be explained as your unlimited and causeless mercy and my gratitude for this knows no bounds. I did not deserve to be trained in the way that you called for it forty years back. I am sorry to confess this to you, but after forty years in your service, I am still not fully trained. Due to my own causeless unwillingness to surrender, I have been unable to fully embrace all that you came to give us.

On this most auspicious day of your divine appearance in this world, I beg you, please continue this boiling process with me and never stop training me up "in the philosophy and activities of Krishna Consciousness way of life". Help me to become "thick and sweet" and don't allow me to water down your mission any longer.

Someday, whenever you deem fit, please allow me to truly follow in your footsteps and cook very condensed sweets, making each of them ready to be offered to the lotus feet of Radha and Krishna.

Your faithful servant, always in need of the dust from your two lotus feet.

Niranjana Swami



## **Offering To Srila Prabhupada By Sadhaka Program Team**

Dear Srila Prabhupada,

On this auspicious occasion of Your Divine Grace's Arrival Festival celebration in Boston, Ma, we would like to offer our newly started Sadhaka Program as our homage. The Sadhaka Program is designed to gradually train a person in the practices of Bhakti Yoga from beginner to initiated devotee, over four levels.

### **The 4 Levels of Sadhakas are as follows:**

- 1) Chants 1 round daily/Read Chapter A Day (CHAD) of Bhagavad-Gita As It Is
- 2) Chants 4 rounds daily/ Read CHAD of Bhagavad-Gita As It Is
- 3) Chants 8 rounds daily/ Read CHAD of Bhagavad-Gita As It Is
- 4) Chants 16 rounds daily/ Read CHAD of Bhagavad-Gita As It Is

Our goal is to give Bhakti-Yoga to as many individuals as possible in and around Boston and in a broader sense to greater New England area. When the Sadhaka reaches level 4, he or she will be recommended for formal initiation (Diksha) from an ISKCON vaisnasa Vaisnava Guru.

### **To become eligible for initiation a Sadhaka:**

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- 1) Must be a Level 4 Sadhaka for a minimum of one year.
- 2) Must have attended the Temple Morning Sadhana program at least once a month for one year.
- 3) Must have attained a Bhakti Shastri Degree (A separate course not paid for or covered by the Sadhaka Program).
- 4) Must have completed all Sadhaka Training Courses (Free).

**The Sadhaka Courses train an aspirant in the following practices and principles: aspects:**

- 1) How to perform Mantra Meditation (Japa).
- 2) How to choose a Vaisnava Guru.
- 3) Read one CHAD from the “Bhagavad-Gita As It Is”.
- 4) How to apply the Four Spiritual Principles of *Daya* (Compassion), *Satyam* (Truthfulness), *Saucam* (Purity), and *Tapa* (Self-mastery).

The CHAD program encourages a Sadhaka to read one chapter of the Bhagavad Gita a day, 5 days a week every week. Once the Sadhaka is trained they will be encouraged to make themselves available for advice, inspiration and encouragement to new Sadhakas.

With the blessings of Sri Sri Radha-Gopivallabha we were fortunate to have the association of H.H Niranjana Swami and Bhusara Das, who also gave scintillating lectures for our program. We humbly seek your blessings and guidance for making this program a torch-bearer for aspiring Bhakti-Yogis.

**Maha Visnu Das & Bhakta Sathiya Ramakrishnan**



## Offering to Srila Prabhupada From Shanty Devi Dasi

Nama om visnu padaya

Krsna prasthaya bhu-tale

Srimate Bhaktivedanta Swami iti namaine

I offer my respectful obeisances unto His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada, who is very dear to Lord Krsna on this earth, having taken shelter of His lotus feet.

Namas te saravate deva

Gaura vani pracarine

Nirvisesa sunyavadi pracatya desa tarine

Our respectful obeisance unto you, O spiritual master, Servant of Sarasvati Goswami Lord Caitanya and deliverer of the Western countries, which are filled with impersonalism and voidism.

Simply by chanting or repeating Krsna Katha, one is liberated from the contamination of Kali yuga.

Caitanya Mahaprabhu therefore advised yare dekha, tare kaha 'krsna' upadesa



Cc, Madhya 7:128.

This is the mission of Krsna Consciousness to hear about Krsna and thus be liberated from material bondage.

When I first heard about Krsna Consciousness I was in the Fiji Islands. Srila Prabhupada had initiated two brothers there. By Krsna's mercy it was arranged for Srila Prabhupada to address the people of Fiji in a hall at Latoka Fiji. I heard from Prabhupada himself how we are all eternal souls, part and parcel of Krsna.

The only thoughts I had was how do I become a member of this group and serve Krsna? How does one receive the nectar of chanting of the Holy Name? Srila Prabhupada by His example had shown us the way.

“Glorification of the Supreme Personality of Godhead is performed in the parampara system; that is, it is conveyed from spiritual master to disciple. Such glorification of this Cosmic manifestation.

Descriptions of the Lord are the right medicine for the conditioned soul undergoing repeated birth and death. Therefore, who will cease hearing such glorification of the Lord except a butcher or one who is killing his own self.” Tenth Cato Ch 1 verse 4.

Srila Prabhupada has such wonderful devotees who carried out the mission by the mercy of the spiritual master. Now there are many devotees and two or more temples in Fiji engaging over 80 devotees in the service of Krsna.

In India Prabhupada's mission started in Vrndaban, Mayapur, and Bombay and has branched out to many cities. Such beautiful worship of the deities is provided to the Lord's personal form.

This movement the International Society of Krsna Consciousness has spread in so many countries like Croatia, Russia, and Peru etc.

By Krsna's mercy the Kalpa vrksa tree has been rooted and branched out. Love or Krsna's Service has inundated throughout the world.

I am very fortunate to be a member of such a movement (ISKCON) and service the mercy of Krsna, Prabhupada and the parampara.

Shanty (Sanandana Devi Dasi)





## Offering to Srila Prabhupada From Chatamayi Devi Dasi

Spiritual Sky

It never used to be written

Heard just once, we could recall

Never used to be written, heard just once we could recall

The air was clean, pervading

A kindness over all

The air was CLEAN, pervading

A kindness over all

Imagine MERCY available easily

What if the TRUTH were broadcast live

O we used to know the reasons to SACRIFICE

To the ONE – Best Beloved beyond time, to the

ONE – Best Beloved

Beloved Most High

Let me show you something of the Spiritual Sky

Let me show you something

Beyond your ears

Beyond your eyes

Let me show you something                      let me show

Let me show you something    HARI HARAYE

YADAVAY MADHAVAY KESHAVAYA

NAMAHA

Weusedtoknow

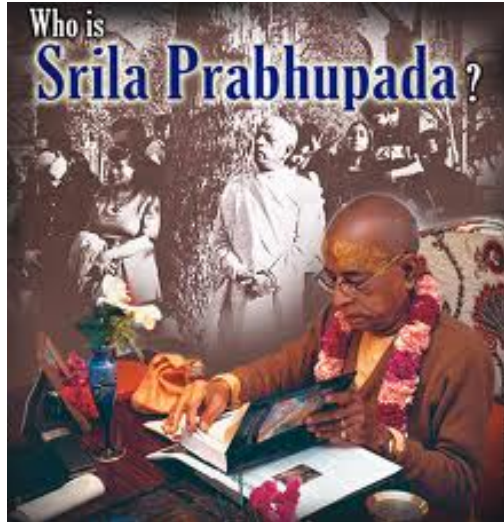
Weusedtoknow

We used to know

Chatayami Devi Dasi

Hare Krsna Hare Krsna, Krsna Krsna, Hare Hare.

Hare Rama Hare Rama, Rama Rama , Hare Hare.



Offering to Srila Prabhupada From  
Dinatarini Devi Dasi

Dear Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to Srila Prabhupada.

If you hadn't come to the United States and sacrificed so much to save me, I would be lost today. The greatness of what you did is inconceivable to me, your child. I realize that because of your influence through the years I was able to become a devotee of the Lord. And, I know that what you did for us will continue to spread Krishna Consciousness for generations to come.

I love you and thank you with all my heart.

Dinatarini Devi Dasi



## Offering to Srila Prabhupada From Lakshmi Narayana Das

My dear most Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my most humble obeisances at the dust of your Lotus Feet!!!!

All glories and All glories to Your Divine Grace!!!!

Many devotees say that you disappeared in the year 1977. But I, with all honesty, refusing to accept that statement! Because as far as I am concerned you never left this planet! You are still here! You are here in your volumes of transcendental books that, you have so dedicatedly translated. You have also wrote those transcendental purports for the benefit of fools (*mudhas*) like me. You are also there in many volumes of CDs, and DVDs and tapes of your lectures, classes and room conversations, so kindly recorded by your dear disciples, again for benefit of fools like me!

I am not educated in Sanskrit, nor do I have any knowledge of that Divine Language (Sanskrit) which is known as *Deva Bashya* or Language of Gods. However, because of your causeless mercy, I am able to read those sweet verses of Srimad Bhagavad Gita, Srimad Bhagavatam and Sri Caitanya Caritamrta! Which I had never thought I would possible!!!!

Actually, I met you, Srila Prabhupada, in 1987, when I brought those transcendental literatures, so kindly translated and transcendently purported by your Divine Grace, From, ISKCON Bombay, namely: The Srimad Bhagavad Gita As It Is, Srimad Bhagavatam single Volume with 9 Cantos and the Tenth Canto as Krishna Book, and Sri Caitanya Caritamrta single Volume.

Whenever I open and read these transcendental literatures and start reading them, starting with the Sanskrit verses, transliteration, translation and those Divine purports so mercifully written by your Divine Grace. I actually feel that you are sitting in front of me and instructing me and making me understand the verse very clearly. In addition, you examples and quotes from various other literatures like: the Vedas, Puranas, especially Padma Purana, Upanishads and literatures of previous Acharyas including Srila BhaktiVinoda Thakura and the Six Goswamis, provides clarity and supports your conclusions, so that my dull head could grasp the point and try to understand it!!!! However, my dear Srila Prabhupada, every time I read your books, I feel that I am reading them for the first time and I get new understanding and new realizations every time!!!! My dear Srila Prabhupada, I am fully indebted to you from my head to toe. So please, please give me shelter at your transcendental Lotus Feet!!!!

I would declare very boldly to anyone, that you are in this planet now! You will remain in this planet so long as this Hare Krishna Maha Mantra (*"Hare Krishna, Hare Krishna, Krishna. Krishna Hare Hare, Hare Rama, Hare Rama, Rama, Rama Hare Hare"*) will exist on this planet. Because you are that Acharya who fulfilled Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu's desire *"Pritivite Ache Nagaradi Grama, Sarvatra Prachara Hoibe Mora Nama"*!!!!

Also Brihad Naradiya Purana predicted that the next 10,000 years, this Hare Krishna Maha Mantra will be chanted and this Hare Krishna Movement, so kindly started by Sri Caitanya Mahaprabhu and spread all over this planet by you, will be everlasting!!!! You will remain on this planet as long as the Maha Mantra is chanted!!!!

My dear Srila Prabhupada, I want to ask you one benediction! Please, Please bless me with your causeless mercy, so that I would become a pure devotee and do Devotional Service to Supreme Lord Sri Krishna and Supreme Mother Sri Radha, following in your foot steps and help your movement to expand!!!!

So that this planet: Our dear Mother Earth becomes filled with full of devotees of Supreme Lord Sri Krishna and Supreme Mother Sri Radha!!!!

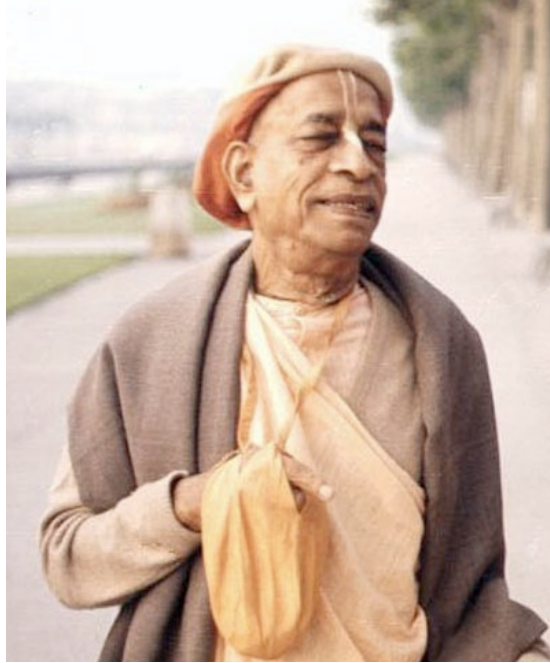
Om Tat Sat!!!!

Hare Krishna!!!!

Sri Sri Radha-Gopivallabha Ki Jaya!!!!

Your most fallen and insignificant servant,

Lakshmi Narayana Das



## Offering to Srila Prabhupada From Dasarath Suta Das

Srila Prabhupada:

### **The Saktyavesha Avatar**

*Om ajanana timirandasya jnananjana salakaya*

*Caksur unmilitam yena tasmai sri-gurave namah*

All Glories to Srila Prabhupada and all Glories to Sri Guru Gauranga

I want to preface by saying that I admit my lack of scholarship and erudition in my endeavor to delineate who Srila Prabhupada is or is not and what he meant to me and the world of Gaudiya Vaisnavism and specifically Krishna Consciousness.

Srila Prabhupada has descended from the spiritual world i.e. sent by Lord Krishna to perform such a Herculean task that he had, then his value to us is priceless. It would

appear that in my layperson understanding that whatever Srila Prabhupada has said by way of his translation, purports, stories analogies etc. has to be taken as, Sruti, and on the same level as though it was being presented by Srila Vyasadeva in Vedanta Sutra. Since Srila Prabhupada admits he is not presenting his knowledge but Krishna's knowledge and knowledge about Krishna. Srila Prabhupada was so witty and very quick on the draw and almost knew what one's motive was in asking a certain question. He understood that we usually operate from the bodily platform similar to Arjuna's plight on the battle field of Kuruksetra where he spoke like a learned man but he lamented and act in such a way that is not befitting a learned man.

After recently listening to Srila Prabhupada's lectures on MP3, I came away with his emphases on the modes, subtle mind and body, false ego and intelligence and how that translates into setting the stage for our next body. He spoke of the importance of control of the tongue and how it relates to control of the rest of our senses, as we can see by practical example. It is only recently that I have begun to understand, to my stupefaction, the greatness of Srila Prabhupada. He always spoke of Vedic culture in such a way, and certainly outside the scope of what would otherwise be termed Hindu customs and mores as sort of the benchmark or gold standard for human behavior and I trust as well as it relates to devotional service and possible all of existential reality. We also understand, I trust, his uncompromising standard as it relates to married life and the interactions in that arena is well articulated throughout his writings.

Srila Prabhupada frequently quoted many Bhagavad Gita verses over and over and I suspect had very deep pragmatic and philosophical import.

*Dehino smin yatha dehe*

*Kaumaram yauvanam jara*

*Tatha dehantara praptir*

*dhiras tatra na muhyati* 2.13

*paritranya sadhunam*

*vinasaya ca duskrtam*

*dharma samasthapanarthaya*

*sambhavami yuge yuge* 4.08

*tad vidhi pranipatena*

*pariprasnena sevaya*

*upadeksyanti te jnanam*

*jnaninas tattva-darsinah* 4.34

*aham sarvasya prabhavo*

*mattah sarvam pravartate*

*iti mattva bhajante mam*

*budha bhava-samanvitah* 10.8

He employed other aphorisms and quotes from other Vaisnavas, philosophers etc.,  
Canakya, Vishwanatha Cakravarti or quotes right from the Vedas

*“Mayadyakasena prakrti suyate sacaracaram*

*“nityo nityanam cetanas cetanam”*

*’Mam eva ye prapadyante mayam etam taranti te”*

*“aham brahmasmi”*



*“anando mayo Bhyasat”*

It is my blessed hope that we are fairly familiar with a rough translation of these verses, text and slokas, At the risk of not short changing or underestimating anyone’s familiarity of slokas and popular Vedic aphorism, I left the translation out as a little research exercise.

Like all of us Srila Prabhupada never left out one; the perennial, if not the most popular of all the texts in the whole Bhagavad Gita, which is, *Sarva dharmam parityajya.....*[18.66]

His Divine Grace always emphasized the importance of some semblance of human life, which is a function of the four regulated principle. His understanding is that outside of Varnasrama there is only animal life. *“catur varnyam maya srstam guna karma vibaghasa”*.

He also stressed how simple the process was but it was not cheap. Srila Prabhupada had the ability to explain a deep philosophical or existential matter in a very simple way that all can understand and by using examples here on earth or the planetary system etc.

On a pure philosophical level Srila Prabhupada deep knowledge of the Vedas, even outside the scope of devotional service had whet my appetite and totally arrested my attention for more of what he had say and I came to the conclusion that His Divine Grace was no ordinary avatar. It could have only come from pure divine inspiration and endeavor of the Lord Himself. Srila Prabhupada, has clearly articulated in his speech and purports, in this particular Yuga as oppose to the previous Yugas, since there aren’t any qualified brahmanas, paraphernalia, and even enough material resources to

effectively perform *yagnas*. The only process is the congregational chanting of the holy names. We can see on a practical level the efficacy of that conclusion, essentially what Lord Chaitanya Mahaprabhu said five hundred years earlier. As a person who is somewhat philosophically inclined it was difficult to avoid the depths of Srila Prabhupada's teaching was more than just thought provoking but it affected the core of one's being once it was understood what was being said. It was as if one can hide but he/she can't run. The humility of Srila Prabhupada is so transparent he always deferred to the authority of his predecessors. So it is in that same spirit of that I want to thank you, Srila Prabhupada for the pleasure of your presence in my life by way of your literatures and tapes and other media format. The manner in which Srila Prabhupada presented Krishna help me to solidify my own spiritual life and got me more grounded and approach things as His Divine Grace would say, from the *spiritual platform*. On that note Srila Prabhupada, it is my hope that I will never give myself the opportunity to offend your senior disciples or anyone under whose spiritual care I am. Thank you and Hare Krishna.

Your servant,

Dasaratha Suta Das

Offering to Srila Prabhupada From Bhaktin Bonnie







## Offering to Srila Prabhupada From Bhakta Darrell

Shining like the Sun He came to the west  
Risking it all to please His great guru  
In His advanced years this trip was a test  
Like the Lordly Lion His heart came through  
Always this pure devotee does His best

Pure pleasing and perfect is this great man  
Readily He will serve the Supreme God  
Always He tries to fulfill Krsna's plan  
Bright and brilliant this man we should applaud  
He followed through on the work He began  
Upright the whole world will look at Him awed

Priceless and precious are His great teachings  
Always He has wise words to give to friends  
Doing His part He gave many blessings  
Always He will shine until this world ends!

Dear Srila Prabhupada,

All glories to your devotional service to the Supreme personality of Godhead Lord Sri Krishna and His eternal consort Srimati Radharani. Srila Prabhupada you are the epitome of the words love and devotion. If we were to look up the words love and devotion we should see your lotus face in the dictionary looking back at us with you oh so charming smile☺. Your books, lectures, letters, tapes, as well as you enthusiasm for serving their Lordships are inspiring and appreciated.

Though I have never personally met you, I am still indebted to you for all your great accomplishments and influence that have helped me to make positive changes in my life. You have "...opened my darkened eyes..." and have led me to a much brighter and better path.

My dear Srila Prabhupada thank you for making the long arduous journey from India to America to bring Krsna and Radha to the west it is appreciated. Your strength, courage and determination enduring two heart attacks at your advanced age is truly a testament to your wonderful character. The faith that you have displayed in Krsna and your Guru by your taking the journey to please Krsna and your Guru is praiseworthy.

When you arrived in America with hardly any money and no associates the struggles that you had to endure were even more trials that you over came, once again showing the strength of character, faith and determination. Had I been in your position at your age in a foreign country, I probably would have packed up my few rupees, do an about face and shipped right back out to India ☺. In all sincerity I could see that through your guru Krsna selected the right person to carry the mission forward.

Dear Srila Prabhupada I would like to thank you for building the International Society for Krishna Consciousness. I have met many wonderful devotees who are like family. They treat me so kindly, I could see your warm and caring influence in the way we interact with one another. You are so thoughtful, compassionate, gentle, patient, peaceful, and kind, however from listening to you lectures I also find you to be witty and tough. I admire you greatly for not putting up with any foolishness. I cannot fully convey how much I venerate the practical example of Bhakti yoga that you have taught by the way you lived your life. You truly are a gem, genuine in all respects.

Srila Prabhupada, in a world full of cheaters you are truly a bright spot. The Vedic scriptures do indeed sing of your most wonderful character. Your integrity, fearlessness,

uncompromising spirit on Krsna's behalf are traits that I seek to emulate as one who would like to try to follow in your footsteps.

My dear Srila Prabhupada, I could sit at my computer and write page after page, chapter after, comprising as many of your accomplishments and singing of your glories until I fell asleep. My enthusiasm to describe to the world how great a devotee and a person you are would only increase. However, it is my bed time and I need to get up for Mangla Atri tomorrow. I wish you a great night and a wonderful day, where ever you may be.

As you would say "I hope this meets you in good health your ever well-wisher"

Your Servant,

**Bhakta Darrell**



## **Offering to Srila Prabhupada From Ram Mohan Das and Nandini Priya Devi Dasi**

Srila Prabhupada ki jai.

All glories to Guru and Gauranga.

This is our first ever offering at the lotus feet of His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada.

Srila Prabhupada you know that fallen souls like us are not qualified to glorify your greatness but we are still doing. We do not know how to write offerings also, in fact, we know nothing...we cannot render bhajans/kirtans, we cannot play kartal/mridanga, we are not distributing your wonderful books and we are not helping in preaching Krishna Conscious in any way ... But still you are so merciful on us... a causeless mercy. We can see your mercy when we get devotee association, we see your mercy when we get deities darshan or when we get prasadam.

Prabhupada, your books and lectures are loaded with nectar and are ready to deliver insignificant souls to achieve the highest goal of life, that is, Krishna Prema. Reading your purports opens the door to the spiritual world for anyone without any discrimination. Your purports make clear the messages in Vedic literatures without which ignorant persons are not able to understand them. They also puts Vedic literatures in perspective for day to day life. Your purports let us know how these messages can be practically applied to make present life devoted to Krishna. Your purports are the road maps to the Goloka. In current language it can be said that, Your purports are like GPS navigators, guiding turn-by-turn to the destination of spiritual world.

Also, your temples in every corner of the world are like an oasis in this material world.

Srila Prabhupada, we sincerely beg to you for more mercy to help us serve all Vaishnavas and particularly our Guru Maharaj H.G. Radhanath Maharaj to fulfill your desire to spread KC in every nook and corner of the earth.

We sincerely want to get rid of our Anarthas, some of them we know are Lust, Anger Greed, Pride, Illusion and Envy. Please, please, please shower your mercy more and more on us.

Das-a-Das anudas

Ram Mohan Das and  
Nandini Priya Devi Dasi





## Offering to Srila Prabhupada From Rasamrta Devi Dasi

Om ajñana-timirandhasya jñanañjana-salakaja

Caksur unmilitam yena tasmai sri-gurave namah

I offer my respectful obeisances unto my spiritual master, who has opened my eyes, blinded by the darkness of ignorance, with the torchlight of knowledge.

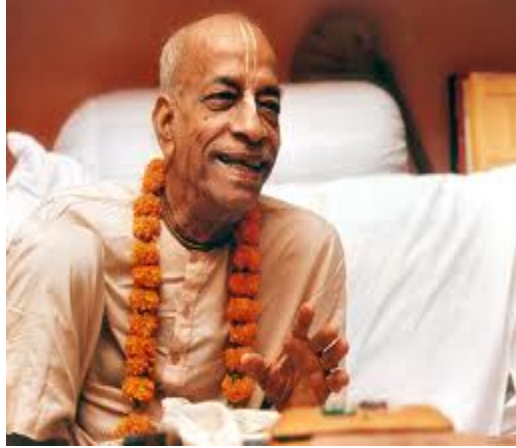
Srila Prabhupada - Thanks for giving me spiritual strength, that allows me to serve in the ISKCON-Boston temple, bringing honor to the mission of my spiritual master who is your disciple BA Paramadvaiti Swami. With your blessings I can follow the instructions of my Guru ..." Rasamrta Devi Dasi - you follow all the teachings that my spiritual master, Srila Prabhupada has instructed to all His disciples ".

I offer my humble obeisances at your Lotus Feet. Öm Gurave namah

Gaura Hari

Your Servant,

Rasamrta Devi Dasi



## Offering to Srila Prabhupada From Bhakta Vic

Offering of gratitude to Srila Prabhupada!

We owe you much gratitude Srila Prabhupada. You have given us a very loving example of a spiritual father. From 1936-1966, these 30 years, you served your spiritual master Bhakitsiddanta Saraswati Thakur and Sri Sri Radha Krishna, not only with great earnestness, but also with so much heart melting humility, modesty and love. Indeed, Srila Prabhupada you were so poor, that you had hardly a penny to your name, no temple for Sri Sri Radha Krishna, and without a single disciple to serve you. Indeed you could have used all this horrible poverty as a reason to quit serving your spiritual master and Sri Sri Radha Krishna. Instead, your love for your spiritual master grew, and also your devotion to Sri Sri Radha Krishna to Gaura Nitai, Sri Advaita became boundless. You felt, Srila Prabhupada that these 30 years of poverty were deserved, that you were really a tiny butterfly meant to fly through the hot burning hell of the world.

And even though you felt you were expendable and insignificant, you Srila Prabhupada felt that you would be protected by Sri Sri Radha Krishna. Eventually Srila Prabhupada you would write many books open many temples, 108 of them and receive several hundred million dollars for your expenses. But the crown jewel of your service, dear Srila Prabhupada is a wonderful human being, Your invaluable, most worthy son in the spirit, who is a real gopi at heart, namely Niranjana Swami Maharaja. Many are his labors for ISKCON and for the salvation of the world in following your most merciful example dear Prabhupada.

Niranjana Swami Maharaja has done so many services of greatest humility and love. He has done so many sweet nectarian kirtans and public lectures, and has had up building conversations with devotees. He has done extensive cooking, cleaning and temple

building. In addition, he has done titanic book distribution and Harinam sankirtna in the streets. However, going to Russia, meeting so many people and devotees there, preaching with so many discomforts and severe hardships, falling sick for two years, with a dysfunctional back. Your son Srila Prabhupada, who is the highly valued and a great representative of ISKCON, made a miraculous comeback. With great modesty Niranjana Swami Maharaja seeing himself as a humble devotee received an exalted gift of faith and love from you Prabhupada and from Sri Sri Radha Krishna.

And now he is ready to preach your glories, Srila Prabhupada, and the purest merciful love for Sri Sri Radha Krishna to save this miserable hellish dead world. He came back from the hell of the dead, to shine your worthy light giving sun, for the redemption of this mad materialistic world.

Gratefully yours

Vic Fadanelli



## Offering to Srila Prabhupada From Krodha-Krt Devi Dasi

Dear Srila Prabhupada,

Please accept my humble obeisance at your lotus feet. All glories to you.

Lately I have been thinking about how many times I came so close to seeing you; to having your blessed association but did not. On Sept 17, 1965 at 5:30 AM, you arrived in Boston. You stepped on western soil for the first time. You wrote the amazing poem "Teaching Krishna consciousness in America," where you begged Krishna to help you know how to deliver us. I think how I was sleeping only a few miles away. Unaware of this most auspicious event happening at Commonwealth Pier. I was a high-schooler, a hippie, a Beatle fan. Not wise enough or fortunate enough to have noticed your arrival. I slept.

Other times you were around in the sixties; lecturing, installing Sri Sri Radha-Gopivallabha. Again, only miles from me but I never knew. I slept.

And on July 4, 1976 you were at NY Ratha Yatra. I could have been but I couldn't. I cried.

And had a very long sleep.

But thanks to you, I am starting to wake up. Now I am starting to appreciate how priceless what you brought us is. And even though I cannot have your physical association, I am blessed to have your words and your movement and your disciples who are linking me to you. Thank you for waking us up, Srila Prabhupada. Even though I stubbornly slept through your earthly association, you are so merciful that I might still have time to wake up.

Your servant,

Krodha-krt devi dasi



## Offering to Srila Prabhupada From Bhaktin Neetu

**All glories to Srila Prabhupada!!**

With your grace and inspiration I write this prayer.

Dear Srila Prabhupada,

Please always be with me at all times, even though my consciousness does not reach out to you. Forgive me for my consciousness not remembering you at all times, but I am sure with your continued blessings I will attain Krishna Consciousness eternally.

With this faith and support that you are always there for me, I have the faith in your blessings to guide my thoughts, actions and speech. Your blessings are purifying my soul every moment and my karmas, to continue taking further steps positively in Krishna Consciousness.

Be with me!

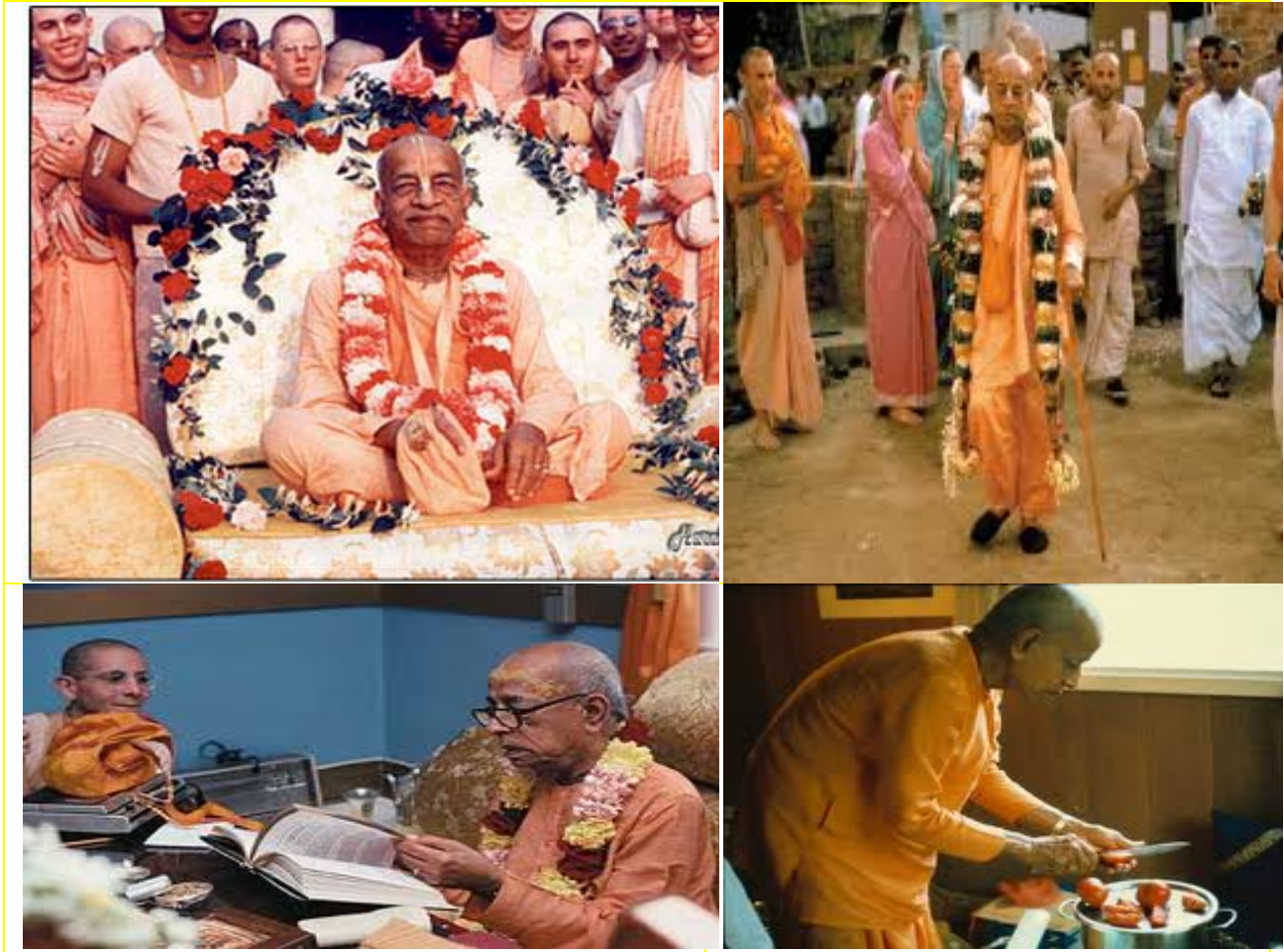
Please!

Hare Krishna!

**Bhaktin Neetu Punwani**



**Deed Offerings to His Divine Grace  
A.C. Bhaktivedanta  
Swami Prabhupada**



**Inspired by your grace and the blessings  
showered on us by your infinite mercy, we  
have performed the following services for the  
New Gundicha Temple!**

# **Temple Residents Who Serve**

## **Srila Prabhupada**

Akincana Priya Das

Asurakula Nasana Das

Bhakta Dan

Bhakta Darrell Roberts

Bhakta Sathiya Ramakrishnan

Bhakta Vic

Bhaktin Gayathri

Bhaktin Rachel Shaver

Dinatarini Devi Dasi

Ganga Devi Dasi

Gopa-Liladhara Devi Dasi

Krishna Lila Das

Maha Visnu Das

Prahladesa Das

Saranagati Devi Dasi

Sureshwar Das

Yamuna Jivana Das

Yogamaya Devi Dasi

# **Congregation Members Who** **Regularly Serve Srila Prabhupada**

## **Pujaris**

Anamsa Devi Dasi

Antaryami Das

Caitanya Nitai Das

Caitanya Nitai Das (Chris)

Dakshina Devi Dasi

Gauraprasad Das

Krishna Bhakta Das

Lakshmi Narayana Das

Rohini Nandana Das

Sachimata Devi Dasi

Sanat Kumar Das

Sri Ranganath Das

Vanamali Pandit Das

## **Feast Speakers**

Advaita Chandra Das

Atulya Devi Dasi

Caitanya Nitai Das

Krishna Bhakta Das

Parama Rupa Das

Premananda Das



Rama Raya Das

Sankirtan Devi Dasi

## **Cooking Services**

Chaitya Guru Das

Dayamayi Devi Dasi

Hari Nama Devi Dasi

Jaya Saci Mata Devi dasi

Krishna Bhakta Das

Nandanandana Devi Dasi

Padma Gopika Devi Dasi

Prema Nandini Devi Dasi

Radhika Kripa Devi Dasi

## **Garland Services & Flower Arrangement**

Bhaktin Neelam Jain

Bhaktin Neetu Punwani

Bhaktin Sanem

Radha Grace Devi Dasi

## **Special Event Photo Services**

Anamsa Devi Dasi

Ganga Das

## **Prasadam Services**

Bhakta Amith

Bhakta Gaurav

Bhakta Indrajith

Bhakta Jatin

Bhakta Jayesh

Bhakta Murali

Bhakta Pawan Katpilwar

Bhakta Romano

Bhakta Santosh

Bhakta Sumit

Bhaktin Rithika

## **Cleaning Services**

Bhakta Arun

Damodar Dev Das

Panamandit Das

Sita Ram Das

## **Rath Yatra Services**

Anasuya Devi Dasi

Bhadra Das

Bhakta Ishwar Mahadeo

Bhaktin Maria Tripi

Bhaktin Neetu Punwani

Bhaktin Vidya Mahadeo

Caitanya Bhagavat Das

Krishnaa Devi Dasi

Nandanandana Devi Dasi

Suresvar Das

## **Gift Shop**

Saci Priya Das provides a great service to Srila Prabhupada and to the congregation, by managing the gift shop. Saci Priya Das takes care of the needs of the customers and always greets devotees with a warm and friendly smile.

Bhaktin Ujavala Vaghela provides good service to Srila Prabhupada and the congregation by efficiently operating the gift shop on Wednesdays.

Bhaktin Maria Tripi also nicely operates the gift shop as a wonderful service to Srila Prabhupada and the congregation.

## **Drama & Sunday School**

Prema Nandini Devi Dasi provides a wonderful service to Srila Prabhupada and to the congregation by running the Sunday school. Her service lovingly engages the young children in Krishna Consciousness, in ways in which children enjoy.

Prema Nandini Devi Dasi also plans and organizes dramas performed by our young children, bringing great joy to our community.

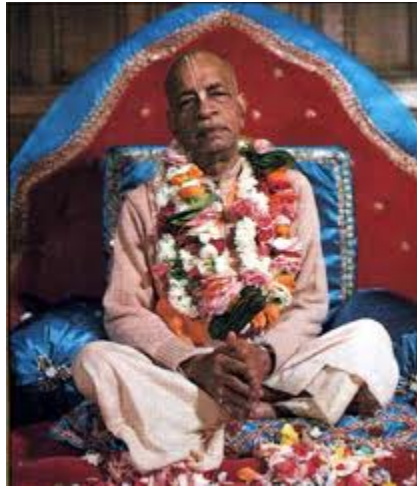
## **Shastra Dana**

Bhakta Nitin Puri provides a loving service to Srila Prabhupada and the congregation, by leading the events of the Sastra Dana Program. Bhakta Nitin Puri actively reserves a spot at major city events to sell Srila Prabhupada books; he is also involved in college preaching as a way to spread Krishna Consciousness to the Boston community.

## **Hari Nama Kirtan**

Chatamayi Devi Dasi and Rama Raya Das provide an excellent service to Srila Prabhupada and the congregation, by leading and conducting the Hari Nama Kirtan on the streets of Boston. They enthusiastically pull everyone to join the Hari Nama Kirtan to share the Holy name with Bostonians.

**The New Gundicha Temple would like to thank all our  
Kirtaners and Financial supporters for their  
contributions towards the various events serving  
Srimati Radharani and Lord Sri Krishna.**



## Offering to Srila Prabhupada From Ganga Das

Ganga Das is performing the wonderful service of developing and maintaining the ISKCON Boston website.

Ganga Das offers the following two videos as his contribution to Srila Prabhupada as a token of his love and devotion.

### **Srila Prabhupada's Arrival Festival & Ratha Yatra, Boston, Sept. 15 - 16, 2012**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OtGnZpLSXEM>

### **Memories - Srila Prabhupada's Arrival Festival 2011**

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xho0LOjNPAQ>

Your Servant,

Ganga Das



## Offering to Srila Prabhupada From Caitanya Bhagavat Das

Hare Krishna! Jaya Prabhupada!

I am working on an mp3 kirtan collection, the project is in progress. I have started uploading tracks to an online radio site. Please visit it at:

<http://8tracks.com/the-kirtan-collection>

Your Servant,

Caitanya Bhagavat Das

We at ISKCON Boston would like to thank the following people for their efforts in our Maha clean up.

- **Bhakta Darrell Roberts** for creating Environmental Service Department to improve the temple's appearance.
- **Bhakta Arun** for assisting with the cleaning of the Temple room and the front lobby.
- **Bhakta Jacob** for assisting with the cleaning of the library.
- **Bhakta Miguel** for assisting with cleaning the Prasadam room.
- **Bhakta Vic** for doing additional cleaning in addition to his usual service.
- **Damodar Dev Das** who cleaned and organized areas located in the basement. He gave a tremendous effort that is greatly appreciated in the kitchen.
- **Bhakta Daniel Bellon** for making environmentally friendly chemical cleaning products that were used throughout the temple. Bhakta Dan is our "Go Green Coordinator".
- **Bhaktin Kelly** for assisting with cleaning pictures around the temple and book room.
- **Krishna Lila Das** for consistently sweeping and mopping the basement area. He is permanently responsible for the cleanliness of the kitchen and other areas.
- **Chatamayi Devi Dasi** for assisting with the cleaning of the second floor.
- **Saranagati Devi Dasi** who makes sure the pujari room stays clean.
- **Panamandit Das** who comes to the temple almost every day and cleans a few hours.
- **Bhaktin Rachel** for contributing with a special cleaning project.
- **Srinivas Das** for assisting with the cleaning of the prasadam room and the library on the second floor.

This team has worked very diligently to improve the appearance of our temple as a way to show our appreciation for Srila Prabhupada. We would also like to thank BHaktin Neetu Punwani for sponsoring the supplies and her encouragement. Helping to clean our New Gundicha temple is a great way to elevate one's consciousness, and provide a service to Radha-Gopivallabha, Srila Prabhupada, and our beloved community of devotees.

We at ISKCON Boston appreciate the services provided and look forward to continued participation.



**We would like to thank our monthly contributors  
of our Lover of Radha-Gopivallabha Program!!!!**

**1) Uttama Lover**

- Neetu Punwani

**2) Madhurya Lover**

- Jitendra Goela & Family

**3) Shudha Vatsalya Lover**

- Lakshmi Narayana dasa & Family
- Sendhil Arumugam & Family

#### **4) Vatsalya Lover**

- Caitya Guru dasa & Family
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- Raman Chopra & Family
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- Anonymous Family
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- Sureshvara dasa & Family
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- Sumit Verma & Family
- Ujavalkumari B. Vaghela & Family
- Kaushik Patel & Family
- Meenu Tuteja



## **6) Dasya Lover**

- Krishna Bhakta dasa & Family
- Radhika Kripa Devi dasi & Family
- Vijay Mohan Reddy Kapulur & Family
- Caityamayi Devi dasi & Family
- Kamal Naath Balan & Family
- Jayesh Marthak & Family
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- Ritu Madan & Family
- Vishal Gupta & Family
- Karen Foley & Family
- Anonymous & Family
- Shailender Kodeboina
- Khroda Krita devi dasi
- Sathya Shrestha & Family
- Pawan Ashok Katpilwar
- Santosh Kumar Kotapally
- Atul padole
- Vasu Amarapu
- Maharani Devi dasi & Family
- Asurakula Nashana dasa



## **Thank You New Gundicha Temple!**

**We sincerely would like to thank both the residents and congregation members of the New Gundicha Temple for allowing us the privilege of creating “The Benediction Sun” as an offering to His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada.**

**Thank you for your time and your precious contributions.**

**Please accept our sincere apologies for any short comings of this book.**

**Srila Prabhupada ki jaya!!**

**HARE KRSNA HARE KRSNA  
KRSNA KRSNA HARE HARE  
HARE RAMA HARE RAMA  
RAMA RAMA HARE HARE**

**Your Servants,  
Bhakta Darrell A. Roberts  
Bhaktin Neetu Punwani**



**Thank You Dear Srila  
Prabhupada for bringing  
Sri Sri Radha GopiVallabha  
to the**

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