

## ŚRĪLA-PRABHUPĀDA-PRANĀTI

*nama om viṣṇu-pādāya kṛṣṇa-preṣṭhāya bhū-tale  
śrimate 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, having taken shelter at His lotus feet.

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

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.

## ŚRĪ PAÑCA-TATTVA PRANĀMA

*Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya  
Prabhu Nityānanda  
Śrī Advaita Gadādhara  
Śrīvāsādi Gaura-bhakta-vṛnda*

I offer my obeisances unto Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya, Nityānanda Prabhu, Śrī Advaita, Gadādhara, Śrīvāsa, and all the followers of Lord Caitanya.

## THE MAHĀ-MANTRA

*Hare Kṛṣṇa, Hare Kṛṣṇa - Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa, Hare Hare  
Hare Rama, Hare Rāma - Rāma Rāma, Hare Hare*

O Energy of the Lord, O dear Lord Krishna,  
please engage me in Your devotional service

## ŚRĪ-GURU-PRANĀMA

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

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.

## ŚRĪLA-BHAKTISIDDHĀNTA- SARASVATĪ

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

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.

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

I offer my respectful obeisances to Śrī Vārṣabhānavī-devīdayita Dāsa [another spiritual name of Siddhānta Sarasvatī], who is favored by Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī and who is the ocean of transcendental mercy and the deliverer of the science of Kṛṣṇa.

*mādhuryojjala-premādhya-śrī-rūpānuga-bhaktida  
śrī-gaura-karuṇā-śakti-vigrahāya namo 'stu te*

I offer my respectful obeisances unto you, who delivers 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-viruddhāpa-siddhānta-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 which is 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 Gaura-kiśoradāsa Bābāji Mahārāja [the spiritual master of Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī], who is renunciation personified. He is always merged in a feeling of separation and intense love of Kṛṣṇa.

## ŚRĪLA-BHAKTIVINODA-PRANĀTI

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

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

## ŚRĪLA-JAGANNĀTHA-PRANĀTI

*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.

## ŚRĪ-VAIṢṆAVA-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-GAURĀṄGA-PRANĀMA

*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 PAÑCA-TATTVA PRANĀMA

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

I bow down to Lord Kṛṣṇa, who appears as a devotee [Lord Caitanya Himself], as His personal expansion [Śrī Nityānanda], His incarnation [Śrī Advaita], His devotee [Śrī Śrīvāsa], and His energy [Śrī Gadādhara], and who is the source of all strength for the devotees.

## SAMBANDHĀDHIDEVER PRAṆĀMA

*jayatām suratau paṅgor mama manda-mater gatī  
mat-sarva-sva-padāmbhojau rādhā-madanamohanau*

Glory to the all-merciful Śrī Rādhā and Madanamohana. They are the only shelter of my depraved and crippled self. Their lotus feet are the be-all and end-all of my life.

## ŚRĪ KṚṢṆA PRAṆĀMA

*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.

## ABHIDHEYĀDHIDEVER-PRAṆĀMA

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

I meditate on Śrī Rādhā and Govinda. They are seated on a throne in a mansion bedecked with gems under the desire trees in Vṛndāvana, being served by Their loving female attendants.

## PRAYOJANĀDHIDEVER PRAṆĀMA

*śrīmān rāsa-rasārambhī vaṁśī-vaṭa-taṭa-sthitah  
karṣan veṇu-svanair gopīr gopīnāthaḥ śriye 'stu nah*

May Lord Gopīnātha confer on us His grace. He inaugurated the *rāsa-līlā* by attracting the spiritual milkmaids of Vraja with the enchanting tune of His flute, and He is seated at the base of the *vaṁśīvata* tree.

## ŚRĪ RĀDHĀ PRAṆĀMA

*tapta-kāñcana-gaurāṅgi rādhe vṛndāvaneśvari  
vṛṣabhānu-sute devi 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.

## MAṄGALĀCARAṄA

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

I am offering my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of my spiritual master and unto the feet of all Vaiṣṇavas. I offer my respectful obeisances to Lord Kṛṣṇa Caitanya and Lord Nityānanda, along with Advaita Ācārya, Gadādhara, Śrīvāsa, and other associates. I offer my respectful obeisances to Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī, and Śrī Kṛṣṇa along with their associates Śrī Lalitā and Viśākhā.

Verse quoted by Lord Caitanya, from the Bṛhan-Nāradiya Purāṇa 38.126

*harer nāma harer nāma  
harer nāmaiva kevalam  
kalau nāsty eva nāsty eva  
nāsty eva gatir anyathā*

Chant the holy name, chant the holy name, chant the holy name. There is no other alternative, there is no other alternative, there is no other alternative for God realization in the Age of Kali.

## ŚRĪ GURVAṢṬAKAM

**Eight Prayers Glorifying the Spiritual Master**

—by Śrīla Viśvanātha Cakravartī Ṭhākura

(1)

*samsāra-dāvānala-līḍha-loka-  
trāṇāya kārūṇya-ghanāghanatvam  
prāptasya kalyāṇa-guṇārṇavasya  
vande guroḥ śrī-caraṇāravindam*

The spiritual master is receiving benediction from the ocean of mercy. Just as the cloud pours water on the forest fire to extinguish it, so the spiritual master extinguishes the blazing fire of material existence. I offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of such a spiritual master.

(2)

*mahāprabhoḥ kīrtana-nṛtya-gīta-  
vāditramādyan-manaso rasena  
romāñca-kampāśrutaraṅgabhājo  
vande guroḥ śrī-caraṇāravindam*

The spiritual master is always engaged in chanting and hearing the message of Lord Caitanya and sometimes is dancing in ecstasy. Sometimes he feels quivering in his body because of spiritual trance. I offer my respectful obeisances unto such spiritual master.

(3)

*śrī-vigrahārādhana-nitya-nānā-  
śṛṅgāra-tan-mandiramārjanādau  
yuktasya bhaktāṁś ca niyuñjjato 'pi  
vande guroḥ śrī-caraṇāravindam*

The spiritual master is always engaged along with his disciples in the temple worship of Śrī Śrī Rādhā and Kṛṣṇa. I offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of such spiritual master.

(4)

*catur-vidha-śrī-bhagavat-prasāda-  
svādv-anna-tr̥ptān hari-bhakta-saṅghān  
kṛtvaiva tr̥ptim bhajataḥ sadaiva  
vande guroḥ śrī-caraṇāravindam*

The spiritual master is always offering Kṛṣṇa four kinds of foodstuffs [analyzed as those which are chewed, those which are licked up, those which are drunk and those which are swallowed]. Four kinds of *prasādam* are offered to Kṛṣṇa, and when the spiritual master sees that the devotees are eating *bhagavat-prasādam*, he is satisfied. I offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of such spiritual master.

(5)

*śrī-rādhikā-mādhavayor apāra-  
mādhurya-līlā guṇa-rūpa-nāmnām  
prati-kṣaṇāsvādana-lolupasya  
vande guroḥ śrī-caraṇāravindam*

The spiritual master is always anxious to hear and chant about the wonderful pastimes between Rādhikā and Mādhava, which are all in the modes of loving exchanges [Mādhurya-Līlā], as well as about their quality, names and form. The spiritual master aspires after relishing these things at every moment. I offer my respectful obeisances to such spiritual master.)

(6)

*nikuñjjayūno ratikeli-siddhyai  
yā yālibhir yuktir apekṣaṇīyā  
tatrātidākṣādāti-vallabhasya  
vande guroḥ śrī-caraṇāravindam*

The spiritual master is very much expert in assisting the *gopīs*, who are engaged in the perfection of Rādhā-Kṛṣṇa conjugal love affairs. At different times they make different tasteful arrangements for such spiritual exchange, and the spiritual master is there to assist in the affairs. I offer my most humble obeisances unto the lotus feet of such a spiritual master.

(7)

*sākṣād-dharitvena samasta-śāstrair  
uktas tathā bhāvyata eva sadbhiḥ  
kintu prabhor yaḥ priya eva tasya  
vande guroḥ śrī-caraṇāravindam*

The spiritual master is honored as much as the Supreme Lord because of his being the most confidential servitor of the Lord. This is acknowledged in all revealed scriptures and followed by all authorities. Therefore I offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of such a spiritual master, who is a bona fide representative of Śrī Hari [Kṛṣṇa].

(8)

*yasya prasādād bhagavat-prasādo  
yasyāprasādānna-gatiḥ kuto 'pi  
dhyāyam stuvāms tasya yaśas tri-sandhyam  
vande guroḥ śrī-caraṇāravindam*

By the mercy of the spiritual master one is benedicted by the mercy of Kṛṣṇa. Without the grace of the spiritual master no one can make any advancement. Therefore I should always remember the spiritual master. At least three times a day I should offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of my spiritual master.

## ĀRĀTRIKA CEREMONY

Prayer by Śrīla Bhaktivinode Ṭhākura

(1)

*kibā jaya jaya gorācānder ārotiki sobhā*

(2)

*jāhnavī-taṭa vane jaga jana-manolobhā*

(3)

*kibā vasiāchena gorācānda ratna-simhāsane*

(4)

*ārati karena brahmā ādideva-gane*

(5)

*kibā dakṣiṇe nitāicānda bāme gadādhara*

(6)

*nikaṭe advaita prabhu śrīvāsa chatradhara*

(7)

*kibā śaṅkha bāje ghantā bāje bāje karatāla*

(8)

*madhura mṛdaṅga bāje śunite rasāla*

Everyone come see all the glories of the beautiful *ārātrika* ceremony of Lord Caitanya.

This *ārātrika* ceremony on the bank of the Ganges to receive Lord Caitanya is so beautiful that it will attract the minds of all the people of the world.

Come see how Lord Caitanya is seated on the jeweled throne.

To offer *ārātrika* to Lord Caitanya all the demigods have come, headed by Lord Brahmā.

See Nityānanda Prabhu on the right side of Lord Caitanya, and on the left side, Śrī Gadādhara.

Nearby are Advaita Prabhu and Śrī Śrīvāsa, who is bearing the umbrella above Lord Caitanya's head.

Listen to the sounding of the conchshells, the ringing bells, and the sound of the kartāls.

All these sounds, along with that of the sweet *mṛdaṅga*, are very relishable to hear.