

Invocation Prayers

Verses and songs recited by
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each morning before Caitanya Caritamṛta class



ŚRĪ KRṢṂA CAITANYA PRABHU
Prayers to the Lotus Feet of Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu
by Śrīla Narottama Dāsa Thakura

(1)

*śrī-krṣṇa-caitanya prabhu doyā koro more
tomā binā ke doyālu jagat-saṁsāre*

(2)

*patita-pāvana-hetu tava avatāra
mo sama patita prabhu nā pāibe āra*

(3)

*hā hā prabhu nityānanda, premānanda sukhī
kṛpābalokana koro āmi boro duḥkhī*

(4)

*(kṛpā) doyā koro sītā-pati adwaita gosāi
tava kṛpā-bale pāi caitanya-nitāi*

(5)

*hā hā swarūp, sanātana, rūpa, raghunātha
bhaṭṭa-juga, śrī-jīva hā prabhu lokanātha*

(6)

*doyā koro śrī-ācārya prabhu śrīnivāsa
rāmacandra-saṅga māge narottama-dāsa*

*Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare
Hare Rāma Hare Rāma Rāma Rāma Hare Hare*



- 1) My dear Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya, please be merciful to me. There is no one more merciful than You within this material world.
- 2) The reason for Your descent into this world was simply to deliver the fallen souls. You will not find a soul more fallen than me.
- 3) My dear Lord Nityānanda, You are always joyful in spiritual bliss. Please place Your merciful glance upon me, for I am most unhappy.
- 4) My dear Advaita Prabhu, husband of Sītā, please be kind to me. By your mercy one can attain Lord Caitanya and Lord Nityānanda.
- 5) O Svarūpa Damodāra Gosvāmī, Śrī Sanātana Gosvāmī, Rūpa Gosvāmī, Raghunātha dāsa Gosvāmī, Raghunātha Bhaṭṭa Gosvāmī, Gopāla Bhaṭṭa Gosvāmī, Jīva Gosvāmī, and Lokanātha Gosvāmī, please give me your mercy.
- 6) O Śrīnivāsa Ācārya please show me your mercy. Narottama dāsa begs for the association of the great devotee Rāmacandra Cakravartī.

The Glories of Sri Caitanya Mahāprabhu

*om ajñāna-timirāndhasya
jñānāñjana-salākayā
cakṣur unmūlitam yena
tasmai śrī-gurave namaḥ*

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

I was born in the darkest ignorance, and my spiritual master opened my eyes with the torch of knowledge. I offer my respectful obeisances unto him. When will Śrīla Rūpa Goswāmī Prabhu-pāda, who has established within this material world the mission to fulfill the desire of Lord Caitanya, give me shelter under his lotus feet? [*Gautamīya Tantra*]

*vande 'ham śrī-guroḥ śrī-yuta-pada-kamalam śrī-gurūn vaiṣṇavānś 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-viśākhānvitānś ca*

I offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of my spiritual master and unto the feet of all Vaiṣṇavas. I offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of Śrīla Rūpa Goswāmī along with his elder brother Sanatāna Goswāmī, as well as Raghunātha Dāsa and Raghunātha Bhaṭṭa, Gopāla Bhaṭṭa, and Śrīla Jīva Goswāmī. 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. [C.c. Antya 2.1]

*he kṛṣṇa karuṇā-sindho
dīna-bandho jagat-pate
gopéśa 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. [Śrī Kṛṣṇa 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 Vṛndāvan. You are the daughter of King Vṛṣabhānu, and You are very dear to Lord Kṛṣṇa. [Śrī Rādhā praṇāma]

*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 can fulfill the desires of everyone, just like desire trees, and they are full of compassion for the fallen souls. [Śrī Vaiṣṇava 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. [C.c. Madhya 19.53]

*yad advaitam brahmopaniṣadi tad aṅgy asya tanu-bhā
ya ātmāntar-yāmī puruṣa iti so 'syāṁśa-vibhavaḥ
ṣaḍ-aiśvaryaīḥ pūrṇo ya iha bhagavān sa svayam ayaṁ
na caitanyāt kṛṣṇāj jagati para-tattvaṁ param iha*

What the Upaniṣads describe as the impersonal Brahman is but the effulgence of His body, and the Lord known as the Supersoul is but His localized plenary portion. Lord Caitanya is the Supreme Personality of Godhead, Kṛṣṇa Himself, full with six opulences. He is the Absolute Truth, and no other truth is greater than or equal to Him. [Cc. Ādī 1.3]

*rādhā kṛṣṇa-praṇaya-vikṛtir hlādinī saktir asmād
ekātmānāv aṅgy bhuvi purā deha-bhedam gatau tau
caitanyākhyam prakāṣam adhunā tad-dvayam caikyam āptam
rādhā-bhāva-dyuti-suvalitam naumi kṛṣṇa-svarūpam*

The loving affairs of Śrī Rādhā and Kṛṣṇa are transcendental manifestations of the Lord's internal pleasure-giving potency. Although Rādhā and Kṛṣṇa are one in Their identity, They separated Themselves eternally. Now these two transcendental identities have again united, in the form of Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya. I bow down to Him, who has manifested Himself with the sentiment and complexion of Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī although He is Kṛṣṇa Himself. [Cc. Ādī 1.5]

*cirād adattam niṣa-guṇta-vittam
sva-prema-nāmāṁṣam aty-udārah
ā-pāmaram yo vitatāra gaurah
kṛṣṇo janebhyas tam aham prapadye*

The most munificent Supreme Personality of Godhead, known as Gaura Kṛṣṇa, distributed to everyone—even the lowest of men—His own confidential treasury in the form of the nectar of love of Himself and the holy name. This was never given to the people at any time before. I therefore offer my respectful obeisances unto Him. [Cc. Madhya 23.1]

*gaurah śac-caritāmṛtamṛta nidhiḥ gauram sadeiva-stuve
gaurēṇa paṭhitam rahasya bhajanam gaurāya sarvam dade
gaurad asti kṛpālu-ratro na-para gaurasya bhṛtyo bhavan
gaurē gauravam ācarāmi bhagavān gaura prabhu rakṣa mām*

I pray to Śrīmān Gaurāṅga Mahāprabhu whose ecstatic transcendental pastimes are like a river of nectar. Gaura has given the path of confidential devotional service. I will completely surrender to Gaura. Is there anyone more merciful than Gaura? I will become a servant of Gaura. I shall preach the glory of Gaura. May my Lord Gaura protect me. [Śrīla Rāgunandan Goswāmī, *Gaurāṅga virudāvalī*, text 110]

Caitanya Caritamṛta Invocations

*mādhuyei-madhubhiḥ sugambhi svarṇāmbhujānām vanam
kāruṇyāmṛta nirjharair-upacitaḥ sat prema hemācalaḥ
bhaktāmbodhara dhāraṇī vijayānī niṣkampa sampāvalī
daivo naḥ kula daivatām vijayatām caitanya-kṛṣṇa-hariḥ*

I worship the golden hued Sri Caitanya Mahāprabhu who is absorbed in enchanting mellows of *mādhurya-rasa*. May the transcendental love of Kṛṣṇa that Mahāprabhu is distributing pour down on this earth like a waterfall of nectar! All glories to that Sri Caitanya Mahāprabhu! [Source unknown]

*ājānu-lambita-bhujau kanakāva-dātau
saṅkīrtanaika-pītarau kamalāya-tākṣau
viśvambharau dvijavarau yuga-dharma-pātau
vande jagat priyakarau karuṇā-avatārau*

I worship Their Lordships Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu and Nityānanda Prabhu, whose long arms extend down to Their knees, whose beautiful complexions are radiant yellow like molten gold and whose elongated eyes are like red lotuses. They are the topmost *brāhmaṇas*, the guardians of religious principles for this age, the most munificent benefactors of all living entities, and the most compassionate incarnations of Godhead. They initiated the congregational chanting of the names of Lord Kṛṣṇa. [Cb. 1.1]

*anarpita-carīm cirāt karuṇayāvatīrṇaḥ kalau
samarpayitum unnatojjvala-rasām sva-bhakti-śriyam
hariḥ puraṭa-sundara-dyuti-kadamba-sandīpitaḥ
sadā hṛdaya-kandare sphuratu naḥ śacī-nandanah*

May the Supreme Lord who is known as the son of Śrīmatī Śacī-devī be transcendently situated in the innermost core of your heart. Resplendent with the radiance of molten gold, He has descended in the Age of Kali by His causeless mercy to bestow what no incarnation has ever offered before: the most elevated mellow of devotional service, the mellow of conjugal love. [Vidagdā-mādhava 1.2, quoted Cc. Ādī, 1.4]

*śrī kṛṣṇa caitanya prabhu nityānanda
śrī advaita-gadādhara śrīvāsādi gaura-bhakta-vṛnda*

*Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare
Hare Rāma Hare Rāma Rāma Rāma Hare Hare*

*śrī-kṛṣṇa-caitanyadeva nirabadhi tāṅre sebā
prema-kalpa-taru-bara-dātā
śrī-vraja-rāja-nandana rādhikā-jīvana-dhana
aparūpa ei saba kathā*

Always serve Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanyadeva, who is a kalpa-vṛkṣa tree giving away the treasure of pure love. He is Lord Kṛṣṇa Himself, the prince of Vraja and the life of Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī. Talk about Him is full of wonder. [Śrīla Narottama Dāsa Ṭhākura, *Prema-Bhakti-Candrikā*, song 9, text 12]

*navadvīpe avatārī rādhā-bhāve aṅgikāri'
tāṅra kānti aṅgera bhūṣaṇa
tina bāñchā abhilāṣī śacī-garbhe parakāṣī'
saṅge lāña pariṣada-gaṇa*

Accepting the loving emotions of Śrī Rādhā, and accepting Her bodily luster as the ornament of His limbs, Lord Kṛṣṇa descended to Navadvīpa. Desiring to attain three things, He appeared in Śacī's womb. He attained His desires in the company of His devotees. [Śrīla Narottama Dāsa Ṭhākura, *Prema-Bhakti-Candrikā*, song 9, text 13]

*gaura-hari-avatārī premera baḍara kari
sadhila manera tina kāja
rādhikāra prāṇa-pati kibā bhāve kānde niti
ihā bījhe bhakata-samāja*

Appearing in a fair-complexioned form, He made a great monsoon of spiritual love. In this way He attained His three desires. Why did Lord Kṛṣṇa, the master of Rādhā, cry again and again? Only the devotees can know. [Śrīla Narottama Dāsa Ṭhākura, *Prema-Bhakti-Candrikā*, song 9, text 14]

*uttama adhama, kichu na bachila,
jaciya dīleka kola
kahe premānande, emana gaurāṅge,
antare dhariyā dola*

Never discriminating who was a fit candidate, elevated or degraded, the Son of Mother Śacī magnanimously accepts one and all on to his lap in a loving embrace crying; "Come to my fold, come to my fold!" The poet Premānanda Dāsa begs you all to constantly chant the sweet name of Kṛṣṇa while holding tightly to that Son of Mother Śacī in the innermost core of your heart. [Premānanda Dāsa Ṭhākura - a Vaiṣṇava Poet, *Emana Śacīra*]

*bhaja gaurāṅga kaha gaurāṅga laha gaurāṅga nāma(re)
je jana gaurāṅga bhaje sei hoy amāra prāṇa(re)*

Worship Gaurāṅga, chant Gaurāṅga, speak about Gaurāṅga, day and night; whoever serves Gaurāṅga is as dear to Me as My very own life. [Popular Bengali *bhajan* possibly sung by Lord Nityānanda]

Caitanya Caritamṛta Invocations

*yasyaiva padāmbuja-bhakti-labhyaḥ
premābhīdhānaḥ paramaḥ puṁ-arthah
tasmai jagan-maṅgala-maṅgalāya
caitanya-candrāya namo namas te*

O Lord Caitanya-candra, by devotedly serving Your lotus feet one can attain the pure love for Lord Kṛṣṇa that is the ultimate goal of all endeavors. O Lord Caitanya-candra, O great auspiciousness of the world, I offer my respectful obeisances unto You. I offer my respectful obeisances unto You. [Śrīla Prabodhānanda Sarasvatī, *Caitanya-candrāmṛta*, Text 9]

*ānanda-līlā-maya-vidyāyā
hemābha-dīvyā-cchavi-sundarāya
tasmai mahā-prema-rasa-pradāya
caitanya-candrāya namo namas te*

O Lord Caitanya-candra, O Lord whose form is full of blissful pastimes, O Lord whose complexion is as splendid as gold, O Lord who gives in charity the nectar of pure love for Lord Kṛṣṇa. I Offer my respectful obeisances unto You. I offer my respectful obeisances unto You. I offer my respectful obeisances unto You. [Śrīla Prabodhānanda Sarasvatī, *Caitanya-candrāmṛta*, Text 11]

*yan nāptam karma-niṣṭhair na ca samādhi-gatam yat tapo-dhyāna-yogair
vairāgyaīs tyāga-tattva-stutibhir api na yat tarkīrtan cāpi kaiścit
govinda-prema-bhājām api na ca kalitam yad rahasyam svayam ca
nāmnaiḥ prādūrāsīd avatarati pāre yatra tam naumi gauram*

Not attainable by the faithful performers of pious deeds, not understood by those engaged in austerity, meditation and yoga, not guessed by those absorbed in detachment, renunciation of the fruits of work, philosophical speculation, or recitation of prayers, and unknown even to the devotees full of love for Lord Govinda, the secret of pure devotional service has been revealed by the holy name during Lord Gaura's advent. Let me glorify that Gaura. [Śrīla Prabodhānanda Sarasvatī, *Caitanya-candrāmṛta*, Text 3]