



A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Śrīla Prabhupāda

Dedicated to our spiritual master, teacher,
friend and guide back to the spiritual world.

श्रीलप्रभुपाददेवाष्टकम्
Śrīla Prabhupāda Devāṣṭakam
By Kuśākratha dāsa

श्रीश्रीनवद्वीपपरप्रदीपः
सन्दीप्यमानह् सततो भुवीह ।
चेतस्तमो हन्ति हि यस्य यत्नान्
नमामि तं श्रीप्रभुपाददेवम् ॥ १ ॥

śrī-śrī-navadvīpa-para-pradīpaḥ
sandīpyamānaḥ satato bhuvīha |
cetas-tamo hanti hi yasya yatnāt
taṁ kīrtayāmaḥ prabhupādadevam || 1||

śrī-śrī-navadvīpa-para-pradīpaḥ – Lord Chaitanya Mahāprabhu, the transcendental lamp of Nabadwip; 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.

(1) Let us continuously glorify His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Śrīla 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.

Note: This poem is written in the meter upajāti, the same as Śrī Gurvaṣṭakam of Śrīla Viśvanātha Cakravartī.

श्रीभक्तिसिद्धान्तप्रचोदितः श्री-
व्यासाद्यकोशं कुशलं कृपालुः ।
सन् म्लेच्छवाग्देशचयेऽदधद् य-
स्मामि तं श्रीप्रभुपाददेवम् ॥ २ ॥

śrī-bhaktisiddhānta-pracoditaḥ śrī-
vyāsādyakośaṁ kuśalaṁ kṛpāluḥ |
san mleccha-vāg-deśa-caye 'adhad yas
taṁ kīrtayāmaḥ prabhupādadevam || 2||

śrī-bhaktisiddhānta – by Śrī Śrīmad Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī Ṭhākura Prabhupāda; pracoditaḥ – ordered; śrī-vyāsa-ādyā – 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; adadhāt – placed; yaḥ – who; tam – him; kīrtayāmaḥ – let us glorify; prabhupādadevam – His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda.

(2) 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.

आच्छद्यते यत्परतर्कदृश्य-
गोविन्दम्: त्र्युज्ज्वलभस्करेण ।
अद्वैतिखद्योतकुलं जगत्यां
नमामि तं श्रीप्रभुपाददेवम् ॥ ३ ॥

ācchadyate yat-para-tarka-dṛśya-
govinda-mūrty-ujjvala-bhāskareṇa |
advaiti-khadyota-kulaṁ jagatyām
taṁ kīrtayāmaḥ prabhupādadevam || 3||

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

(3) 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.

यस्यैव यत्नेन पुराणराज-
गङ्गामला केशवकेलिहंसा ।
सत्स्तोत्ररत्ना वहतीह लोके
नमामि तं श्रीप्रभुपाददेवम् ॥ ४ ॥

*yasyaiva yatnena purāṇa-rāja-
gaṅgāmalā keśava-keli-haṁsā |
sat-stotra-ratnā vahatīha loke
taṁ kīrtayāmaḥ prabhupādadevam || 4||*

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.

(4) 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.

श्रीराधिकाकृष्णपदारविन्दे
सहस्रहत्सु शतमन्दिरेषु ।
अरोपयद् यो मधुरे पृथिव्यां
नमामि तं श्रीप्रभुपाददेवम् ॥ ५ ॥

*śrī-rādhikā-kṛṣṇa-padāravinde
sahasra-hṛtsu śata-mandireṣu |
aropayad yo madhure pṛthivyām
taṁ kīrtayāmaḥ prabhupādadevam || 5||*

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; aropayāt – planted; yaḥ – who; madhure – charming; pṛthivyām – in this world; tam

– him; kīrtayāmaḥ – let us glorify; prabhupādadevam – His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda.

(5) 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.

कौशल्यदैर्यस्य सहस्रशास्त्र-
शस्त्रातिवर्षैः प्रतिहन्यते हि ।
चण्डा कलेर्मोहचम्हठेन
नमामि तं श्रीप्रभुपाददेवम् ॥ ६ ॥

*kauśalyadair yasya sahasra-śāstra-
śāstrātivarṣaiḥ pratihanyate hi |
caṇḍā kaler moha-camūr haṭhena
taṁ kīrtayāmaḥ prabhupādadevam || 6||*

kauśalyadaiḥ – granting auspiciousness; yasya – of whom; sahasra – thousands; śāstra – of books; śāstra – 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.

(6) 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.

नानालसद्गौरसुधाप्रकाश-
फलः क्षितौ स्थापित एव येन ।
कृष्णानुचिन्ताजनसङ्घवृक्ष-
स्नमामि तं श्रीप्रभुपाददेवम् ॥ ७ ॥

*nānā-lasad-gaura-sudhā-prakāśa-
phalaḥ kṣitau sthāpita eva yena |
kṛṣṇānucintā-jana-saṅgha-vṛkṣas
taṁ kīrtayāmaḥ prabhupādadevam || 7||*

nānā – various; lasat – splendid; gaura – of Lord Chaitanya; 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.

(7) 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.

यो नित्यदा जीवति दैविकीषु
निजासु शिक्षासु सहानुगामि ।
कृपाम्बुधिर्नन्दसुताश्रितात्मा
नमामि तं श्रीप्रभुपाददेवम् ॥ ८ ॥

*yo nityadā jīvati daivikīṣu
nijāsu śikṣāsu tu sānugāmī |
kṛpāmbudhir nanda-sutāśritātmā
taṁ kīrtayāmaḥ prabhupādadevam || 8||*

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; sūta – of the transcendental son; āśrita – completely taken shelter; ātmā – with his body, mind, words and self; taṁ – him; kīrtayāmaḥ – let us glorify; prabhupādadevam – His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda.

(8) 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.

इति कुशक्रथदासविरचितं
श्रीलप्रभुपाददेवाष्टकं सम्पूर्णम् ।

*iti kuśakrathadāsaviracitaṁ
śrīlaprabhupādadevāṣṭakaṁ sampūrṇam |*

**Thus Ends the Śrīla Prabhupāda-devāṣṭakaṁ
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