Praņāma Prayers

Śrī Guru Praṇāma

om ajñāna-timirāndhasya jñānāñjana-śalākayā cakṣur unmīlitam yena tasmai śrī-gurave namaḥ

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

Śrī Rūpa Praṇāma

śrī-caitanya-mano-' bhīṣṭam sthāpitam yena bhū-tale svayam rūpaḥ kadā mahyam dadāti sva-padāntikam

When will Śrīla Rūpa Gosvāmī Prabhupāda, who has established within this material world the mission to fulfill the desire of Lord Caitanya, give me shelter under his lotus feet?

Mangalācaraņa

vande ' ham śrī-guroḥ śrī-yuta-pada-kamalam śrī-gurun vaiṣṇavāmś ca śrī-rūpam sāgrajātam saha-gaṇa-raghunāthānvitam tam sa jīvam sādvaitam sāvadhūtam parijana-sahitam kṛṣṇa-caitanya-devam śrī-rādhā-kṛṣṇa-pādān saha-gaṇa-lalitā- śrī-viśākhānvitāmś 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, Jīva Gosvāmī, and their associates. I offer my respectful obeisances unto 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 Rādhārānī, and all the gopīs, headed by Lalitā and Viśākhā.

Śrīla Prabhupāda Praṇati

nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale śrīmate bhaktivedānta-svāmin iti nāmine

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

namas te sārasvate deve gaura-vāṇī-pracāriņe nirviśeṣa-śūnyavādi-pāścātya-deśa-tāriņe

Our respectful obeisances are unto you, O spiritual master, servant of Sarasvatī Gosvāmī. You are kindly preaching the message of Lord Caitanyadeva and delivering the Western countries, which are filled with impersonalism and voidism.

Eight Verses Glorifying Śrīla Prabhupāda

inspired by a Sanskrit poem by Śrīmān Kuśakratha dāsa Versification by Draviḍa dāsa

śrī-śrī-navadvīpa-para-pradīpaḥ sandīpyamānaḥ satato bhuvīha cetas-tamo hanti hi yasya yatnāt tam kīrtayāmaḥ prabhupādadevam

śrī-śrī-navadvīpa-para-pradīpaḥ – Lord Caitanya Mahāprabhu, the transcendental lamp of Navadvīpa; sandīpyamānaḥ – brilliant blazing; satataḥ – eternal; bhuvi – in the world; iha – here; cetaḥ – of the heart; tamaḥ – the darkness of ignorance; hanti – indeed; yasya – of whom; yatnāt – because of the endeavor; tam – him; kīrtayāmaḥ – let us glorify; prabhupādadevam – His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda.

Let us continuously glorify His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda, by whose efforts the hearts of all living entities, which were pervaded by darkness, are becoming illumined with the brilliant and everlasting lamp of the teachings of Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu, whose eternal abode is the holy dhāma of Navadvīpa.

śrī-bhaktisiddhānta-pracoditaḥ śrī- vyāsādya-kośam kuśalam kṛpāluḥ san mleccha-vāg-deśa-caye 'dadhad yas tam kīrtayāmaḥ prabhupādadevam

śrī-bhaktisiddhānta – by Śrī Śrīmad Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī Ṭhākura Prabhupāda; pracoditaḥ – ordered; śrī-vyāsa-ādya – of Vyāsa and others; kośam – the treasure house (of scriptures); kuśalam – auspicious; kṛpāluḥ – merciful; san – being so; mleccha-vāk-deśa-caye – in the Western countries where English and other languages are spoken; adadhat – placed; yaḥ – who; tam – him; kīrtayāmaḥ – let us glorify; prabhupādadevam - His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda.

Taking the order of his spiritual master, Śrī Śrīmad Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī, as his life, he showed his causeless mercy on the lowest born creatures, the inhabitants of the Western countries, by translating, publishing and distributing the auspicious treasure house of devotional literatures written by Śrīla Vyāsadeva, Śrīla Kṛṣṇadāsa Kavirāja and others. Let us, therefore, continuously glorify Śrīla Prabhupāda.

ācchadyate yat-para-tarka-dṛśya- govinda-mūrty-ujjvala-bhāskareṇa advaiti-khadyota-kulam jagatyām tam kīrtayāmaḥ prabhupādadevam

ācchadyate – is overshadowed; yat – of whom; para – transcendental; tarka – because of the logic; dṛśya – visible; govinda – of Lord Govinda; mūrti – the transcendental form; ujjvala – splendid; bhāskareṇa – by the sun; advaiti – impersonalist philosophers; khadyota –

glowworms; kulam – multitude; jagatyām – in the world; tam – him; kīrtayāmaḥ – let us glorify; prabhupādadevam - His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda.

The last snare of nescience had been set in place by the Māyāvādī "gurus" and "svāmīs," who appeared like so many glowworms. When, however, the brilliant sun of Lord Govinda's transcendental form began to illuminate the world, having been established, through the expert logic of Śrīla Prabhupāda, as the Supreme Personality of Godhead, the glowworms were naturally eclipsed . Let us, therefore, continuously offer praise and adoration to His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda.

yasyaiva yatnena purāṇa-rāja- gangāmalā keśava-keli-hamsā sat-stotra-ratnā vahatīha loke tam kīrtayāmaḥ prabhupādadevam

yasya – of whom; eva – indeed; yatnena – by the endeavor; purāṇa-rāja – the king of the Purāṇas (Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam); gaṅgā – the Ganges river; amalā – pure and crystal clear; keśava – of Lord Keśava; keli – the pastimes; haṁsā – with swans; sat – of the pure devotees; stotra – of prayers; ratnā – with jewels; vahati – flows; iha – here; loke – in this world; tam – him; kīrtayāmaḥ – let us glorify; prabhupādadevam - His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda.

Let us glorify His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda. Because of his efforts, the pure and crystal-clear Ganges river of Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam, the king of the Purāṇas, is now flowing all over the world. The pebbles in that river are the jewels which are the prayers of the pure devotees, and playing within its waters are the swans which are the pastimes of Lord Keśava.

śrī-rādhikā-kṛṣṇa-padāravinde sahasra-hṛtsu śata-mandireṣu aropayad yo madhure prthivyām tam kīrtayāmah prabhupādadevam

śrī-rādhikā-kṛṣṇa – of Śrī Rādhā and Kṛṣṇa; pada – feet; aravinde – two lotus flowers; sahasra – thousands; hṛtsu – in hearts; śata – a hundred; mandireṣu – in temples; aropayat – planted; yaḥ – who; madhure – charming; pṛthivyām – in this world; tam – him; kīrtayāmaḥ – let us glorify; prabhupādadevam - His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda.

Let us glorify His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda, who planted the charming lotus feet of Śrī Śrī Rādhā and Kṛṣṇa in hundreds of temples and thousands of hearts in this world.

kauśalyadair yasya sahasra-śāstra- śastrātivarṣaiḥ pratihanyate hi candā kaler moha-camūr hathena tam kīrtayāmah prabhupādadevam

kauśalyadaiḥ – granting auspiciousness; yasya – of whom; sahasra – thousands; śāstra – of books; śastra – of weapons; ati – great; varṣaiḥ – with showers; pratihanyate – is destroyed; hi – certainly; caṇḍā – fierce; kaleḥ – of the age of Kali; moha – of the illusion; camūḥ – the army; haṭhena – violently; tam – him; kīrtayāmaḥ – let us glorify; prabhupādadevam - A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda.

Seeing the fierce army of illusions put forward by the forces of Kali-yuga, Śrīla Prabhupāda has released an unlimited shower of powerful arrows in the form of his books. In this way, truth is emerging as the victor. Let us, therefore, double and redouble our glorification of Śrīla Prabhupāda.

nānā-lasad-gaura-sudhā-prakāśa- phalaḥ kṣitau sthāpita eva yena kṛṣṇānucintā-jana-sangha-vṛkṣas tam kīrtayāmaḥ prabhupādadevam

nānā – various; lasat – splendid; gaura – of Lord Caitanya; sudhā – the nectar; prakāśa – manifestation; phalaḥ – with fruits; kṣitau – on the earth; sthāpitaḥ – established; eva – certainly; yena – by whom; kṛṣṇa-anucintā-jana-saṅgha – the International Society for Krishna Consciousness; vṛkṣaḥ – the transcendental desire tree; tam – him; kīrtayāmaḥ – let us glorify; prabhupādadevam – His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda

Let us glorify His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda. The desire tree of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness, whose many splendid fruits are different methods of distributing Lord Caitanya's nectarean message, has been planted by him upon this earth.

yo nityadā jīvati daivikīṣu nijāsu śikṣāsu tu sānugāmī kṛpāmbudhir nanda-sutāśritātmā tam kīrtayāmaḥ prabhupādadevam

yaḥ – who; nityadā – eternally; jīvati – lives; daivikīṣu – divine; nijāsu – own; śikṣāsu – in the instructions; tu – indeed; sa – accompanied by; anugāmī – his sincere followers; kṛpā – of mercy; ambudhiḥ – like an ocean; nanda – of Nanda Mahārāja; suta – of the transcendental son; āśrita – completely taken shelter; ātmā – with his body, mind, words and self; tam – him; kīrtayāmaḥ – let us glorify; prabhupādadevam - His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda.

Let us forever glorify Śrīla Prabhupāda, the unlimited ocean of mercy. With his body, mind, words and self, he has taken complete shelter of the son of Nanda Mahārāja, Śrī Kṛṣṇa. Śrīla Prabhupāda lives forever by his divine instructions, and his followers live with him.

Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī Praṇati

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

I offer my respectful obeisances unto His Divine Grace Srīla Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī Ṭhākura Prabhupāda, who is very dear to Lord Kṛṣṇa, having taken shelter at His lotus feet.

śrī-vārṣabhānavī-devī-dayitāya kṛpābdhaye kṛṣṇa-sambandha-vijñāna-dāyine prabhave namaḥ I offer my respectful obeisances to Śrī Vārṣabhānavī-devī-dayita Dāsa [another name of Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī], who is favored by Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī and who is the ocean of transcendental mercy and the deliverer of the science of Kṛṣṇa.

mādhuryojjvala-premāḍhya-śrī-rūpānuga-bhaktida śrī-gaura-karuṇā-śakti-vigrahāya namo ' stu te

I offer my respectful obeisances unto you, the personified energy of Śrī Caitanya's mercy, who deliver devotional service which is enriched with conjugal love of Rādhā and Kṛṣṇa, coming exactly in the line of revelation of Śrīla Rūpa Gosvāmī.

namas te gaura-vāṇī-śrī-mūrtaye dīna-tāriṇe rūpānuga-viruddhāpasiddhānta-dhvānta-hāriṇe

I offer my respectful obeisances unto you, who are the personified teachings of Lord Caitanya. You are the deliverer of the fallen souls. You do not tolerate any statement against the teachings of devotional service enunciated by Śrīla Rūpa Gosvāmī.

Śrīla Gaurakiśora Pranati

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

I offer my respectful obeisances unto Śrīla Gaurakiśora Dāsa Bābājī Mahārāja [the spiritual master of Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī], who is renunciation personified. He is always merged in a feeling of separation and intense love of Kṛṣṇa.

Śrīla Bhaktivinoda Praṇati

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

I offer my respectful obeisances unto Śrīla Saccidānanda Bhaktivinoda Ṭhākura, who is the personified transcendental energy of Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu. He is a strict follower of

the Six Gosvāmīs, headed by Śrī Rūpa.

Śrīla Jagannātha Praṇati

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

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

Śrī Vaisnava Pranāma

vāñchā-kalpatarubhyaś 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 who can fulfill the desires of everyone, and they are full of compassion for the fallen conditioned souls.

Śrī Gaurānga Praṇāma

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

O most munificent incarnation! You are Kṛṣṇa Himself appearing as Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya Mahāprabhu. You have assumed the golden color of Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī, and You are widely distributing pure love of Kṛṣṇa. We offer our respectful obeisances unto You.

Śrī Pañca-tattva Pranāma

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

I offer my obeisances unto the Supreme Lord, Kṛṣṇa, who is nondifferent from His features as a devotee, devotional incarnation, devotional manifestation, pure devotee, and devotional energy.

Śrī Kṛṣṇa Praṇāma

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

O my dear Kṛṣṇa, ocean of mercy, You are the friend of the distressed and the source of creation. You are the master of the cowherdmen and the lover of the gopīs, especially Śrīmatī Rādhārānī. I offer my respectful obeisances unto You.

Sambandhādhideva Pranāma

jayatām suratau pangor 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.

Abhidheyādhideva Praņāma

dīvyad-vṛndāraṇya-kalpa-drumādhaḥ śrīmad-ratnāgāra-simhāsana-sthau śrīmad-rādhā-śrīla-govinda-devau preṣṭhālībhiḥ 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 most humble obeisances unto Them.

Prayojanādhideva Praņāma

śrīmān rāsa-rasārambhī vamśī-vaṭa-taṭa-sthitaḥ karsan venu-svanair gopīr gopīnāthah śriye ' stu nah

Śrī Śrīla Gopīnātha, who originated the transcendental mellow of the rāsa dance, stands on the shore in Vamśīvaṭa and attracts the attention of the cowherd damsels with the sound of His celebrated flute. May they all confer upon us their benediction.

Śrī Rādhā Pranāma

tapta-kāñcana-gaurāngi rādhe vṛndāvaneśvari vṛṣabhānu-sute devī praṇamāmi hari-priye

I offer my respects to Śrīmatī 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.

Šrī Tulasī Praņāma

vṛndāyai tulasī-devyai priyāyai keśavasya ca viṣṇu-bhakti-prade devī satya vatyai namo namaḥ

I offer my repeated obeisances unto Śrīmatī Vṛndā, Śrīmatī Tulasī Devī, who is very dear to Lord Keśava. O goddess, you bestow devotional service to Kṛṣṇa and possess the highest truth.

Śrī Nṛsimha Pranāma

śrī nṛsimha, jaya nṛsimha, jaya jaya nṛsimha prahlādeśa jaya padmā-mukha-padma-bhṛṅga

All glories to Nṛsimhadeva! All glories to Nṛsimhadeva, who is the Lord of Prahlāda Mahārāja and, like a honeybee, is always engaged in beholding the lotuslike face of the goddess of fortune (CC Madhya 8.5).

Vijñapti -pañcaka

mat-samo nāsti pāpātmā nāparādhī ca kaścana parihāre 'pi lajjā me kim bruve puruṣottama

yuvatīnām yathā yūni yūnām ca yuvatau yathā mano 'bhiramate tadvan mano me ramatām tvayi

"O Purusottama, there is no sinful person or offender who is equal to me. How can I describe my shame? Just as the minds of young ladies take pleasure in a young man, and the minds of young men take pleasure in a young woman, kindly let my mind take pleasure in You, alone."

bhūmau skhalita-pādānām bhūmir evāvalambanam tvayi jātāparādhānām tvam eva śaraṇam prabho

"Just as the ground is the only support for those whose feet have slipped, so also You alone are the only shelter, even for those who have committed offense to You."

govinda-vallabhe rādhe prārthaye tvām aham sadā tvadīyam iti jānātu govindo mām tvayā saha

"O Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī, the dearest of Lord Govinda, this is always my request to You - please let Lord Govinda, along with Yourself, consider me to be one of Your assistants."

rādhe vṛndāvanādhīśe karuṇāmṛta-vāhini kṛpayā nija-pādābja- dāsyam mahyam pradīyatām

"O Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī, O queen of Vṛndāvana, You are a river flowing with the nectar of mercy. Please be kind upon me, and give me a little service at Your lotus feet."

vande nanda-vraja-strīṇā m pāda-reṇum abhīkṣṇaśaḥ yāsām hari -kathodgīta m punāti bhuvana-trayam

vande—I offer my respects; nanda-vraja—of the cowherd village of Nanda Mahārāja; strīṇām —of the women; pāda—of the feet; reṇum—to the dust; abhīkṣṇaśaḥ—perpetually; yāsām—whose; hari—of Lord Kṛṣṇa; kathā—about the topics; udgītam—loud chanting; punāti—purifies; bhuvana-trayam—the three worlds.

I repeatedly offer my respects to the dust from the feet of the women of Nanda Mahārāja's cowherd village. When these gopīs loudly chant the glories of Śrī Kṛṣṇa, the vibration purifies the three worlds (SB 10.47.63).

nāma-śreṣṭham manum api śacīputram atra svarūpam śrī-rūpam tasyāgrajam uru-purīm māthurīm goṣṭhavāṭīm rādhā-kuṇḍam girivaram 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 Sacimata, the association of Srila Svarupa Damodara, Rupa Goswami, and his older brother Sanatana Goswami, the supreme abode of Mathura, the blissful abode of Vrndavana, the divine Radha Kunda and Govardhana Hill, and the desire within my heart for the loving service of Sri Radhika and Madhava in Vrndavana. --- From mangalacaranam of śrī-muktā-caritram by Raghunatha Dasa Goswami

ādadānas tṛṇam dāntair idam yāce punaḥ punaḥ śrīmad-rūpa-padāmbhoja- rajo 'ham syām bhave bhave

adadānaḥ—taking; trnam—a blade of grass; dantaih—in my teeth; idam—this; yace—I beg; punah punah—again and again; śrīmat-rūpa—of Śrīla-Rūpa Gosvami; pada-ambhoja—of the lotus feet; rājaḥ—covered by the dust; aham—I; syam—may be; bhave bhave—birth after birth.

Taking a blade of grass between my teeth, I repeatedly beg that birth after birth I may obtain the dust of Śrīla-Rūpa Gosvāmī's lotus feet. (Sri Raghunatha dasa Gosvami's Sri Dana-keli Cintamani 175)

hantāyam adrir abalā hari-dāsa-varyo yad rāma-kṛṣṇa-caraṇa-sparaśa-pramodaḥ mānam tanoti saha-go-gaṇayos tayor yat pānīya-sūyavasa-kandara-kandamūlaiḥ

hanta—oh; ayam—this; adriḥ—hill; abalāḥ—O friends; hari-dāsa-varyaḥ—the best among the Servants of the Lord; yat—because; rāma-kṛṣṇa-caraṇa—of the lotus feet of Lord Kṛṣṇa and Balarāma; sparaśa—by the touch; pramodah—jubilant; mānam—respect; tanoti—offers; saha — with; go-gaṇayoḥ—the cows, calves and cowherd boys; tayoh—to Them (Śrī Kṛṣṇa and Balarāma); yat—because; pānīya—with drinking water; sūyavasa—very soft grass; kandara—caves; kanda-mūlaiḥ—and edible roots.

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. (SB 10.21.18 Spoken by the gopīs when Lord Kṛṣṇa and Balarāma entered the forest in the autumn.)

Pañca-tattva Mahā-mantra

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

Hare Kṛṣṇa Mahā-mantra

Hare Kṛṣṇa, Hare Kṛṣṇa, Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa, Hare Hare Hare Rāma, Hare Rāma, Rāma Rāma, Hare Hare