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পরমারাধ্যতম শ্রীগুরুপাদপদ্ম ঔ বিষ্ণুপাদ শ্রীল ভক্তি সুন্দর গোবিন্দ দেব-গোস্বামী
মহারাজের ৭৪তম শুভার্বিভাব বাসরে -

অধমের কুসুমাজলী

মুকুং কেরোতি-বাচালং পঙ্গুং লঙ্ঘয়তে গিরিম্ ।

যৎ কৃপা তমহং বন্দে শ্রীগুরুং দীনতারনম্ ॥

আজ শ্রীগুরুপাদপদ্মের উপস্থিতিতে তাঁর ইচ্ছায় শ্রীল গুরুপাদপদ্মের মহিমা-কীর্তন করতে বসেছি। আমার মত একজন পতিত অধম জড়াধীরের কোন অধিকার নেই- সেই অপ্রাকৃত তত্ত্ব শ্রীগুরুপাদপদ্মের কথা কীর্তন করিবার। কেননা অপ্রাকৃত বস্তু নহে প্রাকৃতে গোচর।

বেদ-পুরাণেতে ইহা কহে নিরন্তর। শ্রীভগবান্ বা তাঁহার ভক্তগণ-পার্ষদগণ এবং ভগবানে-
নর নাম-রূপ-গুণ-লীলা পরিকর সম্পূর্ণ ভগবান থেকে অভিন্ন। অক্ষজ বা ইন্দ্রিয়জ
জ্ঞানের দ্বারা সেই তত্ত্ব জানা কোন প্রকারেই সম্ভব নহে। অতএব আমার মত মুঢ়
কিভাবে সেই তত্ত্বের পরিচয় দিতে পারে? তবুও আজ শ্রীগুরুপাদপদ্মের আর্বিভাব
তিথিতে তাঁহার মহিমা-কীর্তন করিতেছি তাহা একমাত্র শ্রীগুরুপাদপদ্মের কৃপাদেশ বলেই
। তবে শ্রীগুরুপাদপদ্মের কৃপাশক্তি সঞ্চারিত হলে মহামুর্খও পাণ্ডিত্য প্রতিভালোকে
দশদিক্ উদ্ভাসিত করতে পারে। অতএব আমি সর্ব্বাঙ্গে শ্রীগুরুপাদপদ্মে প্রণত হইয়া
সেবামুখে তাঁহার করুণাশক্তি প্রার্থনা করি। ভগবান্ বা তদীয়গণের আর্বিভাব কালের
লক্ষন শাস্ত্রে এই প্রকার দেখা যায় যে, যখন ধর্মের গ্লানি এবং অধর্মের অভ্যুত্থান হয় সেই
কালে সাধুগণের পরিত্রান বা পালন, দুষ্কৃতি গণের বিনাশ বা দমন এবং ধর্ম সংস্থাপনের
জন্য ভগবান্ বা তাঁর পার্ষদ বা তাঁর ভক্তগণ জগতে আর্বিভূত হইয়া থাকেন। ভগবান্
ভক্তিসিদ্ধান্ত সরস্বতী ঠাকুর প্রভুপাদ রূপ-রঘুনাথের কথা জগতে জানাবার জন্য শ্রীল

শ্রীধর দেব-গোস্বামী মহারাজকে দায়িত্বভার অর্পন করেছিলেন। সেই রূপানুগ ধারায় ভুবন মঙ্গল অবতার নদীয়া বিহারী শ্রীগৌরানন্দসুন্দরের বাণী জগতে বলবার জন্য রাঢ়দেশ উদ্ভাসিত করিয়া শ্রীনিতাইপদ আধিকারী ও শ্রীমতী তরঙ্গিনী দেবীর পুত্ররূপে সাধুগণের হৃদয়ানন্দ বর্ধন করিতে করিতে ধর্মদাস ১৯২৮ সালে বর্ধমানের বামুনপাড়ায় আর্বিভূত হয়েছিলেন। বাল্য কাল থেকে তিনি শ্রীচৈতন্যমহাপ্রভুর নামসংকীর্ণনে স্বাভাবিক ভাবেই আকৃষ্ট ছিলেন। সেই ১৯৪৭ সালে মঠের যোগদানের পর থেকে আজ অবধি ভগ্নস্বাস্থ্য নিয়ে অক্লান্ত পরিশ্রম করে সারাবিশ্বে মহাপ্রভুর কথা প্রচার করে যাচ্ছেন।

ইং ১৯৮৬ সালে শ্রীল ভক্তি রক্ষক শ্রীধর দেব-গোস্বামী মহারাজ তাঁর মধ্যে গভীর পরিপক্ব শাস্ত্র জ্ঞান তাঁর অন্তর্নিহিত মহাভাগবতম লক্ষন দর্শন করে তাঁকে ভক্তি সুন্দর গোবিন্দ দেব-গোস্বামী মহারাজ-এই সার্থক নাম প্রদান করে তাঁর স্থলাভিষিক্ত করেছিলেন। তিনি যে যথার্থই ভক্তি সুন্দর তার প্রমান যে তিনি একের পর এক তাঁর গুরুদেবের মনোভীষ্ট পূরণ করে যাচ্ছেন। তাই শ্রীল গুরুদেবের মহিমা গাহিবার মত শক্তি আমাদের কোথায়? কোথায় সেই অতিমর্ত্য মহাপুরুষের অমল চরিত আর কোথায় আমি মহাপতিত নরাধম? শুধু এইটুকু আশাবন্ধ যে, শ্রীল গুরুদেবের অনুসন্মন্ধও জীবের সর্বোত্তম কল্যান প্রদানে সমর্থ। আসলে এমন কোন পদার্থ, এমন কোন ভাব, এমন কোন বিষয়ই নাই যাহাকে শ্রীল গুরুদেব কৃষ্ণ-সেবায় নিযুক্ত না করিয়াছেন।

আজকের এই তিথিকে অবলম্বন করিয়াই শ্রীল গুরুদেব প্রকটিত হইয়াছেন। অতএব এই তিথিও পরমপূজনীয়া, বরণীয়া এবং করুণাময়ী। আমার এমন কোন উপায়নই নেই যাহার দ্বারা এই তিথি বরার পূজা করি। আপনারা মহান পরম বৈষ্ণব। আপনারা কৃপা পূর্বক এই তিথি বরার পূজা করিবার যোগ্যতা আমাকে প্রদান করুন। আর আপনাদের কৃপায় শ্রীল গুরুদেবের কৃপা প্রার্থনায় মহান আর্তি জাগরিত হইয়া আমার শ্রীঅন্তর্বহিঃ শ্রীগৌরবিহিত কীর্তনের দ্বারা গৌরব মণ্ডিত হউক এবং নিত্যকাল শ্রীগুরুবৈষ্ণবের সেবায় নিযুক্ত করুক-এই প্রার্থনা।

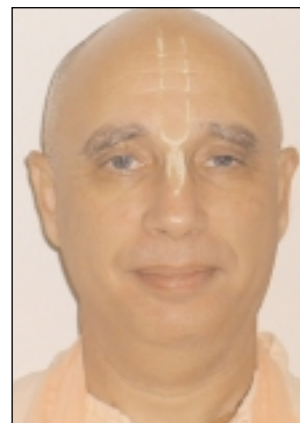
বাঞ্চ্যকল্পতরুভ্যশ্চ কৃপাসিন্ধুভ্য এব চ।

পতিতানাং পাবনেভ্যো বৈষ্ণবেভ্যো নমো নমঃ ॥

ত্রিদণ্ডী-স্বামী ভক্তি নির্মল আচার্য্য



Offering to
Srila Bhakti Sundar Govinda Dev-Goswami Maharaj
on His Divine Appearance Day



I offer my dandabat pranams in the dust of the lotus feet of His Divine Grace Srila Bhakti Sundar Govinda Dev-Goswami Maharaj, who is ever-merciful to those bereft of any redeeming qualities. He is a savior of the fallen souls and an eternal spring that is always bubbling with the waters of divine mercy, the very mercy that Sri Gauranga Mahaprabhu and all the merciful acharyas have descended by Their kindness to give to those who are always distressed by material existence.

Srila Govinda Maharaj, once you were asked how to avoid the tenth offense to the Holy Name: to maintain mundane attachments after hearing so much of the glories of the Holy name. You replied that you had yourself asked this same question to Srila Guru Maharaj, Srila Bhakti Raksak Sridhar Dev-Goswami Maharaj. Srila Guru Maharaj replied that Bhaktivinod Thakur had said that it is not possible to recognize who is a Vaishnava unless that Vaishnava reveals himself to us. So we are also praying to the Holy Name that, “Despite my disqualifications, my offenses (aparadhas), you can, by your own mercy reveal yourself to me.” This is so hopeful, because by one's own miniscule strength one does not have to try to move mountains of false ego in order to gain entrance into the worship of the Holy Name or the association of the param Vaishnavas. All can be revealed within our hearts, if we receive the mercy of a Vaishnava, such as yourself.

When Gopinath Acharya was challenged by Sarvabhauma Bhattacharya - “What is the proof that you have gained the Lord's mercy and I have not” - Gopinath Acharya replied, “Although the Lord was lying in divine trance in your own house, you could not recognize Him.”

In his essay to the Harmonist, Srila Guru Maharaj remarks that because the jiva soul is conditioned by his samskara, or acquired nature, not all may be able to recognize who carries the true mercy, who is Sri Guru. But Guru Maharaj declares: “Reality can assert itself. Light does not require darkness for its positive proof. The sun by itself

can establish its supremacy over all other lights. Before an open and unbiased eye, the guru (real guide) shines above all professors of phenomenon.”

Fortunately, I do not have to depend on my own limited powers of perception to be able to discern where is my true benefit and who is my real guardian. As many illustrious Vaishnavas were unanimously proclaiming Srila Guru Maharaj to be a true saint and a param

Vaishnava, so from the mouth of Srila Guru Maharaj came more than advice: energetic supplications to serve your lotus feet. He showed us the true nature of spiritual reality by composing your own divine pranam mantra, enabling us to see and understand reality.

You truly stand effulgent before us. Of that I have no doubt. But alas, my problem is another. As Mahaprabhu Himself declares: there is no shortage of grace and mercy in the Holy Names of the Lord. He adds, my only lament is that because of my offenses, I am unable to have any real attraction for the chanting of the Holy Name.

Therein lies the dilemma.

When Mahaprabhu spoke with Prakashananda Saraswati he remarked that my spiritual master said, “You are a fool. You are not qualified to study Vedanta philosophy.” This position was adopted by the Lord to illustrate the limitations of his audience, the mayavadi sannyasis.

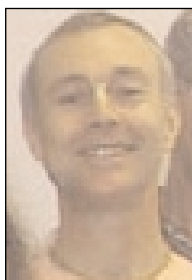
Unfortunately, in my case I am really unqualified to enter into the presence of the true Vaishnavas. Srila Gurudeva, you are always extending your mercy, grace and friendship to me, but my nature and existence are so low that I am ashamed to come into the presence of divinity. I am ashamed. I have nothing to offer, and my very existence is itself an offense to all that is true and pure.

I pray to be able to continue to serve you and offer something at your lotus feet. Although that “service” is certainly impure, still you may extract something of value from me, as you are always merciful to the fallen souls. If nothing else, at least by accepting the ashes that I am offering, my hand is learning to give.

Praying in the shadow of your lotus feet, I remain,

Your aspiring servant,
Swami Bhakti Pavan Janardan

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A Vyasa Puja Homage to His Divine Grace Om Vishnupad
Srila Bhakti Sundar Govinda Dev-Goswami Maharaj

Today the dark cloud of Kali parted, giving way to the effulgent light of the sun of Sri Caitanya's gift of Divine Love. The bearer of this great gift is His Divine Grace Srila Bhakti Sundar Govinda Dev-Goswami Maharaj, who is indistinguishable from the gift itself, being of the same quality. He came at the behest of his Divine Master who was given the charge of guarding this marvelous treasure. The guardian is known as Om Visnupad Srila Bhakti Raksak Sridhar Dev-Goswami Maharaj. We are the servants of his servant.

With all humility,

Swami B.K. Giri
New Jersey, U.S.A



**om ajnana-timirandhasya jnananjana-salakaya
caksur unmilitam yena tasmai sri guruve namah**



Srila Govinda Maharaj,

I offer my humble obeisances to your Divine Grace on this special day. Srila Prabhupad Swami Maharaj used to say that Krishna Consciousness is “simple for the simple and complicated for the complicated”. So when attempting to compose a suitable offering on the Appearance Day of the Divine Master, a heavily conditioned soul such as myself is inevitably faced with a dilemma: how to fittingly glorify the Master (whose glories are anyway unlimited and unfathomable) without continual recourse to the description of his own fallen nature: “I am so low, so mean” etc. While this sentiment, to whatever depth it can genuinely be felt or realized, is no less than the truth, it can so easily become a form of self-glorification. The entire offering then becomes, “You are so kind, you saved me, me, me” and not really a glorification of the Master at all.

And herein lies the fundamental problem: the materially bound soul always wants to hear and chant about himself and not about Krishna or Krishna's pure devotee. But you are always honoring all living beings and especially glorifying the devotees of Krishna and your Divine Master, and recognizing their service; through this by your paramahansa vision you are setting the example for others to follow; hence, you are rightly called Acarya.

Being yourself embraced by the Infinite, your qualities in that connection have infinite depth, and that is why your association is both enlightening and nourishing for others of similar spiritual aspiration. In you this is natural, but no less great for being so. It is experienced that in your holy and jolly company one can have a rare taste of the nectar of sat-cit-ananda. You are a refreshing bath that cleans away the accumulated filth of mundane existence; a mirror in which one may have a glimpse of their own real and beautiful eternal self. In your person or your sound-form you are the safe shelter for the souls fortunate enough to have any genuine connection with the Caitanya-Saraswat sampradaya. On this special day we pray for some service to your lotus feet.

B.S. Tridandi Swami



Dear Srila Govinda Maharaj,

My sincere dandavats on your holy Sri Vyasa Puja. On this day I want glorify you and not speak about my problems and difficulties. Your Divine Grace knows how much you are important in our lives even though sometimes we are not capable of noticing or understanding your teachings. Due to your grace and mercy many devotees are chanting the Holy Names and trying to serve Krishna and Mahaprabhu.

On this day I ask you once more to shower your love, affection and tenderness over me and all of my friends and godbrothers. Please forgive me for my misbehavior, but know that I am always eager to serve you and become a true devotee of Mahaprabhu.

Now I am studying English and preaching here in the West Indies. I am happy and recovering my spirits little by little. I never forget that I am committed to you, for you are my Gurudeva. I am aware that I have no place to go, so to serve you is better for me.

May Your Divine Grace pass a joyful Vyasa Puja in the association of your true servants. May we fallen souls realize your divine pastimes and get a drop of love by chanting the Holy Name. I wish to be with you as soon as possible.

All glories to Srila Govinda Maharaj, the most munificent banner of love and affection in this world.

Your unfortunate and disobedient servant,

Swami B. S. Padmanabha
Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math, West Indies

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All glories to Sri Sri Guru and Gauranga



Sri Vyasa Puja offering for the auspicious 74th Appearance Day of His Divine Grace Om Visnupad Sri Srila Bhakti Sundar Govinda Dev-Goswami Maharaj, dearmost beloved disciple associate of the Emperor of Sannyasi Kings, His Divine Grace Om Visnupad Sri Srila Bhakti Raksak Sridhar Dev-Goswami Maharaj.

gurvabhista supurakam guru-ganair asisa sambhusitam
cintyacintya-samasta-veda-nipunam sri-rupa-panthanugam
govindabhidham ujjvalam vara-tanum bhakty anvitam sundaram
vande visva-gurun ca divya-bhagavat-premno hi bija-pradam

Param, padam, or the place where there are no material miseries (Vaikuntha), is the real goal for the sincere surrendered soul, not the place where there is “danger” at every step of life. And anyone who is specially favored by the Supreme Lord due to unalloyed surrender unto the service of the Lord can overcome the insurmountable ocean of illusion and can understand the Lord. Every step of this most troublesome material life has to face the unavoidable danger. But the liberating unalloyed surrender unto the service of the Lord, subsides successfully whatever kind of danger. Of this there can’t be any doubt!

The unalloyed service has been purely practiced and taught patiently with infinite sweet love and compassion by our most beloved and unforgettable Sri Gurudeva, Srila Sridhara Maharaj. His spotless precepts and teachings are highly appreciated throughout the whole world. Now more powerfully than ever they are being carried out with dignity by Srila Govinda Maharaj. Listening to the endless glories of His successor Srila Govinda Maharaj, Srila Sridhara Maharaj definitely will be pleased and satisfied. With His departure He did not leave the world empty handed. There is tangible and visible proof of this. He made perfectly sure that His golden Mission could be successfully

managed and guided by no one else than the indisputable choice of His heart. For a very long time He nourished this most noble choice, which was only meant to have His Dream of dreams one day magnificently realized.

Today He is brightly smiling and acting dynamically in that mighty resplendent divine embodied Dream of dreams: His Divine Grace Om Visnupad Sri Srila Bhakti Sundar Govinda Dev-Goswami Maharaj, unto whose lotus feet I am rigidly flat down falling by offering my unending joyous glories again and again, especially on this, His so most auspicious and merciful 74th Appearance day. Reason enough, therefore, to freshly remember and share what I have personally witnessed when I could closely associate with Srila Govinda Maharaj. Affectionately I try to bring forward on this special Day two events, which I consider most significant and valuable for my entire devotional life until my last breath on earth. They took place very soon after the departure of Srila Sridhara Maharaj.

The revival of a sweet loaded golden moment was profusely pulling tears from my eyes (and always will keep doing so) while closely I could fortunately witness how, with divine force, Srila Govinda Maharaj was accepting the highly elevated Seat of Srila Sridhara Maharaj. His unique detachment and genuine refusal of such descended Offering captured completely my heart and mind. As soon as He was shyly seated, I was the most fortunate person who got the fan in my trembling hands to lovingly and affectionately fan Him, the new Acharya!

The other event was when Srila Govinda Maharaj had been put to test and trial in a peculiar way (Divine display!). He had to face opposition of a particular type. Turbulent were those bygone days. With His honest and sincere prayer to Srila Sridhara Maharaj, He expressed Himself as follows: "My dear Srila Guru Maharaj this has not been of my own will but Yours. Please help me out of such an embarrassing situation. Please take this chalice containing bitter content away from me. If You do not come to my aid within 3 days, I will withdraw myself by giving up the whole thing." Amazingly, after exactly 3 days, Srila Sridhara Maharaj appeared gloriously, as did Lord Nirsimhadeva to annihilate the King demon Hiranyakasipu. In this way Srila Sridhara Maharaj started to cleanse His Sampradaya!

These two events fully graced me to have a tiny glimpse of who is

Srila Govinda Maharaj. That's why I'm certainly convinced that the ever-increasing glories of the Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math's Mission will touch the heavens on His infallible lotus wings. Dearest Srila Govinda Maharaj, graced as I am, how, and for what ignorant reason, will I give up my love, my affection and my attachment to Your lotus feet? Never this shall be admitted by Srila Sridhara Maharaj, who always used to say: "Give Time and Time will tell." Constantly I'm experiencing that Time loudly is speaking the divine exalted sweet clear language of Srila Sridhara Maharaj with Your lotus tongue to assure how He is irremovable as the Himalaya mountain in our midst.

By Your indispensable grace, what more do we need to search for? Our hands are full simply because we have You! Truly only lack of real faith causes the many difficulties and problems, which can produce only bitter fruits: the delicious taste that pleasingly invites again death. In no way will I pretend that I know something. Concerning this I am not at all worrying, since only the Lord knows who is who and what is what!

But one thing I've wholeheartedly understood is to fully honor, to always glorify and to constantly give respect to others, without wanting it for myself in any way! And not even to criticize or to envy any human being. What to speak then of the Vaisnavas or the dear devotees of Lord Sri Hari. These disqualifications are only to be found in the weak ones!

Most dear Srila Govinda Maharaj, I humbly pray that You will accept this most simple, defected and insignificant offering, which comes from my deep sincere inner heart! Please forgive me if still some offences unwillingly may have penetrated in my honest attempt to express my fallen self. Endless glories unto Your lotus feet, which are illuminating the heavy darkness of this iron age, Kali Yuga. Furthermore, I offer my affectionate pranams to Your faithful servants.

Affectionately, Your well-wisher and worthless but faithful servant,

Swami Ban Maharaj





On the holy occasion of Sri Vyasa-Puja, the most auspicious day of the appearance of our revered Srila Gurudev, Om Vishnupad Paramahansa Parivrajaka-acharya-varya Sri Srimad Bhakti Sundara Govinda Dev-Goswami Maharaja, in this plane of existence, I repeatedly offer my most humble prostrated obeisance to His Divine Grace's radiant lotus feet.

It was by His Divine Grace that I received the highest conception of the Holy Name of Sri Krishna, the highest aspiration in the life of a spirit soul. By His unlimited grace I was introduced to the service of Sri Gaurasundar, following in the holy footsteps of His dearest associates Sri Svarupa Damodara Goswami and Srila Rupa Goswami.

By the grace of my revered Srila Gurudev I am learning to appreciate and to serve those holy places of pastimes of our Supreme Lord like Sridham Vrndavan, Sridham Navadvip, Sri Kshetradham Jagannath Puri, and many more.

My venerable Srila Gurudev has kindled in my heart the great hope that one day I may be accepted into the confidential camp of servitors to the divine lotus feet of the Supreme Couple, Sri-Sri Gandharvva-Govindasundarjiu, at the great Sri Giriraja Govardhan and - sometimes - maybe even be called to assist His Divine Grace in His service to the sweet, eternally youthful Divine Pair at the most holy of holy places, Sri Radha-kunda.

Dear Srila Gurudev, out of Your unlimited causeless mercy Your Divine Grace has descended to this ephemeral world, and, in order to give pleasure to our Supreme Lord, Sri Gaurangasundara, You are inundating this world with Your unconditional love and affection.

Your Divine Grace's affection for the surrendered souls, who are desperately searching for love, is as warming as the sun, and your compassion for the ignorant, suffering from the hellish fire of sense gratification, is as cooling as the moon.

Your wisdom is unfathomable like the ocean, and your joyous personality refreshes our scalded hearts.

In our search for Sri Krishna Your Divine Grace leads the way, illuminating the path with profound realized knowledge and dispelling the darkness of our ignorance with Your brilliant mastery over the Vedanta and the Gaudiya-Vaishnava-Siddhanta.

As an unfailing protector on our dangerous spiritual journey, Your Divine Grace expels the ghost Bhukti by being constantly absorbed in and speaking Hari-katha.

Your Divine Grace is an unexcelled representative of the best of servitors in the line of Sri Rupa. As such, You scare away the ghost Mukti by Your exemplary loving service to the holy lotus feet of Your beloved Guru Maharaj, thereby inspiring Your dedicated followers to pursue your shining ideal.

Your Divine Grace extracts the minutest good quality of an aspirant to the loving service of Sri Sri Guru-Gauranga and, magnifying it a thousand times, You offer it for the benefit of that aspirant to Your dearest Lord. In this way You are like the Paramahansa, who artfully drinks the milk which was poured into the water.

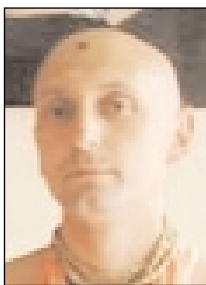
Like the experienced sage who recognizes the value of a gold coin, even when found in a dirty place, Your Divine Grace sagaciously accepts the attempts to serve of those who have high ideals and strive to reach them.

Dear Srila Gurudev, please forgive any offence that I may have committed ignorantly in this attempt to describe some aspects of Your unending glory. Kindly give me a drop of Your ocean of causeless mercy and make me the eternal servant of Your dear servants. Ei adhama loinu sharana!

Most humbly aspiring to become a servant to Your divine lotus feet, which are the abode of devotion and the only refuge for the desperate, I again offer my prostrated obeisance and honest heartfelt prayer of respect to Your Divine Grace.

Tridandi-Swami Bhakti Sampat Narayan





Dear Gurudev,

I offer my prostrated obeisances at Your Holy Feet. On this auspicious day we are supposed to offer You presents but what can a minute soul offer to a personality who has direct access to Reality The Beautiful? So instead of offering I dare to ask from You: Please give me a drop of Your mercy. Engage me in Your service. When we say om ajnana timirandasya we mean that the spiritual master removes our blindness and ignorance. I'm ready to be blind in ignorance because that is my natural position. But even being blind I can serve You if You allow me to by Your causeless mercy.

What is the use of being a man of vision and not have a chance to serve a Vaisnava? But to serve a Vaisnava is possible only by his mercy. And that we ask from You. I know You can give it because You hold the Ocean of Mercy, and Your beloved spiritual master Srila Sridhara Dev-Goswami Maharaja told You to give mercy to others. We need it desperately, just to be useful in any way. And having engaged such useless people like me in Your service You can please Your Guru Maharaja, which is the only purpose of Your life.

So if You allow Your servitors to accept my service, that is enough. There is nothing more I desire. You know how to eternally satisfy Srila Guru Maharaja and The Supreme Sevitor. You are the expert in using such useless living beings as myself.

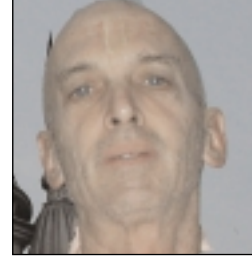
There is almost no hope for me but we can invite other souls for Your eternal job in satisfying your camp leader and Reality The Beautiful by the sankirtana of Sri Caitanyadev. Then our existence will have some meaning.

Prostrating at Your Feet and aspiring to be Your useful instrument,
Swami B.C. Bharati

gurvabhista-supurakam guru-ganair asisa-sambhusitam
cintyacintya-samasta-veda-nipunam sri-rupa-panthanugam
govindabhidham ujjvalam vara-tanum bhakty anvitam sundaram
vande visva-gurun ca divya-bhagavat-premno hi bija-pradam

To His Divine Grace

Srila Bhakti Sundar Govinda Dev-Goswami Maharaj



Srila Gurudev,

All glories to you, Srila Gurudev, on this auspicious day. All glories to Srila Guru Maharaj and Srila Prabhupada. Today is a very auspicious day, as the world has been blessed by your appearance. I feel very fortunate to have your association even though I don't deserve it.

Even though I am very fallen soul, I have to think somehow you will give me shelter because you are the embodiment of kindness, compassion and mercy for the conditioned souls rotting in this dark well of material existence. You have made a great personal sacrifice, spreading Krishna Consciousness to every corner of the world in the last few years in order to save fallen souls like me. So I must think one day your mercy must come to me, even though I don't deserve it.

Since you know that only real Krishna Consciousness will help everyone, you have given that to the fallen souls of the Kali Yuga, regardless of their qualifications. To those who don't know what the value of life is, you have instructed them and given them freely what no other avatar or incarnation has given - our real life is life in the service world. If one has the capacity to understand your teaching, he must be benefited and become indebted to you.

Without your grace we are lost in the animal propensities of eating, sleeping, fearing and mating. *Ahara- nidra-bhaya-maithunam ca*. The people of this age don't know any thing more than this. Because of your preaching to the lost souls, they are beginning to understand the purpose of life. Without you to teach them they simply continue their material activities and glide slowly down to hell.

And not only have you shown people what their real life is - the service of the Lord in the service world - you have not mixed this pure conception with any mundane conception simply to gain popularity or to cheat the innocent public.

*anyabhilasita-sunyam, jnana-karmady-anavrtam
anukulyena-krsnanu-silanam bhaktir uttama (B.R.S.)*

“There are no material conceptions in what you have given. It is spontaneous Krishna Consciousness that comes straight from the heart. Your personal example is proof that Krishna resides in the heart of the pure devotees.”

Isvarah sarva-bhutanam hrd-dese arjuna tisthati. B.G. 18.6

Before you started traveling and preaching, many former devotees were in a hopeless condition due to the feeling of separation of Srila Prabhupada and Srila Guru Maharaj. You not only have given everyone hope, showing how one should continue on the path of Krishna Consciousness even though he is feeling separation from his Gurudev.

This day is very auspicious because it reminds us that Krishna sends His most confidential associates to bestow His mercy on this dark world. Just as Krishna appeared to save the devotees and vanquish the demons, you also appeared to save the devotees and pious people of this world and cut down the miscreants. As Krishna appeared in a simple rural village, you also appeared in a rustic village where even now cars don't go. As Krishna grew up in an environment full of affection and love, you also experienced love and affection from your family members, who always spontaneously sang the songs of Krishna-lila. And just as Krishna was a cowherd boy and played with his friends everyday while tending His cows, you also lived very close to the cows. And as Krishna left home at a young age to protect the world from the atheist influences, you also left home at a young age to join your Guru Maharaj's mission. Now this mission, under yours and Srila Guru Maharaj's guidance, has planted the flag of the Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Math all over the world. You, Srila Prabhupada and Srila Guru Maharaj, have brought Krishna Consciousness to the most fallen souls of Kali Yuga.

We are all blessed and fortunate to have you as our Guru, guide, friend and caring family member. All glories to you on this auspicious day.

Bhakti Premik Siddhanti Maharaj