



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 Kuśakratha dāsa

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

śrī-śrī-nāvadvīpa-para-pradīpah
sandīpyamānah satato bhuvīha |
cetas-tamo hanti hi yasya yatnāt
tam kīrtayāmaḥ prabhupādadevam || 1 ||

Śrī-śrī-navadvīpa-para-pradīpāḥ – Lord Chaitanya Mahāprabhu, the transcendental lamp of Nabadwip; sandīpyamānah – brilliant blazing; satataḥ – eternal; bhuvi – in the world; iha – here; cetāḥ – of the heart; tamāḥ – the darkness of ignorance; hanti – indeed; yasya – of whom; yatnāt – because of the endeavor; tam – him; kīrtayāmāḥ – let us glorify; prabhupādādevam – 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 म्लेच्छवाग्देशाचयेऽदधद् य-
स्त्रमामि तं श्रीप्रभुपाददेवम् ॥ २ ॥

śrī-bhaktisiddhānta-pracoditaḥ śrī-
vyāsādya-kośam kuśalam kṛpāluḥ |
san mleccha-vāg-deśa-caye 'dadhad yas
tam kīrtayāmāḥ prabhupādādevam || 2||

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; adadhāt – placed; yah – who; tam – him; kīrtayāmāḥ – let us glorify; prabhupādādevam - 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 यत्परतर्कदश्य-
गोविन्दमःत्युज्ज्वलभस्करेण ।
अद्वैतिख्योतकुलं जगत्यां
नमामि तं श्रीप्रभुपाददेवम् ॥ ३ ॥

ācchadyate yat-para-tarka-dṛśya-
govinda-mūrty-ujjvala-bhāskareṇa |
advaiti-khadyota-kulam jagatyāṁ
tam kīrtayāmāḥ prabhupādādevam || 3||

āchadyate – 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-hamsā /
sat-stotra-ratnā vahatīha loke
tam 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; hamsā – 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-krṣṇa-padāravinde
sahasra-hṛtsu śata-mandireṣu |
aropayad yo madhure pr̥thivyāṁ
tam kīrtayāmaḥ prabhupādadevam || 5||

śrī-rādhikā-krṣṇa – 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; pr̥thivyāṁ – 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-
शस्त्रातिवर्षेः प्रतिहन्यते हि ।
चण्डा कलेमोहचमःहठेन
नमामि तं श्रीप्रभुपाददेवम् ॥ ६ ॥

kauśalyadair yasya sahasra-śāstra-
śastrātivarṣaiḥ pratihanyate hi |
caṇḍā kaler moha-camūr haṭhena
tam kīrtayāmaḥ prabhupādadevam ॥ 6 ॥

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.

(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 ।
कृष्णानुचिन्ताजनसङ्खवृक्ष-
स्तमामि तं श्रीप्रभुपाददेवम् ॥ ७ ॥

nānā-lasad-gaura-sudhā-prakāśa-
phalaḥ kṣitau sthāpita eva yena |
kṛṣṇānucintā-jana-saṅgha-vṛkṣas
tam 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 sānuगāmī ।
 kṛpāmbudhir nanda-sutāśritātmā
 tam kīrtayāmaḥ prabhupādadevam || 8||*

yah - 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; tam - 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
 श्रीलप्रभुपाददेवाष्टकम् ।

*iti kuśakrathadāsaviracitam
 śrīlaprabhupādadevāṣṭakam sampūrṇam |*

**Thus Ends the Śrīla Prabhupāda-devāṣṭakam
 compiled by Kuśakratha dāsa**

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