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Guru-mukha-padma-vākya, cittete koriyā aikya

For Disciples Only

HH Candramauli Maharaja

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January 1 Śrī Rāmeśvaram

Beginning the New Year at this holy place is very auspicious. May we hear the glories of Lord Rāmacandra eternally with newer and fresher eagerness each time. I humbly offer my heartfelt apologies and obeisances to that unknown man whom I accidentally offended while walking inside this great temple. May he pardon my offense and I pray that Śrīla Prabhupāda will bestow his mercy on all in the form of chanting Kṛṣṇa's holy names. May Lord Śiva and Mother Pārvatī bestow Their supreme mercy on this fallen soul by helping me to appreciate this holy abode and develop more ability and desire to dance for Their pleasure and for the pleasure of all the assembled Vaiṣṇavas. Jay Śrī Rāma. Sītā Rāma Lakṣman Hanumān Ki-Jay. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 2 Śrī Rāmeśvaram

I must reevaluate my service attitude and fine tune my motivation. It is easy to become slack. Unless one is endeavoring to move forward, one will be pushed towards materialistic tendencies unbeknownst to him. Māyā is very powerful and extremely subtle. Māyā tells you – Later, Kṛṣṇa says – Now. One must practice this process with the utmost seriousness and always endeavor to please Kṛṣṇa and His devotees, especially His pure devotee. May Śrīla Prabhupāda grant me the clear understanding on how best to serve in all circumstances. Today we bathe in Dhanus Ghāta, the place where Śrī Rāma and the monkey army began constructing the bridge to Śrī Lanka. A most powerful spiritual experience. All glories to Sītā Rāma Lakṣman and Hanumān. Hare Rāma. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 3 Śrī Rāmeśvaram

Humility, pridelessness, non-violence, tolerance, constant remembrance of the Lord, the ability to act properly in all circumstances, detachment from sensual objects. These are just a few of the Vaiṣṇava qualities and characteristics I am poor in. Begging, praying for your mercy Śrīla Prabhupāda. I need the guidance of good intelligence. Struggling to become a proper devotee. The only hope is Kṛṣṇa's holy name. Please, grant me that constant remembrance with love. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 4 Śrī Rāmeśvaram – Madurai

The Southern part of India is the preservation of the Vedic tradition and culture aside from Śrīdhāma Māyāpur. Many places in the Northern part of India are being destroyed by Western materialistic culture or rather miss-culture. May Kṛṣṇa consciousness spread throughout the world. Jaya Śrīla Prabhupāda. Jaya Śrī Śrī Rādhā Mathurapati. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 5 Madurai

The *yātrā* has reached its end. We now begin our extended *yātrā*. Only by the mercy of the Supreme Personality of Godhead is anything auspicious able to manifest in my life. This *yātrā* is filled with mercy. We are fortunate to be at the sweet lotus feet of Śrī Śrī Mathurapati and Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī the presiding Deities of ISKCON Madurai. It is predicted that a tidal wave of Vaiṣṇavas will come from this area of India. With such dedicated leadership and powerful mercy of the Lord we are witnessing it this very day. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, whose glories are endless. May we become more and more dedicated to spreading Lord Caitanya's mission of mercy. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 6 Madurai - Kanya Kumari

The place where Pārvatī wedded Lord Śiva. The Deity is the virgin girl Pārvatī. Very beautiful, chaste. We once again offer our humble prayer for the improvement of the health of HH Radhanath Maharaja. For him it seems unimportant. For us it is very important, as he is able to do so much on behalf of Śrīla Prabhupāda and Lord Caitanya, especially in enlivening others in Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Dear Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī, if You so desire, please restore Maharaja's health, this is our humble plea. And for me, perhaps my desire is to be able to accept each and every situation as a way to become more Kṛṣṇa conscious and to be eager to give Kṛṣṇa's mercy to others. Śrīla Prabhupāda is pleased when we make others a devotee. Let us become a better instrument. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 7 Kanya Kumari – Trivendum

The *yātrā* continues, the mercy continues, Lord Caitanya's lotus feet are impressed upon the land. Śrīla Prabhupāda recommends ISKCON devotees to visit all the places where Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu visited. Here is just a small part. Our prayer continues for the recovery of HH Radhanath Maharaja. How long can he continue to endure these terrible physical breakdowns! We pray that he accepts this need to take care as a priority rather than an option. Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī, if You so desire, please restore Radhanath Maharaja's health. This is our humble but fervent prayer. Tomorrow we visit Ananta Padmanabha. May He bestow His merciful *darśana* on me. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 8 Trivendum – Anantapur

Yātrā completed. Wonderful! Many opportunities for serving Vaiṣṇavas. I am on the train. Travel has become a bad word, still we do it. Perhaps I can take greater shelter of You in these situations and develop a greater appreciation for the sacrifice Śrīla

Prabhupāda endured for our benefit and for the benefit of the entire universe. Śrīla Prabhupāda Ki-Jay. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 9 Anantapur

We are here for two days at the home of Subhamaniyam's parents. I can clearly understand the statement "the son takes on the qualities of the mother". They are very much alike. My concern is to somehow or other render some pleasing service to the family members, and not just accept service. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, please guide me in this matter. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 10 Anantapur/Ekādaśī

Full day. 32 rounds, reading *Jaiva Dharma*, e-mail correspondence. To always remember Kṛṣṇa is the only regulative principle. Today we learned the verse which explains that all regulative principles are subservient to two: always remember and never forget Kṛṣṇa. We need the mercy to follow with determination. Determination comes by sense control and by strictly avoiding the association of the opposite sex, i.e. only what is absolutely necessary within the boundaries of devotional service. Śrīla Prabhupāda, we beg for your continual mercy and compassion, especially '*guru mukha padma vākya cittete koriyā aikya*'. Jay Śrī Śrī Kīśore Kīśori. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 11 Anantapur

Still my mind dwells on the future. Although I am acting in the present, I am subtly desiring something else, i.e. a break from this hectic traveling I have been undergoing. But not just a break in travel, but an opportunity to seriously study and get my energy focused. Anyway, it will come, but I must think when and where and how. For now let me be fully present in the presence and give as much as I can in service to others. *Sannyāsa* means nothing selfish. I selfishly want to be Kṛṣṇa conscious, perhaps that is my problem rather than wanting to be a selfless servant of the Lord and His pure devotee Śrīla Prabhupāda. Let us see how I can best utilize my time. This depends on your mercy, dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, we must learn to depend on you more at each and every moment. All glories to the process of pure devotional service which we aspire to achieve. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 12 Anantapur – Bangalore – Bombay

Travel less, stay longer. How to do it? It seems like the only solution, or maybe just keep going the way you are and sooner or later you will be forced to do it. The choice is mine. Actually, it is up to Kṛṣṇa, I surrendered. Whatever pleases you, Śrīla Prabhupāda. I am happy, but my body is wearing out and yet I have to plan how best to serve. Therefore, with all seriousness and with the mind in a prayerful mood – please guide me, Śrīla Prabhupāda, I only want to serve the best I can. At times I

think that is what I desire, but actually I am looking for an easy life in Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Not possible. Help! All glories to the Vaiṣṇava devotee of the Lord, whose mercy is allowing me to continue. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 13 Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopinātha Mandir

Feeling the need for regular *sādhana*, reading Śrīla Prabhupāda's books and less travel. Travel will continue, but still I need to concentrate on a more steady daily schedule, at least for now. One cannot stretch oneself in one direction without sacrificing quality in other areas. Time to regroup. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 14 Bombay/Ratha-yātrā/Makara-saṅkrānti

Jaya Jagannātha, Jaya Jagannātha, Jaya Baladeva, Jay Subhadrā. *Jagannātha-svāmī nayana-patha-gāmī, nayana-patha-gāmī bhavatu me.* All glories to Lord Jagannātha, Lord Baladeva and Subhadrā Mayī. Wonderful Ratha-yātrā. Especially receiving the divine mercy of Śrī Balarāma. His glories are unlimited within the unlimited. Śrīla Prabhupāda has offered the world a beautiful package of pure loving devotion to the Supreme Personality of Godhead. Only a gross ignoramus will refuse to take it up. May Gaurāṅga Mahāprabhu's desire be fulfilled. *Param vijayate śrī kṛṣṇa saṅkīrtanam.* Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 15 Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopinātha Mandir

When Kṛṣṇa is pleased anything and everything is easily accomplished. In another way we could say, for one who remembers Lord Caitanya the most difficult of tasks are easily accomplished. For one who forgets Him even the most easy routine work stops. All glories to all the Vaiṣṇava devotees at whose feet we seek their magnanimous dust. Śrīla Prabhupāda, your mercy is our only hope. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 16 Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopinātha Mandir

Life moves on, time waits for no one. Time is the factor that begins and ends everything material. Time is Kṛṣṇa. Time to reflect on where I am and where I want to be. The body is decreasing, energy also. Travel takes a lot. Without your mercy, Śrīla Prabhupāda, there is no success. Guide us. We sincerely pray to do the needful. Let us start by listing priorities and then following. Assistance is needed to do all that is necessary. I am happy just following the routine practice of Kṛṣṇa consciousness, but the world is suffering. Any happiness we can bring to others by way of Kṛṣṇa consciousness is worth any trouble. I am helpless. You are our general, we must learn how best to follow you. Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda. All glories to Gaura-Nitāi. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 17 Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopinātha Mandir/BV Hospital

I will begin a determined effort to improve overall health and stamina. I need some investment in that area. Also in the area of study and reading of Śrīla Prabhupāda's books. Perhaps I can regenerate enough to be able to dive fully into traveling and preaching. Māyā will try to divert me, that is certain. My determination must contain knowledge of the benefits. May Stoka Krishna Prabhu receive the supreme mercy of the loving hand of Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī. She is very, very kind to Her devotees. My power to pray for such mercy is limited, yet by the unlimited power of the Lord and His pure devotee my prayers can be received. I hope to return to see him on a regular basis. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 18 Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopinātha Mandir

Śrīla Prabhupāda, I am suffering separation from the nectarean words emanating from your lotus-like lips. *Guru mukha padma vākya cittete koriyā aikya, ār nā koriho mane āśā*. I must do something to mitigate this desert like condition. Begging for the water of immortality in the form of your transcendental voice. I shall make the necessary adjustments and once again dive deep into transcendental happiness. Śrīla Prabhupāda, no one can equal you in my life. Although I am benefitted by many, some more than others, still you are my ultimate well wisher, guide and source of Kṛṣṇa *prema*. May your words once again caress my parched like ears with the nectar of ambrosia. Jaya Śrīla Prabhupāda! Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 19 Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopinātha Mandir

Resting more, exercising more, eating more. The bodily activities are increasing, not decreasing. I am supposed to be in a period of physical rejuvenation, something is improving. I pray my consciousness doesn't go down, which it seems to be. Tonight I'm reading the section in *Jaiva Dharma* that lists verse after verse of the glories of Kṛṣṇa's holy name from various *Purāṇas* and other sources. It filled my mind with the overwhelming importance of always chanting. Such mercy, such auspiciousness, such happiness, knowledge and protection from negativity. The holy name of Kṛṣṇa. I pray I can always humbly and eagerly take shelter of chanting Kṛṣṇa's holy names. All glories to the holy name of Kṛṣṇa and all glories to Gaura-Nitāi, who are making Their mercy easily available through the Holy Name. And especially, all glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, who is giving that mercy to anyone who has just a little bit of desire. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, tomorrow I will embark on a preaching mission. My prayer is to be enthusiastic in serving. Your mercy is all that I am made of. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 20 Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopinātha Mandir – Pune

Preaching is the essence. Need to absorb myself in the philosophy of *bhāgavata-dharma*. My classes are weak, they need a boost. Hearing from Śrīla Prabhupāda is powerful. “Read all my books, otherwise you will return to eating and sleeping.” The process works. The words of the spiritual master are the life and soul of the disciple. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 21 Pune

Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, make me a more effective instrument of your mercy in spreading Kṛṣṇa consciousness. I now feel, at least at this moment, there is nothing greater to aspire for. Only your humble service. *Param vijayate śrī kṛṣṇa saṅkīrtanam*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 22 Pune

Today, and especially this evening, I am remembering HH Bhakti Tirtha Swami. I am longing to be with this great soul once again. I will have to qualify myself to get that association. Before – on this planet – it was solely his kindness and compassion that allowed me into his association in such a regular way. Now it is different. I feel the need to once again remember and glorify this special soul. Soon his life story will be released in print. Perhaps I can learn more about what it means to be a real preacher. A real preacher has genuine compassion born of his devotion to the Lord. My preaching mood is far from that. Without real compassion it will appear burdensome and troublesome. Compassion is a feature of love and love knows no sacrifice. Love acts on its own. Maharaja, as you always gave and I was always receiving, once again I ask for a little bit of that compassion of yours that encompassed your whole being. Śrīla Prabhupāda is our eternal father. I offer my prayer of hope to you that one time we will meet again. Next time I will really and truly appreciate you and your pure devotional service to Śrīla Prabhupāda and Lord Caitanya. For now engage me whenever possible in the service of your disciples. Maharaja, you are truly great. You are love personified. Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda, for the wonderful memories. Please continue to bestow mercy on this most unqualified soul. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 23 Pune

As we grow older our body is less likely to adapt to radical changes, therefore we must be mindful of how best to serve in all situations. Showing kindness and concern for others must be understood intelligently with regard to their overall good. *Anukūla* and *pratikūla* is becoming more and more essential in our daily service. They are always important and essential, but any mistake can become costly, either to our health or to overall service. Kṛṣṇa says, in all cases just depend on Me. Śrīla

Prabhupāda, continue to bestow your mercy in this way. To understand how best to serve the Supreme Lord and the Vaiṣṇavas, we depend always on your merciful guidance. *Yena tena prakāreṇa manaḥ kṛṣṇe niveśayet*. Hare Kṛṣṇa. Nitāi-Gaura Premānande! Hari Hari Bol.

January 24 Pune

Full engagement! No time for anything else but preaching Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Ride the waves of continuous devotional service. Śrīla Prabhupāda, hoping to land on the shore of your sweet lotus feet. High and dry. *Hā hā prabhu koro doyā deho more pada chaya*. This is my only hope. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 25 Pune

Years pass by, things change, some things are still there with a slight change, others no change. But one thing keeps getting greater, more important and that is the chanting of Kṛṣṇa's holy names. Increasingly sweeter, more desirable and exclusive. Please dear Lord, keep me in the corner of Your lotus feet engaged in always chanting Your precious and most sacred Names. My only refuge and shelter – Your holy name. Your holy name, Your holy name. Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda, for this most valuable of all treasures; the merciful chanting of Śrī Nāma. It is *amṛta*, it is *jñāna*, it is *sarvātma-snapanam*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 26 Pune/Ekādaśī

By Kṛṣṇa's mercy and Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī's blessings, 32 rounds were nicely completed. When reading *Jaiva Dharma* by Śrīla Bhaktivinoda Ṭhākura, I can say I have never experienced such deep attraction for the philosophy and *tattva* of *sanātana-dharma* other than in *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam* and *Śrī Caitanya-caritāmṛta*. Śrīla Prabhupāda encourages devotees in ISKCON to read and try and understand this great treasure. It is deep and simultaneously fully edifying. I could read it repeatedly, it is on the level of *Caitanya-caritāmṛta*. It is beautiful. All glories to Śrīla Bhaktivinoda Ṭhākura. This great saint has contributed so much valuable literature about eternal religious principles. We pray he will continue to show his blessings on us in the form of continuous eagerness to read his works. We are eternally benedicted. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 27 Pune

I don't know what to write except to pray for the enthusiasm to remain fixed in my service and the intelligence to know how best to perform it, the humility to be able to chant the Holy Name and the desire to glorify and remember Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 28 Pune-Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopinātha Mandir/Pus Abhiṣeka

It is love and love only that attracts the Supreme Personality of Godhead Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa. This festival of Pus Abhiṣeka is a festival of love in Śrī Vṛndāvana Dhāma. Rādhā and Kṛṣṇa lovingly accept the love offerings of Their devotees in the form of beautiful flower petals. Kṛṣṇa consciousness is all about offering our love to Kṛṣṇa. Śrīla Prabhupāda answered that he is pleased the most when we love Kṛṣṇa. This clearly shows us the position of the spiritual master. To teach the whole world how to show love to the Supreme Lord. If we can only remember that, then our life is perfect. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 29 Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopinātha Mandir

An amazing day full of many wonderful events. The more we offer service in a mood of humility and devotion with a desire to please the Lord and the devotees, the more one can experience the amazing quality of spiritual activities. One thing is still not constant in my devotional service and it is the mood of always depending on Kṛṣṇa in every activity. Today we heard from Guru Das Prabhu and Syamasundara Prabhu of the early days in Kṛṣṇa consciousness and viewed many rare photos of Śrīla Prabhupāda in San Francisco, London and India. It was truly a heart rendering experience to see Śrīla Prabhupāda in so many different situations and expressions. Our life is dedicated to his pleasure, our activities toward his will. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda and those devotees who helped establish ISKCON in the beginning. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 30 Pandurpur

A very holy place. Many of Lord Caitanya's associates came here. Mahāprabhu's brother Viśvarūpa came after taking *sannyāsa* and left the world here. Lord Nityananda and Laksmipati Tirtha met here. Gaurāṅga Mahāprabhu came through. Śrī Kṛṣṇa known as Vittala performed pastimes here along with Rukmiṇī, Rādhārāṇī and Satyabhāmā. All glories to Śrī Śrī Rādhā Pandurīnātha who have come here to become the presiding Deities of ISKCON. We take the dust of this holy place on our heads and pray for the mercy of the great souls, especially His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada. May he always be foremost in our prayers. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 31 Pandurpur

I feel I must become more serious on how and where to apply my time. Where it is needed most? How to serve to capacity? Especially how to avoid becoming weakened and expending time needlessly? Today I came to an interesting realization, that it is easy to think one is OK or doesn't really need to get really serious. When others offer you obeisances imperceptibly, a kind of mood arises that

I am doing good or I am not in need of improvement. Generally, false ego dictates the principle of “just continue on”. But a real devotee knows he is fallen and has immense room for improvement. Keep fighting, don’t let up and at times reflect on what you want to accomplish and how to do it. Śrīla Prabhupāda said, “Kṛṣṇa consciousness is like shaving with a razor.” Always be very attentive, free from frivolity and a lackadaisical attitude. Always remember Kṛṣṇa. Always. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 1 Pandurpur

How can an ordinary person understand what are the activities of the residents of Goloka Dhāma, the topmost abode in the spiritual world. It is written about in *Jaiva Dharma* by Śrīla Bhaktivinoda Ṭhākura. One can only marvel at the intricacies of the unlimited varieties of loving relationships, all just to give pleasure to Śrī Kṛṣṇa. In examining myself I can find a serious flaw in my consciousness which disqualifies me to enter into these amazingly sweet relationships. I am unable to develop the mood of selfless surrender. My surrender remains conditional. Although Śrī Kṛṣṇa is pushing me into that area, yet I run to seek shelter within this mind and body. By the unlimited power and mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda everything is achievable – no doubt. Today during *maṅgala-ārati* I received a small glimpse of the immense spiritual power of Śrīla Prabhupāda. He is unbelievably great. These realizations are very cherishable and bring greater attachment to serving him with added love and enthusiasm. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 2 Pandurpur – Arawade/Sangali Jail/Vasant Pancami

Appearance Day of Puṇḍarīka Vidyānidhi, Viṣṇu Priyā, Raghunanda Ṭhākura and Raghunatha dāsa Gosvāmī and disappearance of Viśvanātha Cakravartī Ṭhākura. I spoke a little on each for the *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam* class at Pandurpur. Today is also Śrī Lakṣmī Pūjā. Visited Sangali Jail, spoke to 250 inmates, culminating in an enthusiastic kirtan. A full day of service. By the mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda we are able to continue to offer some service. As the great saint St. Francis of Assisi said: “Where there is suffering let me bring joy.” Everyone in this material world who is not solidly connected to Kṛṣṇa in devotion, they are suffering. Lord Caitanya has made the goal high, “Everyone is eligible to receive My mercy.” Wherever He sends me I am only His obedient servant. No other desire exists except to read and study *śāstra*. That is a must in order to continue in this way. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, we take the opportunity to express our heartfelt gratitude for accepting our insignificant service. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 3 Sangali – Kohlapur

Śrīla Prabhupāda has warned us, but we are not taking his words to heart. Compassion and kindness are our ornaments, not foolishness. In *Caitanya-*

caritāmṛta His Divine Grace warns not to allow those who are un-initiated to touch one's feet. Disregarding the gravity of those instructions and listening to the mind's concessions, we are resultantly being victimized by Māyā. Kṛṣṇa, please give me the power, intelligence and especially the desire to counter these dangerous tendencies and act properly. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 4 Kohlapur – Belgaum/Advaita Ācārya's Appearance Day

Unlike last year we were able to speak today on this most holy occasion. More than 2 hours on Śrī Advaita Ācārya. No doubt, after evaluating my presentation I need to read more, work on sense control and reflect more deeply during presentation. Tomorrow we honor the Supreme Personality of Godhead Śrī Jagannātha Deva, His illustrious brother Lord Baladeva and powerfully glorious sister Subhadrā Mayī. May we with full enthusiasm engage in this most special celebration. All glories to Lord Jagannātha, who by the mercy of His two pure representatives has come to the shores of all major countries of the world. Jai Jagannātha, Baladeva, Subhadrā. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

Addition: The news has come. Stoka Kṛṣṇa Prabhu has departed from this world. We offer prayers with great hope that he achieves the destination of the lotus feet of Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa. All glories to that very kind and simple soul known as Stoka Kṛṣṇa. Thank you, my friend, for your kindness and dedicated service. I will always remember our time together and the love we shared. Please, meet me once again. I look forward to that time. All my love, dear friend. May Śrīla Prabhupāda bless you eternally.

February 5 Belgaum/Ratha-yātrā

Lord Jagannātha is so beautiful and today He was merciful beyond any experience I have ever had in any previous Ratha-yātrā. My preaching is all mental, I need to study and read. I am meditating on doing that. Perhaps it is just a dream while traveling. Soon I will take a break from traveling and get serious about study. Life means always learning. The books are an important part of learning. Śrīla Prabhupāda translated his books for his disciples. No doubt! Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 6 Belgaum-Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopinātha Mandir

What am I trying to achieve? Anything less than always remembering Kṛṣṇa in love – seems like not a very good use of one's time. Kṛṣṇa, what am I supposed to do? Sharing Kṛṣṇa consciousness with others is very pleasing to You, and if You are satisfied than everything else follows. How can I serve others and give them something? There are so many considerations. Every soul is important and valuable. This vision is hard to maintain. There must be nothing self-centered. How to please

You and constantly love You? It awakens by Your mercy through the Holy Names and *vaiṣṇava-sevā*, the essence of all devotional service. I constantly seek the mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda, for without his full mercy I am unable to go on. For dragging this body around is difficult. Śrīla Prabhupāda, you are our only shelter and refuge. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 7 Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopinātha Mandir

Kṛṣṇa Candra Prabhu's daughter's wedding. *Sannyāsīs* have no business with weddings. *Sannyāsīs* are preachers. Some weddings are opportunities to encourage, support and fix a person in devotional service. Utility is the principle, preaching is the essence. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Only by his grace and mercy is Kṛṣṇa consciousness spreading. We are happy serving his desire. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 8 Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopinātha Mandir

Amazing, amazing, simply amazing. Although I have been witnessing Radhanath Maharaja change people's hearts to Kṛṣṇa and devotional life, occasionally Kṛṣṇa gives me a glimpse into his extraordinary qualities and deep compassion. It is rare and enlivening to experience. Such a great soul. A true devotee. All the qualities that are exemplified by one who is a real devotee and lover of Kṛṣṇa. I would also like to help transform people's lives. Śrīla Prabhupāda is asking us to do just that. There is the sun and there is a small light bulb, both give off light. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, make me a brighter light, cut off all that cloudiness around me and allow me to be a real beacon for Kṛṣṇa's love and your merciful compassion. I have hope, but I need your causeless mercy. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 9 Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopinātha Mandir – Ujjain

Possibly the most beautiful Deities my eyes have ever encountered. Bhakti Charu Maharaja's determination to serve Śrīla Prabhupāda has attracted the Lord's presence and mercy in a most extraordinary way. We are fortunate to be able to be a small part of this wonderful offering to His Divine Grace and the Supreme Lord. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 10 Ujjain/Nityānanda Trayodaśī

An amazingly beautiful day. The mercy of Śrī Nityānanda flowed like thousands of rivulets exuding kirtan nectar and personal *sevā* unbeknownst to this foolish *jīva*. Bhakti Charu Swami has done wonders in bringing a fabulously elegant temple with beautiful Deities of Śrī Śrī Gaura-Nitāi, Kṛṣṇa-Balarāma and Śrī Śrī Rādhā Madana Mohan, Lalitā and Viśākhā. All glories to his divine lotus feet. Beautiful, with firm determination giving his every ounce of time and energy to glorify Śrīla Prabhupāda

and spread this movement of Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu. All glories to Srila Bhakti Charu Maharaja. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 11 Ujjain – Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopinātha Mandir

More travel, more sickness, how long can I do it until I am completely unable? I pray I can use this upcoming week for rest, recuperation, regeneration, re-spiritualization. Māyā has her plans contrary to yours, and perhaps Kṛṣṇa's plan for me is not exactly as I perceive it. The 4 mentioned Rs are my focus. A machine needs rest in order to keep up its service. This body is not mine, it is Kṛṣṇa's to be used in His service. Śrīla Prabhupāda emphasized for his followers to keep up their health. The dilemma is how to go about it in the midst of so many other concerns, activities and responsibilities. Kṛṣṇa instructs, "In all cases just depend on Me." We are successful only by that formula. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, we are pleading for your mercy. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 12 Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopinātha Mandir

Pride, fame, a desire for profit, adoration and distinction. Very subtle, yet deadly for spiritual life. One must be humble without pretense. Simply by attentive chanting, as recommended by Śrīla Prabhupāda, the higher taste comes. By becoming servant of the Vaiṣṇavas, the desire for material things goes. These two activities are foundational to all spiritual advancement and purification of the heart. Stoka Kṛṣṇa Prabhu was a perfectly pure, non-envious servant. He captured Kṛṣṇa's full mercy. Lord Caitanya is bestowing His full mercy on one who doesn't find fault. Stoka Kṛṣṇa received that full mercy. His life was one of service, his passing from the world one of a perfect departure. He had no material attachments. Stoka Kṛṣṇa Prabhu Ki-Jay. May we follow in his footsteps of simple pure devotion and attachment to Kṛṣṇa and Guru. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 13 Bombay/Rādhā Gopinātha/Narottama Dāsa Ṭhākura's App.

Gave class, very poor performance. It seemed both speaker and audience would rather be doing something else. Anyway, Rādhā Gopinātha's *darśana* was exquisitely beautiful. I am situated in the spiritual world unaware of where I am. My rounds for the last weeks or so have been especially inattentive and the effects are becoming more prominent. Fortunately, today Śrīla Prabhupāda's mercy allowed me to find considerable time for hearing, reading and chanting. Kṛṣṇa consciousness is all internal, it manifests itself externally. Śrīla Prabhupāda writes that the services we are doing are simply an extension on our hearing and chanting. That is our foundation. This must increase more and more. All glories to Kṛṣṇa's holy name. The Hare Kṛṣṇa *mahā-mantra*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 14 Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopinātha Mandir

Initially I scheduled my return flight for early tomorrow morning. Right now I would be getting ready for my flight towards Chicago. Māyāpur changed my plans. Two more weeks. How can I come to India and not take shelter of Śrī Dhāma Māyāpur. Dear Lord, only by Your mercy am I able to actually serve Śrī Māyāpur Dhāma. Please, allow me this opportunity. Māyāpur is the essence of all holy places and the abode of Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu, non-different form Śrī Vṛndāvana Dhāma. Govinda Prabhu and Gauranga Prabhu left today for America. Madhvacarya Prabhu is on his way back to Washington D.C. His Holiness Radhanath Swami departs tomorrow for a health vrata in Udupi. May these souls again bless me with their special and precious association. All glories to Śrī Māyāpur Dhāma, the headquarters worldwide of the International Society for Kṛṣṇa Consciousness. Śrīla Prabhupāda has given hope to the world by this movement of Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu. May the Holy Names resound throughout the universe.

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

February 15 Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopinātha Mandir

Today I experience the unhappiness of a great soul leaving. Lord Caitanya asked Śrī Rāmānanda Rāya: “What is the greatest unhappiness?” Rāmānanda Rāya replied: “I know of no greater unhappiness than the separation from a devotee.” Radhanath Swami has completely captured the heart and mind of many by his huge stock of transcendental qualities. Foremost is his selfless service to the Vaiṣṇavas. We desire his happiness. Dear Lord Kṛṣṇa, if You so desire, please fulfill our plea to bring this special soul’s health back to normal. You are the all-powerful Personality of Godhead. Nothing is difficult for You and You are totally inclined to serving Your pure devotees. Maharaja is a pure representative of Śrīla Prabhupāda. His mood of service is deep and full. All glories to this special soul who I have been regularly associating with for over 33 years. May I continue in this great fortune with greater appreciation and devotion. Śrīla Prabhupāda is amazing, amazing, simply amazing. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 16 Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopinātha Mandir

By Śrīla Prabhupāda’s and Kṛṣṇa’s mercy I am catching up with e-mails, letters, diary writings, reading, rest and just overall sanity. Get ready, soon it will be “on the road again.” Anyway, the mercy of Śrī Dhāma Māyāpur is the medicine for all ills. Keep pushing, never get lazy. Laziness, lackadaisical attitude and diverted attention are all forms of Māyā that lead to greater forms and eventually fall-down. Dear Lord, save me from myself by helping me to always remember You. No greater mercy! Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 17 Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopinātha Mandir

How does the blissful eternal spirit soul, a devout lover of the Supreme Personality of Godhead, find itself locked-up in this miserable material body which is always surrounded by so many abominable substances. The soul is cognizant, always filled with unlimited energy, and factually it is the energy source within the body. Only when we get out can we understand completely how we got here and also realize our eternal blissful nature in full knowledge of Kṛṣṇa. Never again. Yes, never again to be separated from Śrī Kṛṣṇa, our only shelter and source – our very life and love. Before we can get out, we have to be sorry for getting in. Therefore, with a prayer full of contrition and longing to be united once again, we take full shelter of the instructions of Śrīla Prabhupāda and pray we can please him. If he is pleased, the gates of Śrī Goloka Dhāma are opened wide. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, he has saved so many souls from their suffering condition and brought them to eternal life, eternal love for that beautiful cowherd boy of Śrī Vṛndāvana Dhāma, whose other names are Govinda and Gopala. We long to be with Him eternally. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 18 Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopinātha/Bhaktisiddhānta's App.

By the mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda and Sarasvatī Thākura, we had the great fortune and rare honor to be able to speak some of the unlimited glories of this great *paramahansa* Vaiṣṇava. He has always been especially merciful to this fallen soul by allowing me to take part in his worship. I am greatly honored and extremely happy to have this privilege. Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda, please continue to bestow your mercy on this fallen soul. *Param vijayate śrī kṛṣṇa saṅkīrtanam*. Today during *maṅgala-ārati* I experienced a strong dose of Lord Gaurāṅga's sweet mercy. The special sweetness of His *darśana*. There is no one more merciful and kind than Śrī Śrī Gaura-Nitāi. We fall at Their sweet lotus feet with immense gratitude. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 19 Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopinātha Mandir

Tomorrow we leave for Māyāpur. After that, back to US and then the fight resumes on a more difficult front. Māyā is strong anywhere but especially in America. My only prayer is that wherever I am, please engage me in the service of Your devotees. I am lame and of low intelligence, but I have hope. Śrīla Prabhupāda has proven his greatness, hippies became happies. Thank you for the opportunity to speak to the congregation. By your mercy all success is there. With your mercy, dear Lord, what is the use of others, and without Your mercy, dear Lord, what is the use of others. We pray to become true seekers of Your service and mercy. All glories to those devotees who have made chanting of Your holy name their very life and sole activity. *Param vijayate śrī kṛṣṇa saṅkīrtanam*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 20 Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopinātha – Śrīdhāma Māyāpur

By the supreme kindness of Śrīla Prabhupāda, he has directed us to visit Lord Caitanya's Dhāma. Śrīla Prabhupāda encouraged me to visit, and I am very grateful. Gratefulness is understood by reciprocation. With a humble heart and an intense desire, I pray to be allowed to serve the Dhāma and the devotees. And especially service to the Holy Name. Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī writes: "It is the duty of a Vaiṣṇava to stay in contact with the Absolute Truth 24 hours a day." The mercy of the Name is even greater here. Dive deeply in chanting the Hare Kṛṣṇa *mahā-mantra*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 21 Śrīdhāma Māyāpur

I offer my most humble obeisances to the bright shining love of the Lord for His devotees. It is incredibly beautiful and beyond all description. Never before has such a *darśana* been held by these two eyes. The Lord was drinking in and giving out simultaneously His own *kṛṣṇa-prema*. May that Supreme Lord Śrī Mādhava, the proprietary Lord of Śrī Māyāpur Candrodāya, be ever resplendent in my heart. Śrīla Prabhupāda said to me that I sleep too much. Anyway, I will try to decrease. He is never mistaken. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, who is very powerfully present in Śrīdhāma Māyāpur. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 22 Śrīdhāma Māyāpur

My dear sweet Lord, O Mādhava, O Kṛṣṇa, O Govinda, O Gopinātha, O Madana Gopal, how will this insignificant, unintelligent, unregulated, uncultured vagabond ever develop any ability to render You anything worthwhile. My life is full of speculation and my mind is filled with false pride. Only because You have advented Yourself as Your own devotee and are freely, unrestrictedly, distributing Your mercy even to the Jagāis and Mādhāis – in which category I fit accordingly – is there hope. Only because Your servant, His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedānta Swami Prabhupāda, has glanced in my direction am I able to offer some service and only because of his servants, my Godbrothers, who carry Your mercy, am I still able to stay in association with Vaiṣṇavas. All glories to Your mercy, Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu. You are so kind that even Your Nityānanda is considering me a candidate for Your mercy. Please, give me the opportunity to use whatever life is left in this body as a service to You and especially to Your devotees. A madman has hope because of Your mercy. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda and especially all glories to You in the form of Your holy names. *Param vijayate śrī kṛṣṇa saṅkīrtanam*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 23 Śrīdhāma Māyāpur

Bathing in the Gaṅgā. Śrīla Prabhupāda gives the understanding: “Māyāpur is the spiritual world.” As we purify our senses, they then reveal the Dhāma. All glories to Śrīdhāma Māyāpur, great saints have performed countless pastimes here. Another wonderful feature of the many features of spiritual life given by His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 24 Śrīdhāma Māyāpur

For some time my *japa* has been of a very poor quality. It takes me an unusually long time to complete my rounds. My attention is weak and my approach to the Holy Name is mechanical. My prayer is to be able to seriously apply the proper mood of devotion with regards to the Holy Name and work more consistently in acquiring attention. Everything is accomplished by prayer and endeavor. Please, Śrīla Prabhupāda, allow me to pray for your mercy and the mercy of the Holy Name each time I chant. More seriousness is required in order to bring about the necessary devotion. All glories to Kṛṣṇa’s holy name. It is our very life, our very soul. All glories to Nāma Prabhu. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 25 Śrīdhāma Māyāpur/Bhakti Tirtha Maharaja's Appearance Day

Samādhi inauguration. To have been able to hear about the glories and unlimited qualities of this great soul was extremely inspiring and edifying. Many realizations of this special soul were awakened, enhanced and increased. Such a beautiful person, yet I am sorry I wasn’t able to speak about him. Anyway, I hope to get the opportunity tomorrow and I humbly pray to Śrīla Prabhupāda to straighten out my devotional service. It is crooked with many holes. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, do something to get me on the right track. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 26 Śrīdhāma Māyāpur

The Holy Dhāma is synonymous with Kṛṣṇa-loka. Lord Caitanya’s own abode. All glories to the Dhāma and all the pilgrims who visit the Dhāma. May they all achieve the mercy of Lord Caitanya. Śrīla Prabhupāda has given us residence in the spiritual world. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 27 Śrīdhāma Māyāpur

All glories to Śrī Advaita Ācārya, who worshipped Lord Caitanya with the ecstasy of a mad fellow and by whose mercy we have become infected with a slight touch of that madness. May he bless us with unflinching devotion to Gaura-Nitāi, correct our faults and create within us a desire to correctly execute the science of devotion propagated by Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya Mahāprabhu. We are without any clear direction in life. May Advaita Ācārya, who is none other than the Supreme Personality of Godhead, along with a blend of Lord Śiva be extremely merciful unto us. And may

Śrīla Prabhupāda, our eternal spiritual master, never give up on us although we are without any good intelligence and prone to listen to the mind's demands. And may Kṛṣṇa in the form of His name purify our hearts and engage us in spontaneous attraction to the lotus feet of Śrī Śrī Rādhā Mādhava and Their associates. Jai Jai Śrī Rādheee Śyām. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 28 Śrīdhāma Māyāpur – Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopinātha

One more precious day at the lotus feet of Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopinātha and Their glorious devotees. May Śrīla Prabhupāda, Lord Caitanya Mahāprahu and all the associates of Śrī Caitanya bless me with the mood of devotion of Śrī Dhāma Māyāpur, which is not part of the material world. It is timeless, breathtaking and fully transcendental. I pray I may carry the Dhāma's mercy to others. Hare Kṛṣṇa.



March 1 Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopinātha Mandir

Time moves along. Swiftly man is brought closer to the time when his body will cease to exist. The soul is eternal, wherever we are in this world we are simply a visitor. Some visits are longer than others, but it is all the same. Our home is with

Kṛṣṇa in the world of eternity, knowledge and unlimited bliss. We are preparing ourselves to return to that place, the place of eternal love. May our sojourns in this world be such that we are on the path back home, back to Godhead. And may we take with us others who are also eager to get out of this world of birth and death. Śrīla Prabhupāda wants us to be with him and we – more than anything else that is valuable – want to be with him and to continue to serve him eternally. All glories to Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopinātha, Lalitā Devī, Viśākhā Devī, Śrī Śrī Gaura-Nitāi and Gopal Nathji. May They forgive us for all our offenses and oversights and allow us to again return to Their sweet lotus feet. All glories to that darling couple of Chowpatty, Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopinātha, and especially all glories to Their wonderful loving devotees headed by HH Srila Radhanath Maharaja, we are eternally indebted and always grateful. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 2 Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopinātha – London – Chicago

It is constant feature of travel to be inconvenienced physically and spiritually. Anyway, I am here in Chicago after 2 ½ months in India. Am I ready to dive into the nectar of preaching? I pray that Śrīla Prabhupāda pushes me where I need to be pushed. He is my only shelter. His life is our example of a person who is 100% for Kṛṣṇa. We also want to be fully absorbed in serving and preaching. Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu stated there are only two things in devotional life. Be Kṛṣṇa conscious and preach it to others. A little physical rejuvenation, a regulated schedule and some quality reading time and I feel I am ready to take that plunge once again. Chant Hare Kṛṣṇa and die. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 3 Chicago

Reentrance is slow, difficult, traveling is taking a while to recover from. Uncertainty of schedule, diet, activity. Surrender to the Name and follow the Lord's direction, patience, no discouragement. Kṛṣṇa is smiling, inviting us into the realm of His loving service. No material impediments, only physical inconveniencies. Begging for the service of my spiritual master and Śrī Śrī Kiśore Kiśorī. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 4 Chicago

The mercy of Lord Caitanya is complete, for even a low class person such as myself can engage in devotional service. My disqualifications are numerous. His mercy is greater. That is a proven fact. How else could such a lowly and despicable character be able to last all these years. A lot of mercy is coming. It is all Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu's experimentation on the creatures of Kali Yuga. Gaura-Nitāi, these two brothers, are saving the world. They want and encourage us to participate in this divine dance of love. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, chief amongst Lord

Nityānanda's distributors of the Holy Name. We pray to be engaged in His service. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 5 Chicago

As long as we maintain the false idea that we are acting, then we become implicated in the material energy. We are simply the servant of our spiritual master and the previous *ācāryas*. It is by their grace and mercy we are performing our service. They are the object of our veneration and the source of all knowledge and auspiciousness. Śrīla Prabhupāda has saved me and is continuing to do so. All glories to his lotus feet. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 6 Chicago

It happens that each evening my mind becomes tired and very restless. I am wondering if there is still some residue of jet lag or something else. I am unable to understand. Chicago is always a big challenge. Let's see how I can use time until Gaura-pūrṇimā. Time utilization is essential in executing devotional service effectively. A devotee is not desirous of wasting a single moment. Śrīla Prabhupāda's mercy is what we are begging for with eagerness and concern. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Our Lord, master and source of Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 7 Chicago

Struggling to find a regulated schedule that is conducive to executing Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Travel makes readjusting harder and harder each time. Perhaps my body is feeling the effects of time. Very little elasticity left. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, I have taken full shelter under your lotus feet and know no other master and guide. If you so desire, help me to effectively serve you here in Chicago. Only your mercy can uplift me. All my speculations are simply useless. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 8 Chicago

We see things one way, Kṛṣṇa sees them differently, and the results are we are always wrong. Always remember Kṛṣṇa, that's the goal, and try to serve and love Kṛṣṇa. This body is just one big giant impediment as it is always calling for attention. May Śrīla Prabhupāda continue to push me in the right direction and may I be able to understand what he is telling me. I need the mercy. Sleep is a disease. The body requires but not more. Devotional service inspires the soul to forget about the bodily needs and demands. I am undergoing some difficulty. Knowing it is purification, please help me to see things clearly. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 9 Chicago

There are different degrees of tiredness. I am presently struggling with later states. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. A lot of mercy coming down lately. We need all the mercy we can receive and more. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 10 Chicago/Ekādaśī

The glories of the Holy Name are unlimitedly sweet and pleasing to the mind and heart. Especially when chanted by devotees imbibed with the mellow of loving devotion to Kṛṣṇa. All glories to Kṛṣṇa's holy name. May it shine in the hearts of all. May all envious people give up their ways and sincerely take to the chanting of Kṛṣṇa's holy name. May the avowed demons meet their destiny by the mercy of the Lord. Only on that day when all persons of the world are happily chanting and dancing together in love of Kṛṣṇa will the heartfelt desires of the pure Vaiṣṇava be fulfilled. Śrīla Prabhupāda will smile, an oceanic smile drowning all the devotees in utter happiness. Lord Nṛsiṃhadeva, Lord Nityānanda, Lord Caitanya and Śrīla Prabhupāda. The complete mercy in this Age of Kali. *Param vijayate śrī kṛṣṇa saṅkīrtanam*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 11 Chicago

Interesting day, mostly with people: Mckul, Radha Raman Prabhu, Kunjari and others. Kṛṣṇa is full of surprises which are always wonderful and beneficial. Kṛṣṇa consciousness is the topmost activity in human society and Kṛṣṇa is the best of all persons. Excuse me, I must change that to second best for that *gopī*, the One who is standing next to Śyāmasundara. Many say She is the best, I emphatically agree. Kṛṣṇa agrees. All glories to Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī. Śrīla Prabhupāda sings, when Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī favors you only then is your devotional life successful. Dear Sakhī, please give me Your sweet kind mercy. Jai Jai Śrī Rādhē. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 12 Chicago

Kṛṣṇa is the source of everything auspicious and seemingly inauspicious. All that we possess is coming by way of Kṛṣṇa's mercy. One must use everything in the service of the Lord and His devotees. That is the path of perfection. Śrīla Prabhupāda Ki-Jay. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 13 Chicago

With complete dedication and a heart full of hope I pray with sincere feeling that I can receive the blessings of Śrīla Prabhupāda and Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu in order to properly, with full devotion and Kṛṣṇa conscious enthusiasm, honor, glorify, remember, and bow down to the wonderful pastimes and teachings of Lord Caitanya Mahāprabhu on His most auspicious Appearance Day. It is my great hope I can give

myself to Him on this most auspicious and glorious occasion. All glories to Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya Mahāprabhu. All glories to all of His associates. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 14 Chicago/Gaura-pūrṇimā

Mahāprabhu has appeared! Everything becomes auspicious. Śrīla Prabhupāda's mercy, chant the Holy Names. No other sound. Hare Kṛṣṇa. All glories to Śrī Kṛṣṇa *saṅkīrtanam*. Auspiciousness prevails the atmosphere. The only hope for real happiness and peace. May Gaurāṅga Mahāprabhu constantly shine in the hearts of all and transform existence into life, emotions into love and misery into joy. Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya Mahāprabhu Ki-Jay. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 15 Chicago

Reading is dropping off again. It doesn't take much. It is an austerity. Tomorrow with the grace of Śrīla Prabhupāda I will read *Caitanya-caritāmṛta* and other literature. A reading marathon is in order. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 16 Chicago

Nothing to really say except we owe everything to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Being saved from this horrible world and its constant feature of *janma-mṛtyu-jāra-vyādhī*. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, everyone's real friend. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 17 Chicago

If you are struggling in your attempt to stay engaged in Kṛṣṇa consciousness it is a healthy sign, provided your struggle is bringing you to higher levels of Kṛṣṇa consciousness. In my case not. I am struggling, but I don't seem to be developing a more concentrated thought process of Kṛṣṇa. I am forgetting the Lord too much. One moment is too much. The words of Śrīla Prabhupāda are our very life and soul. The miseries of the body are natural. Struggle to serve and remember Kṛṣṇa and know factually this body is running down, down, down. The car is getting old. The soul is ever-fresh. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 18 Chicago

The embodiment of all sounds culminates in glorification of the Supreme Personality of Godhead by chanting His holy name. Those pure devotees who always sing the glories of His Names are my life, soul, everything. I take their dust eternally on my head praying for a drop of their devotion. All glories to that person whose feet sanctified Mother Earth and who brought the gift of Divine Love in the form of Kṛṣṇa's holy name. May we always feel gratitude and love for Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 19 Chicago

A great hunger to read and study Śrīla Prabhupāda's *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam* is awakening within. This is due to the mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda, as he has provided us with *Caitanya-caritāmṛta*. All glories to *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam*, the crest jewel of all Vedic literature, all glories to *Caitanya-caritāmṛta*, the beautiful philosophical treasury on the life and glory of Mahāprabhu. We take shelter of these two glorious literatures, nothing else is necessary. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 20 Chicago

Kṛṣṇa's name is Kṛṣṇa, and when sung with deep devotion then Kṛṣṇa is experienced according to that mood. In loving separation a great joy accompanies the longing for meeting. In meeting the ecstasy is complete. Kṛṣṇa is the best. Nothing easy to obtain. Love is the ingredient. Love means selfless. This body is full of demands. Let them all disappear in the longing to be with Kṛṣṇa and with His unalloyed pure devotees who are always singing His glories. Śrīla Prabhupāda is amazing and has brought amazing Kṛṣṇa into our life. We are enthusiastically indebted to him. May we focus only on carrying out his order. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 21 Chicago

Today we began a *Nectar of Devotion* study group. Seemed to flow nicely. I think what would improve it is a more concentrated study with less material and more concentration. Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī has appeared in the form of *Nectar of Devotion*. She is Bhakti-devī. The personification of pure ecstatic love for Kṛṣṇa. She is explaining how to access that ocean of devotion through Her prized representative Rūpa Mañjarī. May Śrīla Rūpa Gosvāmī Prabhupāda reveal more and more of the secrets of this great literary work. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, our beloved spiritual master and eternal guide. He has made the work of Śrī Rupa accessible for our dull minds. Jai Śrī Rūpa, Sanātana, Bhaṭṭa Raghunātha, Śrī Jīva, Gopāla Bhaṭṭa, Dāsa Raghunātha. Śrī Ṣaḍ Gosvāmī Ki-Jay. Gaurāṅga and Nitāi Ki-Jay. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 22 Chicago/Śrīvāsa Ṭhākura Appearance Day

Eventful day. Spoke on the appearance of Śrīvāsa Ṭhākura. Gaurāṅga Prabhu from Rādhā Gopinātha arrived. Today I purchased my ticket for India and Europe, my alter arrived, read *Caitanya-caritāmṛta*, met Rasanath Prabhu, took *darśana* of the most munificent, most magnanimous, most merciful Lord Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu like I never took before, that I can recall. The Lord is so kind and lenient. Mathura Prabhu from Columbus passed through. So many wonderful moments. There is nothing that can compare to the life of a devotee. We are eternally blessed with spiritual happiness and knowledge. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. who is the

initiator of everything. May he continue to bless me with his beautiful *darśana*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 23 Chicago

Nice to be in the association of many wonderful devotees. Without the mercy of the Vaiṣṇavas and the Lord spiritual life is slow, impossible. The more we put the devotees in front of us, the closer we come to the Supreme Lord. All glories to that devotee who gave us life and love – His Divine Grace, the most merciful Śrīla Prabhupāda. May his glories be spread all over the universe. Hare Kṛṣṇa. Śrīla Prabhupāda Ki-Jay.

March 24 Chicago

Tonight we heard the glories of *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam* from Govinda and Gauranga Prabhu. Śrīla Prabhupāda, I am sure, is very pleased to see his grand disciples speaking so authoritatively. It is very wonderful to see that the future of this movement is in good hands. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda's grand disciples who are coming up to a standard that is inspiring others in Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 25 Chicago/Ekādaśī

Listening to Gauranga Prabhu give discourses is a truly mammoth philosophical transcendental experience. Like a flowing river of unceasing nectar. We are reminded of the verse in *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam*: *satām prasāṅgān mama vīrya-saṁvido bhavanti hṛt-karṇa-rasāyanāḥ kathāḥ*. Complaining, comparing, criticizing, the materialistic mind of the conditioned soul is always engaged in one or more of these thoughts. Comparing is something I never consider, yet we do it all the time. One should just depend on Kṛṣṇa and do their best to serve. That's all. Service without personal consideration. Service that is pleasing to the Lord and His devotees. Śrīla Prabhupāda is often mentioned in Gauranga's lecture, more than anyone I have ever heard. His Divine Grace is truly a master of transcendental subjects. A self-realized soul is perfect and understands everything perfectly. All glories to Govinda and Gauranga Prabhu, may Kṛṣṇa continue to bless their preaching activities with huge results. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, we are learning more of the different aspects of his greatness and they are sweet and sublime. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 26 Chicago

We are always in need of mercy. Prayers show Kṛṣṇa we are dependent upon Him. We should pray only for those things that please Him and are favorable for spreading Kṛṣṇa consciousness. There are one and the same. Kṛṣṇa is pleased by love and love

is the only need. Everyone is looking for love, everyone is looking for Kṛṣṇa. Śrīla Prabhupāda is calling: “I have Kṛṣṇa, I can give Him to you, are you willing to pay the price?” The price is everything, but actually it is a great bargain for a small price. Chant Hare Kṛṣṇa and serve the Vaiṣṇavas. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 27 Chicago

The body has senses and they must be carefully controlled by the mind and guided by the intelligence. Senses and mind control automatically occurs when the living entity performs activities solely for the pleasure of Kṛṣṇa and His devotees. Śrīla Prabhupāda is a pure devotee of tremendous caliber in that every second his mind and senses were engaged solely for Kṛṣṇa’s pleasure. Dear Lord, I can do many things and love the performance also. But how best can I serve You? This question must be cleared up before I can really be called Your devotee or even a devotee of Your devotee. Dear Kṛṣṇa, please engage me in the service of Your pure devotees and help me to always remember You by chanting Your holy names and hearing of Your transcendental pastimes and activities. Please accept my most humble obeisances. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 28 Chicago

Hare Kṛṣṇa. The lotus feet of Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa drive away all inauspiciousness, give full protection, are the best form of meditation and destroy mountains of accumulated sins lodged in the inner recesses of the heart, roots them out and permanently eliminate them. Kṛṣṇa’s sweet feet bring happiness and peace, invoke pure transcendental consciousness and are the only object of my meditation. I will be there tomorrow for the *maṅgala-ārati* and Kṛṣṇa’s sweet feet *darśana*. May Śrīla Prabhupāda inspire my desire to increase my service and meditation on the sweet lotus feet. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 29 Chicago

Dear Lord, You have given Your promise to protect Your devotee. I am not a good devotee. Lust constantly accompanies me and false pride is chasing me always. Therefore I need Your merciful protection, or Māyā will eat me up. I am afraid of her, she is powerful, I am not attracted to her, but I see how she can trick me to serve her, so unless You give me full protection, I am lost. Perhaps someday I will be totally free from her influence. By the mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda even a fool like me can remain fixed in Your loving service. You protected the Pāṇḍavas in their exile for 13 years. Now please don’t overlook this insignificant fool whose only desire is to please You. All glories to the power of devotional service. May we become better instruments in spreading Your glories. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 30 Chicago

Service is increasing steadily in the area of preaching and that is desirable but – keep connected with daily reading. That is essential. Balance allows one to remain steady. Attachment to or against regulation is *niyamāgraha*. Reading enhances preaching. Study allows one to go deeper into the philosophy and enhances one's attraction for Kṛṣṇa consciousness. My humble prayer at the lotus feet of my eternal spiritual master by whose grace I am able to offer some insignificant service. Please, Śrīla Prabhupāda, keep a watchful eye on this low creature who is always subjected to his mental dictations. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 31 Chicago

Kṛṣṇa is very, very kind by not allowing me to get away without a kind slap. I am asking the Lord to take away everything and anything that is impeding my service or my spiritual growth and to help me to understand what I need to adopt in order to become a better devotee. This is the prayer recommended by HH Bhakti Tirtha Maharaj. I again reemphasize my prayer and thank Kṛṣṇa for all His mercy in whatever way it comes. May Śrīla Prabhupāda be pleased with me. Hare Kṛṣṇa

April 1; Chicago

Time marches on. Always remember Kṛṣṇa. The perfection of meditation. Nothing new except the date. Soon it will be over. Make plans to preach, work hard, what is now will also be later, but on a higher level. Time is valuable. More precious than money. Money comes and goes. Time just goes. We want to affect others with Kṛṣṇa's mercy. The body requires care, the old car runs slower and requires more maintenance. Transcendental consciousness is maintenance holistically. Always remember Kṛṣṇa and fight. Fight to overcome those things that are unnecessary, a diversion. A bad habit. Śrīla Prabhupāda is the general, the battle is already won, only time stands in between. In serving Kṛṣṇa and Śrīla Prabhupāda we are victorious. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 2 Chicago/Śrī Rāmānujācārya Appearance Day

Śrī Rāmānujācārya! Such a special and highly glorious personality. The qualities of an immaculate Vaiṣṇava. I was honored to be able to speak a few fragments of his infinite glories and pastimes. My Lord, it is very easy and quite natural for me to develop pride and a desire to be recognized and appreciated by others. These things constantly haunt me and are lodged deep in my consciousness. You are the perfect and efficient surgeon. It is hard for me to make this prayer because I am thinking I can remove this *anartha*. But actually, I am helpless. I need Your mercy. So if You see the need to show me some mercy than teach me and purify me of this desire for recognition and distinction. I want to serve You only for Your pleasure. Help me

overcome this laziness towards devotional life and my tendency to seek some sort of gain in whatever I do for You. Because my love for You is very weak I seek shelter in these things which prevents me from developing real dependence and the mercy I need to be a real devotee. Having such a wonderful spiritual master as Śrīla Prabhupāda is a great and rare fortune. Only 5,000 souls received direct initiation, I am one of them. Therefore I must truly live up to what is expected from me – only pure and unselfish service. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. All glories to Śrī Rāmānujācārya, whose life is a beautiful painting of superlative love and devotion coupled with the greatest depth of humility. All glories unto his sweet lotus feet. May I again be allowed to speak his glories. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 3 Chicago

By the mercy of Guru and Kṛṣṇa a successful program was completed. Only by Śrīla Prabhupāda's desire to uplift the fallen conditioned souls are we empowered to act on his behalf and achieve success. A program of preaching is a grand success when we meet a person willing to take to the chanting of Hare Kṛṣṇa. Tonight maybe two. All glories to the students who worked enthusiastically to arrange the program. Does God exist? He surely does and He is wonderful. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 4 Chicago

On the road again. My ability to change pace is not rooted in anything devotional. I simply go through the mechanics wondering why I am not able to perform this task more devotionally. Perhaps because of acting as the doer I become distanced from the absolute nature of devotional service. Yes, Śrīla Prabhupāda is amazing and truly great. But part of his overall greatness is that at the age of 70 years he left everything and traveled by boat across the mass oceans. An impossible journey by anyone, especially at 70 years of age. He did it as a pure act of compassion for the fallen souls of America. Kṛṣṇa empowered him beyond imagination. But he performed the austerity and much more. Why can't we surrender to even a little inconvenience? We are surrendering, but not with a heart full of gratitude and devotion. We are fortunate in that our service and love for Kṛṣṇa means to serve Kṛṣṇa happily no matter what. For love there is no sacrifice. Love itself carries itself through all. It is love we are seeking. It is love we must live – in all circumstance. Kṛṣṇa, Kiśore Kiśorī, I love You and only want to serve You. That's all. No matter how You treat me. Love is all I want and need. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 5 Chicago – Boise, Idaho

Traveling is difficult, seen as an austerity – we hate it; as an offering to Kṛṣṇa – we can accept the hardships as service to our beloved Lord. Boise devotees are sweet,

enthusiastic. I hope I can offer some meaningful service, especially tomorrow on Rāma's Appearance Day. Each year this is such an important festival celebration. All glories to the Supreme Personality of Godhead Śrī Rāmacandra. All glories to His pure representative Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 6 Boise, Idaho/Rāma Navamī

All the Lord's incarnations are amazing, glorious, supremely attractive and merciful. Śrī Rāmacandra is supreme in these categories. If I only had a fraction of a fraction of understanding of Śrī Rāma, I would be overwhelmed with knowledge and its blissful effect. All glories to Sītā, Rāma, Lakṣman and Hanumān. They have eternally benefitted the inhabitants of Earth with Their appearance. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, help me to clearly understand how best to serve you while on the road. The challenges are many and the opportunities for diversion are everywhere, only by your causeless mercy are we successful in this fight for achieving eternal life. Your mercy is all we are made of. Thank you for this opportunity to try to glorify the Supreme Lord Śrī Rāmacandra. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 7 Boise, Idaho

I am forgetting You. I generally am always forgetful of what is important, I don't know what I should be doing each moment other than remembering You, my dear Lord. And when I even fail to do that, then I am in a most abominable situation. Please, help me to remember You more and to be free from the propensity to find faults in others. *Adoṣa-darśī* is what pleases You and it is essential for the practice of loving devotion to You. All glories to those great devotees who always see the good in others and try to bring it out more. Śrīla Prabhupāda instructed us to be like a honey bee, relishing the nectar of Your presence in the hearts of all. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 8 Boise, Idaho/Ekādaśī

Mother of devotion. Three programs, Śrīla Prabhupāda's mercy. All glories to Kṛṣṇa's holy names. *Param vijayate śrī kṛṣṇa saṅkīrtanam*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 9 Boise, Idaho

Devotees here are very sweet and dedicated in serving the Lord and the Vaiṣṇavas. Thank You for this opportunity to come and render some small service. Yet, Śrīla Prabhupāda, I have a serious concern and I understand through your instruction that one can overcome all obstacles and achieve one's spiritual desires only by the mercy of Guru and Kṛṣṇa. Therefore, with folded hands and with great concern, please, give me your mercy. I want to write a suitable glorification of you for your Vyāsa-pūjā, but I don't have a clue on how to begin or what should be the content. Practically or honestly speaking, I am devoid of any clear understanding. This is

because I am bereft of any real knowledge and devotion. What I display is more like pretense and parrotism. If you so desire, Śrīla Prabhupāda, please allow me to write something suitable in glorification of your unlimited activities and glories. Thank you for listening to this humble plea. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 10 Boise, Idaho

Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, I am speaking way beyond my realizations. One must practice what he is preaching. I will become a real Vaiṣṇava if I simply practice what I preach. “Example is higher than precept.” Preaching purifies both hearer and speaker. Hopefully I can learn from what I say. Cooperation with Kṛṣṇa and Guru in the center of everything. All glories to those devotees whose hearts are full of compassion for those less fortunate. Srila Bhakti Tirtha Swami Maharaja is among the great. I take the dust of his lotus feet on my head eternally. All glories to you, Maharaj. I pray I will get your association once again. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 11 Boise, Idaho – Denver

Responsibility is increasing. Entrance into the position of spiritual master. It seems so incredible to me, yet I must act on this with great seriousness. Śrīla Prabhupāda has asked us to do it, and Lord Caitanya. It could break me spiritually if I am a little inattentive or lax. Therefore, I humbly but eagerly race for the shelter of Your lotus feet and of Śrīla Prabhupāda's. I need Your guidance, strength and causeless mercy. I again pray for the complete desire needed to offer you, Śrīla Prabhupāda, a fitting offering. I am lame, lost, overwhelmed with false pride and always lusty. Only your causeless mercy in my every activity will keep me from falling down. The Holy Name. The Holy Name. The Holy Name. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 12 Denver

Tomorrow is the day that I enter into the greatest of all responsibilities in devotional life. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, I am praying, begging for your merciful guidance and empowerment. All glories to you, for you are the greatest of all spiritual masters by far. Śrīla Prabhupāda. Śrīla Prabhupāda. Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 13 Denver/Śrī Balarāma's Rāsa-yātrā

Today I officially took the responsibility of spiritual master. I know I am not at all qualified and really not overjoyed. It gives me solace that Śrīla Prabhupāda, my beloved spiritual master, has requested all his disciples to take on this service. I am lame, uneducated, attached to sense gratification, lazy and always want to be consoled. Lord Caitanya has many fruits and the world is starving in desperate need of this most sweet but very hard to get fruit. The fruit of spiritual perfection. Pure love. Again I make the prayer: “Lord, take away what is blocking my spiritual

progress and give me what I need to progress.” I sincerely pray I can live up to this great responsibility and at the same time increase my attachment for You. Please, don’t let me step back. Signed, a faithful but needy servant. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 14 Denver – Boulder

Spiritual life, a moth becomes a butterfly. Change accompanies growth. Change implies leaving behind, getting rid of, adopting a greater set of values, actions. Spiritual growth generally can be categorized as losing attraction for the temporary and developing attraction for the eternal. It also implies seeing and relating to things and people differently. On the spiritual level there is selflessness. Not losing oneself, but gaining a new or real sense of self, one that is extended outward. It is love of Kṛṣṇa and His parts and parcels as the object of selfless service guided by knowledge and matured by experience and realization. Kṛṣṇa consciousness is simultaneously self-centered and extended outward. One becomes oneself through service, selfless service, then one begins to see oneself for what he actually is: *jīvera svarūpa haya kṛṣṇera nitya dāsa*. This is only possible when one learns the art from a self-realized person. Śrīla Prabhupāda is the artful master of selfless love, a love that is grounded in truth, in Kṛṣṇa. All glories to such a rare person who lives only to benefit others. Śrīla Prabhupāda Ki-Jay. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 15 Boulder

Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda, for enabling me to write some words for your glorification. Please, accept my humble and sincere offering at your divine lotus feet. Your mercy is actively entering into the lives of the conditioned souls and transferring them into happy devotees. I pray to become a better and better instrument for your mercy. I am not very qualified and somewhat lazy, but you are the perfect magician. All glories unto you eternally. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 16 Boulder – Denver

This completes another preaching excursion. Śrīla Prabhupāda encourages his *sannyāsa* disciples to travel, travel, travel and preach, preach, preach. The world is suffering, even within the devotee community there is confusion and a lack of clarity of direction. Kali is expert in causing confusion, dissention and spiritual inertia. Gaurāṅga Mahāprabhu’s mission will succeed is capturing the world. It will take time, but Mahāprabhu’s will prevails. God never loses. He acts according to His own time. We must continue to fight with each and every inch of energy. It is glorious, nothing can stop us, but ourselves. Gaura-Nitāi are in charge, the battle continues. All glories to the Holy Name and its most important partner *vaiṣṇava-sevā*. *Nāma-ruci*. *Vaiṣṇava-sevā*. *Jīva-doyā*. Jai Śrī Kṛṣṇa.

April 17 Denver – Chicago

I have returned to the shelter of Śrī Śrī Kiśore Kiśorī's lotus feet. I have a plan for how I should conduct my service here for the next three weeks. I pray that I can follow Your plan, I hope they are similar. Anyway, the guidance of Śrīla Prabhupāda and his desire on how best to serve should be foremost. At the same time, my plan is to catch up on back services. "Thy will be done." Your service is our life. Only loving service in the mood of trying to please You is real devotion. Please, guide me, Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 18 Chicago

Associated with Bhuvaneswara Prabhu, yesterday and today. Interesting person, a little eccentric, yet very humble and a good preacher. Purity is the force. Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī's mercy in the form of association with this interesting and somewhat unusual devotee. Śrīla Prabhupāda's family is quite diversified and wonderful. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 19 Chicago

Planning one's daily activities helps to maximize time and get things done. Time is Kṛṣṇa. Śrīla Prabhupāda would often quote Cāṇakya Paṇḍita on the value of each moment. Money is not able to buy time. Time is Kṛṣṇa, and like everything in this world it must be used properly in Kṛṣṇa's service. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. My Guru Maharaj answered every question, covered everything and explained it. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 20 Chicago

Today, special association with two personalities: Radhanath Maharaj and Shyamasundara Prabhu. The wonderful family of Śrīla Prabhupāda, always full of adventure and joy. Kṛṣṇa consciousness, the ultimate platform of knowledge and joy. All glories to the king of all *sādhus*, the most amazing Śrīla Prabhupāda. He will be glorified everywhere. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 21 Chicago

Struggling along. Being here in Chicago seems a greater struggle than to travel and preach. Greater in the sense there is not so much association and opportunity for speaking *kṛṣṇa-kathā*. Anyway, wherever I am that's perfect and the best opportunity to remember Kṛṣṇa and to serve Him. After seeing a video on Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī Mahārāja my desire to preach was strongly aroused and enlivened. The video portrayed well the gigantic qualities and achievements of this very, very special personality. May we always find it in our hearts to honor, glorify and remember him. The Guru Maharaj of our beloved Guru Maharaj. Preaching is

the essence. Wherever there is preaching there is life and wherever there is life preaching must be there. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Jai Jai Śrī Rādhē Śyām. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 22 Chicago

I had the good fortune of being with a very special devotee of Śrīla Prabhupāda. My dear and dynamic senior Godbrother Indradyumna Maharaja. By his kind mercy I was able to chant and dance with the devotees. All glories to Indradyumna Swami. May his preaching bear good fruit. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 23 Chicago

Śrīla Prabhupāda, many persons approach me for blessings, but I am not able to fulfill their need. You are the embodiment of the complete mercy of Śrī Vrajendra-nandana, therefore I humbly pray to you to please help those persons who want to better their life, help them to take up Kṛṣṇa consciousness, especially help them realize the mercy of Kṛṣṇa's holy name. Śrīla Prabhupāda, only you can offer real help, everything else is only a diversion from one's real welfare. All glories to you. Please make me a better and more dedicated instrument of your mercy. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 24 Chicago/Ekādaśī

An interesting day. The Holy Name creates a wonderful environment wherein devotional activities flow in a beautiful congruency of fulfillment. The more one dives deeply in devotional service, the more one resents having to surface for one's bodily necessities. Of course, even those are meant to be spiritualized. Śrīla Prabhupāda has given everything, how much can we accept or even understand. Planning ahead, travel is soon approaching, with a very regular schedule. Am I ready? I am ready for surrender. That's all. Why hold back, holding back means no taste, on the surface only. Dive deep, the water is Yamunā. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 25 Chicago

Solid day of preaching. *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam* class, letters. *Nectar of Devotion* class. Local Christians on a mission. This is only the mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda, may we accept it with great enthusiasm and be successful in changing hearts. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, who preached to live and lived to preach. Śrīla Prabhupāda, he lives forever. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 26 Chicago

I need your mercy, dear Śrīla Prabhupāda. Please, give me the intelligence to arrange my bodily necessities. It is a childish request but it is important, for without regulation of bodily necessities one cannot develop a steady mind and without a

steady mind Kṛṣṇa consciousness is impossible. You, dear Kṛṣṇa, are the perfect mystic, everything is within Your power. Please, give me the power of good spiritual intelligence. Māyā is very strong and we are still attracted. Śrīla Prabhupāda, all glories unto you. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 27 Chicago

Dear Lord Kṛṣṇa, please accept my humble obeisances. All glories to all Your pure devotees. I am not exactly certain if I can approach You directly, but I feel inspired to make this prayer. You are the Supreme controller, nothing can happen without Your sanction. The attack on the devotees in Almaty is obvious religious persecution. But in another sense, it can bring a greater victory for spreading Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Please, do whatever You see best to bring victory to the spreading of Kṛṣṇa consciousness. I know I shouldn't be asking You for anything except service, but this prayer is for those devotees who are being abused. Whatever Your will is, let that manifest – it is perfect. Our prayer is that we want to see that temple built and the spread of Kṛṣṇa consciousness. I humbly apologize if I transgressed proper etiquette. With love and devotion, praying for the mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 28 Chicago

I feel I accomplished more today, but I feel less Kṛṣṇa conscious. A day of struggling to control these unruly senses headed by the mind. Prabhupāda, Prabhupāda, Prabhupāda. The teacher that taught everyone and never needed to be taught. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 29 Chicago

Kṛṣṇa's holy name. Kṛṣṇa's holy name. Kṛṣṇa's holy name. Can we even slightly understand the unlimited glories of Kṛṣṇa's holy name. We know it is powerful, it brings great joy and opens up the door to spiritual realization. It destroys all material existence and one realizes that there is nothing else to do but glorify, chant and spread the chanting of Kṛṣṇa's holy name. Śrīla Prabhupāda had firm faith in the glory and power of Kṛṣṇa's holy name and he spread it far and wide. Now the whole world has been given the perfection of life. It is the business of Kṛṣṇa's, Lord Caitanya Mahāprabhu's followers to convince them to take it. We only pray to become a more qualified instrument in spreading the glories of *harināma*. Please, empower us to do so. Please, never allow me to forget Your holy name. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 30 Chicago

It was a wonderful experience to be able to speak to HH Giriraja Swami Maharaj. Such a sweet and gentle, caring soul. I seek the opportunity of his association. It is

interesting how Kṛṣṇa is giving me gradually but regularly the association of my senior God brothers. Kṛṣṇa knows my weak spot and is helping me develop in that area and of course *sādhū-saṅga* is the life of Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Chant the Holy Name, associate with *sādhū*s. Śrīla Prabhupāda's process of giving Lord Caitanya's mercy. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 1 Chicago

It is difficult to remain in Chicago for an extended duration of time as gradually I'll find myself getting involved with the concerns of management and administration. It is not at all desirable because there is really no way to enforce decisions. It is all ethereal. Something is happening, but only little of what is actually necessary. Certainly I am attached to see Kiśore Kiśorī, the temple and devotees being cared for. Kṛṣṇa's temple is non-different from Kṛṣṇa and Kṛṣṇa's devotees are most important. Everything must be highly organized, this is Śrīla Prabhupāda's order. The order of the Guru is one's life and soul. That order may be understood and carried out in a variety of ways, but negligence and lack of control is intolerable. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, who cares for us like a mother, father, friend, teacher and disciplinarian. May his order be our life and soul and may it always be fulfilled. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 2 Chicago

Despite all the difficulties imposed by my aching body and restless mind, please, Śrīla Prabhupāda, fortify my resolve to serve. All glories to Kṛṣṇa's holy names. It gives the taste we are always hankering after. *Param vijayate śrī kṛṣṇa saṅkīrtanam*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 3 Chicago

Surprise visit by Nityo Dita Prabhu. Very nice. We are close, we have been through rough times together, the New Vrindaban Saga. Śrīla Prabhupāda's family is unique, diverse, deep. Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda, for allowing me to speak some philosophical points tonight. Kṛṣṇa consciousness is very profound, always perfect and multifaceted. Please, inspire Mother Sri Guru Carana Padma and Vraja Mohan to take up more of the preaching spirit. It is good for them. They are destined to preach and be an instrument for attracting and enlivening others. Oh! And don't forget about me, I need to always remember my position as a servant aspiring to be a selfless one. That remembrance and the remembrance of Your holy names, dear Kṛṣṇa, must be the object of my constant meditation. Love is beautiful. Love means many things and true love seeks always to serve and to please. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 4 Chicago

Unexpectedly I received the sweet and divine association of HH Radhanath Maharaj. Briefly, yet there were some special moments. I look forward to seeing him next week at New Vrindaban. Only 5½ days till I leave Chicago for an extended period. Śrīla Prabhupāda explains the duty of the *sannyāsa* order is traveling and preaching. Life happens while we are busy making plans. My plan is to get absorbed in thoughts and service to the Divine Couple, Śrī Śrī Kīśore Kīśorī and associate with Their pure devotees. All glories to Kṛṣṇa's holy names. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 5 Chicago

By Śrīla Prabhupāda's and Kṛṣṇa's – Kīśore Kīśorī's – mercy one is reaping the results of their devotional service. Let us pray we do not lose sight of the goal, that is, the desire to perform our service in remembrance of and love for Kṛṣṇa. Nothing else! Otherwise it is a waste of energy and time. Every moment is meant to bring our heart and mind more firmly fixed in loving devotional service. I have no qualification except a strong desire to achieve the goal. Only your mercy, Śrīla Prabhupāda, sustains my efforts, nothing else. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 6 Chicago

The goal of one's service is to remember You with love. Increase in one's practical devotional activities is meant to offer more of our love and to spread Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Better to do less and love more than to do more and love less. But better still is to do more and love more. Śrīla Prabhupāda's formula. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 7 Chicago

People want to better their lives, but at the same time they are afraid of change. Knowledge means transformation. Vedic truth brings one away from indulgence into the mundane and carries one by philosophy to the platform of expansiveness. Śrīla Prabhupāda is the perfect and most qualified physician. But the medicine is seen by most as being too strong, yet actually it is like candy. A jaundiced person views and tastes sugar as bitter. A materially attached person cannot easily let go, yet it is what is needed to free oneself of illusion and suffering. Just chant Hare Kṛṣṇa and everything will be nice. The Holy Name, the only way. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 8 Chicago

The mercy of the great souls carries us and sustains our spiritual existence. Śrīla Prabhupāda has created a wonderful family dedicated to satisfying the Supreme Lord and developing deep friendly relations. May we take full advantage of the mercy. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 9 Chicago

Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, dearest Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa, most auspicious and merciful Lord Nṛsiṁhadeva. Most magnanimous Lord Caitanya, most compassionate Lord Nityānanda, if You so desire, we are praying deeply from the bottom of our heart to please improve the frail health of HH Radhanath Maharaja. All glories to his lotus feet. Such a great soul is extremely rare. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 10 Chicago – Columbus

It is enlivening to see success in the spreading of Lord Caitanya's movement. Columbus center appears to be showing clear signs of increased dedication and participation. Let us all hope and pray it continues. Perhaps Columbus will once again become a regular place to visit. After three full weeks at Chicago Temple we are once again on the road. This will undoubtedly be a challenge, let's see how I am able to take advantage of the mercy. Selfless service is the only way to continue enthusiastically, otherwise it becomes difficult and burdensome. Fight for the sake of pleasing Kṛṣṇa and serving His parts and parcels, and thereby assist Śrīla Prabhupāda in his mission of world spiritual conquest. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 11 Columbus – New Vrindaban/Lord Nṛsiṁhadeva's Appearance Day

By the mercy of Lord Nṛsiṁhadeva I feel a little more purified. I pray I can be of some meaningful service during the festival. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, help me to become aware of how best to serve the Vaiṣṇavas. Lord Nṛsiṁhadeva has come in such a beautiful form. May He be pleased with our humble attempt to serve Him. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 12 New Vrindaban

The Holy Name. Kṛṣṇa, O Kṛṣṇa! Your holy name is so wonderful because it is You and You are wonderful beyond belief and definition. O Kṛṣṇa, everyone loves You except me, I am a rascal. But I heard You are very kind to those who take shelter of You, therefore I take shelter of Your purest devotee A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami. He is Your mercy for the world. I have hope that with the right association I can make it to Your lotus feet, which are so very soft and sweet. Please don't kick me away, give me the constant shelter of Your holy name. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 13 New Vrindaban

He created a house the whole world can live in. In every house there is a foundation. It is what holds everything together. Chanting the Holy Name and humble service to the devotees, compassion for the fallen souls. That is everything. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 14 New Vrndaban – Gita Nagari

Śrīla Prabhupāda, what you did is amazing, simply amazing. Transforming Westerners into devotees of Kṛṣṇa. As for myself, I have a long way to go. Therefore I am praying for your mercy. Please, make me more surrendered and more intelligent. Intelligence is required for overcoming the trappings of Māyā. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 15 Gita Nagari

It is very quiet at Gita Nagari farm. It appears that many devotees went elsewhere after the departure of Bhakti Tirtha Maharaj. I am here for a few days, perhaps I can do at least one act of service that will make a difference. We want to make a difference. We want to please Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 16 Gita Nagari

Kirtan is life. Wherever there is enthusiastic devotional kirtan our life returns and flourishes. The soul, mind and heart experience their desired pleasure. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, who has shown the world the glories of Lord Caitanya's *saṅkīrtana* movement. All glories to Kṛṣṇa in the form of His holy names. May His names everywhere and always be sung, glorified and exalted. *Vijayate śrī kṛṣṇa saṅkīrtanam*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 17 Gita Nagari

Sometimes I think I could do more if I had an assistant. Tonight I read an account wherein Tamal Kṛṣṇa Goswami is complaining to Śrīla Prabhupāda that no one is helping him. Śrīla Prabhupāda is laughing. He explains we must keep ourselves busy in Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Kṛṣṇa will always send help if we really need it, otherwise we must make sure we are using every bit of time and energy to serve. Idle mind is a devil's workshop. Stay fully engaged in Kṛṣṇa's service. The Lord says in *Bhagavad-gītā* 9. 22: I carry what you lack and preserve what you have. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 18 Gita Nagari/State College – Bradford Pa. Prison

Full day of preaching. Nice association with Jagannath Pandit Prabhu. Students at State College. Met Mark Devenny, Janmastami Prabhu, he inspires his fellow inmates to take up Kṛṣṇa consciousness. By Śrīla Prabhupāda's grace we are getting these opportunities. His desire is causing Kṛṣṇa to allow us to serve him in this manner. We are indebted and blessed. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, who lived only to give the world Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 19 State College – Washington D. C. IFAST

Moving around rapidly. Keep focusing on Kṛṣṇa, selfless service to His devotees and others. Śrīla Prabhupāda's kindness is raining down. Let us make a difference, why just function waiting for the ideal. The ideal is every moment. Kṛṣṇa is now, only now. No credit for oneself, the blessings is the service, whatever it may be. Chant with attention, don't forget that is essential. Preach with conviction tempered with enthusiasm. No attraction to anything material. The kindness and love of the devotees is our payment. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. May his great servant bestow his blessings on us. Bhakti Tirtha Maharaj is our ideal. A life of perfect Bhakti. Nothing else, only service with love. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 20 IFAST/D.C. – Ratha-yātrā – Balt. – IFAST/D.C.

Wonderful Ratha-yātrā parade and sweet festival. Another glory of Śrīla Prabhupāda's mercy raining down on the conditioned souls. Many were attracted to the event. We thank the devotees for their efforts in making Lord Jagannātha, Subhadrā Devī and Lord Baladeva available to give Their mercy. Jai Jagannātha. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 21 IFAST/D.C. – Potomac – Boston

What a day! Four days a whirlwind of activity. At times you really go and just hang on to Kṛṣṇa's lotus feet with all your energy. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, I am now in Boston, perhaps by your mercy I can make a difference. Only by your mercy and Lord Nṛsiṃhadeva's protection. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 22 Boston

The reciprocations of Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu with His pure devotees leave one with an overwhelming feeling of how fallen we are. It is only by the mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda in the form of his prayers to the Lord on our behalf that we are even slightly able to render any service whatsoever. Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda, our feeling of indebtedness mixed with our love for you are ever-increasing. May we somehow try to please you with our attempt to serve. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 23 Boston/Ekādaśī

A lot of time to read and chant and catch up on letters. Reading Śrīla Prabhupāda's books and learning from him by hearing his tape lectures, then repeating what we have heard from practical experience and assimilated understanding. Kṛṣṇa consciousness is a transformation of consciousness towards Kṛṣṇa. Speak according to realization and reflect on your evolvment. May tomorrow be a day of full devotion and surrender. This process is powerful, yet it is very carefully performed with complete attention and devotion. Śrīla Prabhupāda's formula works. It is

entirely up to us on how to practice with devotion. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 24 Boston

There is a nice group of young devotees here. They are eager to practice Kṛṣṇa consciousness. They require encouragement, guidance, direction. This area has some strong flowering seedlings sprouting nicely. But as the plant gets bigger it requires careful cultivation to keep it growing in the right direction. Perhaps something can develop. By the constant encouragement and push of Śrīla Prabhupāda we will do something. All glories to Kṛṣṇa's name, the panacea of all ills in this dark Age of Kali. The light of the Holy Name is bright, very, very bright. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 25 Boston

Short range goals – to reach the long range goal which is to develop full loving devotional service to Kṛṣṇa. The only short range goal I know is to always try to be a servant in all situations. How best to serve. Always keep Śrīla Prabhupāda's instructions foremost in one's consciousness. Always remember Kṛṣṇa never forget Him. That is perfection. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 26 Boston

Kirtan, *harināma saṅkīrtana*, all glories to *kṛṣṇa-bhakti* in the form of chanting Kṛṣṇa's names. When the mellows of *saṅkīrtana* are present, what is the use of any other activity. Śrīla Prabhupāda based success on spreading the chanting of Hare Kṛṣṇa. May we always be enthusiastic to chant the Holy Name. Either in *japa* or kirtan, let our mind eagerly embrace Kṛṣṇa's holy name. I am feeling a little unhappy because of not being able to perform the initiation ceremony with HH Radhanath Swami. What can I do to counteract these feelings? What atonement is awaiting my stupidity? After Sunday my service here will become difficult, this I sense. Anyway I can only pray and beg for the mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda and Kṛṣṇa, and humbly offer my sincere apologies for any offense. May the Lord and the Vaiṣṇavas be pleased upon me for I seek only to serve. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 27 Boston

A day of spontaneity. Rāma and Hanumān *kathā*. Temple program in the evening. Kṛṣṇa consciousness is so wonderful. It is amazing, simply amazing and it is only due to the amazing kindness of Śrīla Prabhupāda. I pray I can continue to remain fixed in service and eager to render more qualitatively and quantitatively. All glories to Kṛṣṇa's holy name, which expands the ocean of devotion. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 28 Boston – Hartford

Feeling a general lack of enthusiasm. I attribute it to a lack of association of Godbrothers and a gradual development of the false ego due to external praises and apparent success. Dear Lord, Your mercy is absolute, may I always seek that mercy by being the humble servant of His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda. Humility, tolerance and respect for others. All glories to Kṛṣṇa's holy names. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 29 Hartford – Boston

Fight for the sake of fighting. Victory is not within your capacity. Stay fixed in your *japa*. Śrīla Prabhupāda's special mercy. The chanting of Kṛṣṇa's holy names. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 30 Boston

Aside from the continuous programs I have somehow found time to incorporate a steady diet of *Caitanya-caritāmṛta* reading. By the mercy of His Divine Grace my days are meaningful in that I am receiving a powerful dose of *kṛṣṇa-katha*. Today we read about Vallabha Bhaṭṭa and Lord Caitanya. How the Lord dealt with Vallabha's pride in a loving way, yet easily destroyed it and still showed the world the glories of this great soul. The Supreme Lord Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu is the epitome of compassion and simultaneously very strict in propagating eternal religious principles. All glories millions of times to these two very great Lords, Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya Mahāprabhu and Śrī Nityānanda Rāma. They alone are able to deliver the population of Kali Yuga. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 31 Boston

The Lord's mercy was very apparent today. He left me just to increase my attachment to Him and detachment to my way of seeing things. Kṛṣṇa is so kind. He loves us and keeps us close to Him in spite of the fact that we are more interested in other things. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, you have taken me this far, keep pulling me closer, don't let me get away. The mind is restless, turbulent, unsteady and very strong. It is like trying to control the wind. All glories to the Hare Kṛṣṇa *mahā-mantra*, the only shelter of the traveling preacher. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 1 Boston

All things must conclude with something sweet. The final day here was very sweet. The evening lecture at the College of M.I.T. topped off the 11-day excursion into the Boston area. The love and kindness of the devotees was extraordinary. That's why Kṛṣṇa becomes merciful to me. I am utterly useless and often frivolous, but somehow the kindness of the devotees propels Kṛṣṇa's mercy my way. There is no other explanation. Śrīla Prabhupāda is with us encouraging, correcting, educating,

blessing our insignificant and often inept service. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. An ocean of mercy. We are trying to please him and somehow develop a deeper and more constant meditation on Śrī Kṛṣṇa. May we push on with renewed enthusiasm and greater vigor. Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopī Vallabha Ki-Jay. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 2 Boston – Cleveland

Praying for the mercy to be able to serve enthusiastically these next two days. Half in and half out of a suitcase. I would prefer to be back in Chicago, but this service is more important. The devotees in Cleveland are extending themselves to welcome, so I must reciprocate beyond what's normal. Śrīla Prabhupāda, it is so wonderful to hear about you from Sruta Kirti Prabhu. Perhaps someday I will be able to receive your personal *darśana*. That day I look forward to. Your mercy is my only sustenance. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 3 Cleveland

Nice Kṛṣṇa conscious association, Sruta Kirti Prabhu and his good wife Mother Amekala. Two interesting days of Kṛṣṇa conscious programs along with many Śrīla Prabhupāda's pastimes. In the pastimes many important principles of spiritual life were being expounded. If I could only remember just a couple, then my weekend was a grand success. Fearlessness is only achieved when one fully takes shelter of Kṛṣṇa, nothing less. All glories to those devotees who are absorbed in the life and teachings of A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 4 Cleveland – Chicago

Hare Kṛṣṇa. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Tiredness can cause a loss of enthusiasm. But pay no attention, it is all temporary. Keep your mind fixed on the lotus feet of Śrī Śrī Kīśore Kīśori. That is the essence of real life. *Pāda-sevanam*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 5 Chicago/Sunila Madhava's Home

Bhakti Charu Maharaj is bestowing his merciful association on this insignificant person. We are able to continue on in our devotional service simply by the mercy and association of great souls. Śrīla Prabhupāda extends his mercy in various ways, therefore it is him that we constantly glorify and worship as our Lord and Master. Foolish persons do not understand what benefits come with serving great souls such as Śrīla Prabhupāda and how to take advantage of that mercy. As Śrīla Prabhupāda said: "If you love me then cooperate, if you love me then give this message of Kṛṣṇa consciousness to others." We are trying our best to keep these two principles foremost. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, he remains central in our worship. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 6 Sunila Madhava's Home – Chicago Temple

Tat te nukampām susamīkṣamāṇo. That is my prayer for today. This material world sucks because I keep getting contaminated due to my reckless mind. A bad dream, a disease. The soul is unaffected and pure. Traveling and preaching is difficult and becoming more so. Boston was very nice, but also a big struggle. Śrīla Prabhupāda, I want to serve you by giving your mercy to others, but presently I am unable to, therefore be extra kind upon this useless and fallen soul and bestow more and more of your mercy. How else can I continue. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 7 Chicago/Pāṇḍava Nirjala Ekādaśī

I encouraged the general body of devotees to follow the *vrata*. Only thing, I didn't. Austerity is necessary as it keeps one focused on Kṛṣṇa and detaches one from bodily conceptions. I am not lamenting, only that I am a sense enjoyer. Śrīla Prabhupāda, I offer this humble heartfelt prayer. We pray for the speedy recovery of Devamṛta Prabhu. May Kṛṣṇa bring him again in the association of devotees. He is needed, his Kṛṣṇa consciousness is very sweet and satisfying. Serving in the Holy Dhāma requires great *sukṛti*. All glories to Śrī Kṛṣṇa in the form of Śrī Vṛndāvana Dhāma. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 8 Chicago

All glories to Kṛṣṇa's holy names. There is nothing in all the 14 worlds like Kṛṣṇa's holy names, says Śrīla Bhaktivinoda Ṭhākura. The *ācārya* continuously expounds the unlimited glories of the holy name of Kṛṣṇa and chants it constantly. Śrīla Prabhupāda, you have given us so much, but when you bestowed the mercy of Kṛṣṇa's names on us you gave us the greatest of all gifts ever. *Śrī kṛṣṇa saṅkīrtanam*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 9 Chicago

Room arrangements are finished. Time to again focus on hearing, chanting, reading and preaching. Kṛṣṇa consciousness also means what is necessary, doing work for Kṛṣṇa is also chanting. But chanting alone satisfies the heart and mind and awakens our love for Kīśore Kīśorī. All glories to Their lotus feet and for the residents of New Seva Kunja Dham. Kīśorī is best, Śrīla Prabhupāda said so. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 10 Chicago

If one looks for material comfort and convenience amidst the endeavor to serve the Lord, one will shortly come to learn the incompatible nature of these categories. The only comfort is at the lotus feet of the Lord in the mood of complete surrender and submission. Intelligence employed in the devotional service of the spiritual master's

mission is the only concern. Śrīla Prabhupāda, what did you hold back! It is obvious that the song by Śrīla Bhaktivinoda Ṭhākura sums it up. “The miseries I encounter in Your service are actually my real pleasure.” The service of pleasing You. That must be our only concern. Hare Kṛṣṇa. Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda, for all you gave us and are still giving.

June 11 Chicago

By the great mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda we are able and eager to take on more and more service and responsibility. I am unqualified in so many ways, yet I have been given a responsible service. The lives of others – such a great responsibility. A heavy one! By the inconceivable will of the Lord this entire cosmic manifestation works imperceptibly yet perfectly. Śrīla Prabhupāda, please teach me and empower me to do this service. I am begging for that. It is my only real strength. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 12 Chicago

Love is all you need. The Beatles sung that song. Yes, Kṛṣṇa is all you need. Just follow Śrīla Prabhupāda. That’s all you need to do. You will realize what Kṛṣṇa is, what love is. They are the same in all respect. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 13 Chicago

Praying, begging to become a more selfless servant of His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda. More dependent on the mercy of Kṛṣṇa, less attached to my notions of what it means to serve. Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī – the epitome of selfless service with the purest love possible. We have the highest example, somewhere we must fit into the category of selflessness. Begging, crying for the mercy of His Divine Grace and Śrī Śrī Gaura-Nitāi, Śrī Śrī Kīśore Kīśorī and Their Lordships Jagannātha, Baladeva, Subhadrā, along with Śrī Śrī Lakṣmī Nṛsiṃhadeva and Śrī Prahlāda Mahārāja. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 14 Chicago

I don’t know much, hardly anything, but I do know one very important point. The holy name of Kṛṣṇa is everything. My life, my soul, my only shelter. Śrīla Prabhupāda is constantly reminding us that we are Kṛṣṇa’s servant, not the body. The Holy Name when chanted with intense devotion and concentration takes one to the spiritual platform. Insolated and isolated from Māyā. All glories to the Holy Name. It is Kṛṣṇa in His full glory. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 15 Chicago

Last full day in Chicago for a least 2 ½ months. My humble obeisances at the lotus feet of my spiritual master, His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami

Prabhupāda. May he bestow his mercy and bless me with the necessary enthusiasm and determination to push on with full vigor and conviction. I am not overly concerned with my own personal welfare but with the spirit of giving Kṛṣṇa consciousness to others with one pointed determination. Bhaktivinoda Ṭhākura's prayer for difficulties is the epitome of happiness. May a small fraction of that mood fall upon us. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 17 London

Missed yesterday diary entry. Travelled from Chicago to London. Breaking into the London scene. High energy, wonderful kirtan tonight. Sacinandana Maharaj. Kṛṣṇa also allowed me to regain my enthusiasm for leading kirtans. The States focus mostly on classes, lectures. The kirtan scene is alive in Europe. Kṛṣṇa, please provide me the necessary intelligence to balance enthusiasm with bodily endurance. And don't forget about *sādhana*. Śrīla Prabhupāda's mercy is unbelievably powerful. We want to serve His Divine Grace by preaching to the fallen souls. Life in the world today is under attack by this crazy monolithic culture. Destruction of moral and social values is on the rise. The demons have captured the attention of everyone in the form of unlimited opportunities for sense gratification. But Lord Caitanya's movement is more powerful and will prevail. Śrīla Prabhupāda said honest people will win. *Param vijayate śrī kṛṣṇa saṅkīrtanam*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 18 London

Push, quality is more important. Be enthusiastic, be in a mood of service to the Vaiṣṇavas and surrender to the Holy Name. Śrīla Prabhupāda's pleasure is our goal – only focus. How best to serve Śrīla Prabhupāda. Always remember Kṛṣṇa with love – *Guru sevā* in excellence. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 19 London/BV Manor

Only by the mercy of Śrī Śrī Sītā Rāma Lakṣman and Hanumān, Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gokulānanda, Śrī Śrī Gaura-Nitāi are we able to continue in our service to our beloved Guru Maharaj, A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda. We are serving him by accepting his mercy in the form of his instructions. We are constantly praying to become more able and qualified to accept his mercy and give it to others. Śrīla Prabhupāda, we, your servants, are always begging for your mercy to serve and surrender. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 20 London/BV Manor – Soho Temple

This was the first full day of preaching. It was inspiring. I pray my enthusiasm for preaching and chanting increases. Put your complete heart and mind into everything

you do. By the grace of Śrīla Prabhupāda everything will come out satisfactory. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 21 London/BV Manor – Soho Temple/Ekādaśī

Riding the waves of constant change. Diet, travel, sleep, activity, *japa*. Everything is always constantly changing. Anyway, I wouldn't trade it for a more comfortable life if it means less preaching. We must do our service and somehow accept Kṛṣṇa's and Śrīla Prabhupāda's intelligence to guide us. Mother Ratnavali's story is interesting and very edifying. Yes, we are not the body we are in. We belong to Kṛṣṇa in the spiritual world. This world is a jail and everyone is being punished. Lord Nityānanda can free us, provided we allow Him to take control of our life. All glories to His lotus feet and to Śrīla Prabhupāda – His pure representative. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 22 London/Soho Temple – BV Manor

Today only by your mercy I was lifted up. After hitting bottom, you brought me back up. I am prone to always go down. Please, keep me up, I do not like Māyā. My sin is pride. It is deep and forces me to act wrongly and whimsically. Māyā is very strong. My fear of her is short of what it should be. Śrīla Prabhupāda, I can only pray that you continue to lift me up each time I slip, and please don't allow me to ever take shelter of Māyā, no matter what. Keep my direction at the lotus feet of Śrī Śrī Kīśore Kīśorī and Śrī Śrī Gaura-Nitāi. *Nitāi pada-kamala koṭi-candra suśītala*. All glories to Nitāi's lotus feet. Thank you, Jai Nitai Prabhu, for not taking offense at my request. I feel satisfied that you gave the book from your heart. Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda, for such wonderful devotee association. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 23 London/BV Manor

Interesting day. Kṛṣṇa consciousness is so diverse and unique. Persons outside of devotees never have such an exciting existence. An out of body experience. Tomorrow another journey – mystical Jagannātha Puri. Where every inhabitant has four arms and every act is centered in devotion to Lord Jagannātha. I pray I can be of some *saṅkīrtana* service. Dancing, chanting, glorifying, witnessing, everything directed to the Lord of the Universe and His most extraordinarily amazing family – Lord Baladeva and Subhadrā Mayī. Another of His Divine Grace's gifts of colossal mercy. Śrī Ratha-yātrā in Jagannātha Puri. Jay Jay Śrī Rādhēe Śyām. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 25 Kolkata – Puri

Missed yesterday's entry. Flew to Calcutta with Sacinandana Swami, Srimad Pandit Prabhu along with three other devotees. Madan Mohan, his son Nimai and Anjana Mataji. Devotee association in transit makes traveling joyful. The austerity of travel

is compounded hundreds of times when we are in close contact with materialistic persons. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, we are embarking on our journey to Puri, please bring us into the proper mood so we can develop complete devotion and attention on Their Lordships Śrī Jagannātha Deva, Śrī Baladeva and Subhadrā Mayī. All glories to the greatest of all festivals – Śrī Jagannātha Ratha-yātrā of Sri Jagannath Puri Dham. Allow us to chant and dance with enthusiasm for Their pleasure. Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya Mahāprabhu, Śrī Pañca Tattva Ki-Jay . Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 26 Jagannath Puri

Entrance into the Holy Dhāma. I notice my consciousness needs some alteration. Can I focus my mind exclusively on Lord Jagannātha with loving devotion? That is my prayer. Full absorption at the lotus feet of Śrī Jagannātha Deva, Śrī Baladeva and Subhadrā Mayī. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, the initiator of Ratha-yātrā worldwide. Hare Kṛṣṇa.



June 27 Jagannath Puri/Ratha-yātrā 2006

Most amazing display of ecstatic devotion. The Lord of the Universe, His transcendental Brother and most merciful Sister charmed the hearts and minds of millions. As the annual car festival saw ecstatic dancing and chanting, HH Radhanath Maharaj broke his avowed silence for kirtan and caused this fool to dance in ecstasy. Śrīla Prabhupāda, what you have given to the world is beyond anyone's ability to calculate. It is a deep treasure house of devotion. You have given us the Lord in His most amazing and merciful form as Lord Jagannātha and, most of all, you opened up the storehouse of Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu's and Lord Nityānanda's love of Godhead by the ecstatic chanting of Śrī Mahā-mantra. All glories to your merciful lotus feet. Jai Jagannātha, Baladeva, Subhadrā Mahārāṇī. Hare Kṛṣṇa

June 28 Jagannath Puri/Ratha-yātrā post festival

Lord Jagannātha is performing His transcendental pastime of supreme pleasure for His own satisfaction and to give pleasure and love to His devotees. Śrīla Prabhupāda, we love you very much. Thank you for bringing us Lord Jagannātha and His supreme pastime of love. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 29 Jagannath Puri

Śrīla Haridāsa Ṭhākura Nāmācārya Ki-Jay. All glories to the Holy Names. They become available by the mercy of the great souls. Śrīla Haridāsa Ṭhākura taught in all his activities the glories of Kṛṣṇa's name. And Śrīla Prabhupāda made it available by his kindness, compassion, and selfless service. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 30 Jagannath Puri

Today, by the mercy of the Lord and the Vaiṣṇavas, I received the good fortune to speak the glories Śrīla Gadādhara Paṇḍita. One must understand the process clearly. It is only due to Kṛṣṇa *kṛpā* that we can make any spiritual progress. That *kṛpā* is coming by way of the great souls such as His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 1 Jagannath Puri Dham

Another exciting day of devotional activities. Careful chanting of Kṛṣṇa's holy names. The highlight – a feast of Jagannātha *prasādam*. Unbelievable! Spiritually most auspicious, transcendently tasty and spiritual enlivening. Śrī Jagannātha *prasādam* Ki-Jay. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 2 Jagannath Puri – Bhuvaneswara

My second visit to Bhuvaneswara ISKCON. A magnificent temple built under the guidance of Gour Govinda Maharaj. Since my last visit it has improved greatly. My prayer, Śrīla Prabhupāda, is that I want to please you although I am influenced by my own whims. Therefore, please, allow me to gradually and enthusiastically develop a mood of selfless service. A real devotee acts only on behalf of Guru and Kṛṣṇa. Two days here, perhaps I can please the devotees. Only by your mercy. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 3 Bhuvaneswara Temple

Struggling! Preaching in India adds a few extra austerities. Health, material facilities. They are all external, although health is required for reaching out to others in a continuous way. Śrīla Prabhupāda, I am always constantly praying for your mercy.

How else can I survive. Please, be merciful to me and allow me to be an instrument for your mercy. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 4 Bhuvaneswara – Kolkata

A persistent head cold, annoying, one must tolerate. Material world is arranged for forced tolerance. Miseries connected with the material body are numerous. Take shelter of Kṛṣṇa's holy name and die to everything else. Śrīla Prabhupāda, you have given us the greatest of all treasures – Kṛṣṇa in the form of His most sacred and precious Name. All glories to Śrī Nāma. All obeisances to those who have made Kṛṣṇa's name their life and soul. Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 5 Kolkata – London

A stopover, repacking. Sacinandana Swami's sweet and very educating association. Śrīla Prabhupāda, there are so many, many wonderful devotees in this movement. I am not one of them, but I am aspiring just to please you by my service, although it is so insignificant. Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda, you are reflected in the lives of your sincere followers. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 6 London – Poland, Rewal/Polish Tour

All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, who exemplified all aspects of pure surrender to the Lord's will. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, give us the intelligence, endurance and ability to travel and preach on your behalf. Thank you for this service. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 7 Poland/Polish Tour, Netroje/Ekādaśī

Suffering is due to ignorance, misery comes simply by living in this material world. Actually, suffering is due to our forgetfulness of our eternal loving relationship with the Supreme Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa. By chanting Kṛṣṇa's holy names with faith and regularly associating with devotees in a mood of service and by giving this message to the fallen conditioned souls, one receives the supreme mercy of the Lord. Śrīla Prabhupāda has descended from the abode of Kṛṣṇa to give this rarest of all gifts – entrance into the Supreme Abode of Lord Kṛṣṇa, Śrī Goloka Vṛndāvana. The price is complete faith and exclusive dedication to his words. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. All glories to Śrī Vṛndāvana Dhāma. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 8 Poland/Polish Tour, Netroje

Thank you, dear Lord, for allowing the evening program to go on without disturbing rain. By Your will everything is happening or not happening. Please, connect me with Your will so I can be freed from any personal motivation or profit. Śrīla Prabhupāda is “Your” mercy upon us. Thank You for giving the world this incredible mercy. Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya Mahāprabhu, Śrī Nityānanda Rāma Ki-Jay. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 9 Poland/Polish Tour, Netroje

It is a great pleasure and privilege to be with these devotees. Very surrendered, respectful, friendly and eagerly engaged in chanting the Holy Names. Śrīla Prabhupāda's family is diverse and very wonderful. Kṛṣṇa consciousness is practically understood simply by observing such devotees who are surrendered to Kṛṣṇa and preach to the fallen souls. Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya Mahāprabhu, Śrī Nityānanda Rāma Ki-Jay. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 10 Poland/Polish Tour, Netroje

The service of being in the position of a spiritual master requires deep intelligence, reason, spiritual insight and discrimination. Perhaps we can only pray for the best for those who approach us for guidance, hoping that they will be able to understand how to carry out what is best for them. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, please help this fledgling disciple of yours come to a greater understanding of how to serve in the role of a Guru. I am fully and solely dependent on your mercy. I cannot do anything significant without your merciful guidance. Please, give me the understanding so I can access your mercy more effectively. Thank you very much. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 11 Poland/Polish Tour, Ustronie Morskie

Very nice program. Many persons are getting the mercy of Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu. Śrīla Prabhupāda is undoubtedly very pleased. Indradyumna Maharaj has created a monster preaching machine. All glories unto his lotus feet. Perhaps we can say the people of Poland are fortunate. Kṛṣṇa consciousness is palatable and very sweetly offered. I need to preach more, that seems like what is needed. Śrīla Prabhupāda, please push me forward. Thank you. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 12 Poland/Polish Tour, Ustronie Morskie

Preaching is the essence, Books are the basis, Utility is the principle, Purity is the force. All these can be fully seen at these India's cultural presentations. Indradyumna Maharaj has created a powerful preaching machine of very hard-working surrendered souls. Leadership, cooperation, intelligence, foresight and determination are prominent features at this preaching program. Śrīla Prabhupāda is very, very pleased. All glories to Indradyumna Maharaj, may he be blessed with everything necessary to continue and expand Lord Caitanya's mercy. May we continue to offer some service and be inspired to come forward more and more. All glories to Śrī Kṛṣṇa *sankirtana*. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 13 Polish Tour – Germany, Berlin

Another phase has ended. And a very sweet one. The association of many wonderful and very surrendered hard-working Vaiṣṇavas headed by HH Indradyumna Maharaj. I cannot recall anywhere outside of the devotees of Rādhā Gopinātha in Mumbai such humble surrendered devotees. Wonderful program for bringing Lord Caitanya's mercy to the fallen souls in Kali Yuga. All glories to Indradyumna Maharaj for his dedication in serving the mission of Śrīla Prabhupāda. We are looking forward to returning soon to offer a little humble service to this grand program. All glories to Śrī Kṛṣṇa *saṅkīrtana*. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July, 14 Germany, Berlin – Croatia, Zagreb

There are occasionally accidents on the royal road. Be careful and always conscious of Kṛṣṇa. Māyā is strong. Kṛṣṇa is stronger. Always take shelter of Kṛṣṇa and be attentive to detail. Śrīla Prabhupāda, you have taught me to love Kṛṣṇa. Please, allow me to never forget your kind mercy and to always remain your loving disciple. Śrīla Prabhupāda, you have entered deeply into the hearts of your followers. May I go deeper into your mercy. All glories eternally at your lotus feet. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 15 Zagreb – Rijeka/Croatian Camp

A lot of responsibility has descended all at once. Seminars, counseling, initiations. Śrīla Prabhupāda, I badly need your mercy. I am unqualified and unworthy. Only you can make my words acceptable and edifying. I take full shelter of your guidance and mercy. I am not serious, make me serious. All glories to your lotus feet. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 16 Rijeka/Croatian Camp

Great program! Wonderful devotees! Great opportunity for preaching. With all humility praying to be an instrument for spreading Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Śrīla Prabhupāda, please empower me to speak what is required to uplift and inspire others in their devotional life. Thank you. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 17 Rijeka/Croatian Camp

Full day. Fortunately I was rested and able to remain enthusiastic. The devotees seem easy to please. A Vaiṣṇava is pleased simply by serving others. May Śrīla Prabhupāda inspire me more in improving my service. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 18 Rijeka/Croatian Camp

Very sweet and yet powerful evening of remembrance of HH Bhakti Tirtha Maharaj. He did so much to help others in Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Let us pray sincerely from the core of the heart to be competent in keeping his words, qualities, pastimes and memories alive. All glories to Bhakti Tirtha Swami Maharaj. All glories to His

Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda. He has molded so many souls to become great in spreading Lord Caitanya's mission. Rādhe Śyām. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 19 Rijeka/Croatian Camp

Seminar program seems to be well received. Tomorrow we will continue as we did today to speak on the glories to *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam*. Such a great topic deserves much attention. Śrīla Prabhupāda's commentary, purports, have established a clearly understandable account of this great spiritual masterpiece. We cannot imagine what Śrīla Vyāsadeva did to produce such a glorious account on these *sūtras*. All glories to the Śrīla Vyāsadeva of the 20th century, A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 20 Rijeka/Croatian Camp

Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, tomorrow I will be acting on your behalf as an initiating spiritual master. Factually I have no qualifications for such service but because you have requested me to take on such responsibility, I am your obedient servant. Please, therefore, empower me to be a perfect transparent via media to your sweet and safe lotus feet. Thank you for such opportunity, although I am bereft of any good qualities or qualifications. This servant prays for your merciful guidance. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 21 Rijeka/Croatian Camp/Ekādaśī

Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda. Your mercy is powerful. I pray I can continue to develop the proper attitude in my service to you and the Lord. Each moment is precious, a rare opportunity to serve. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 22 Rijeka/Croatian Camp

Hare Kṛṣṇa. The austerity of full devotional service is our life. Presently we are somewhat physically weary from a continuous week of *kṛṣṇa-kathā*, *kṛṣṇa-kīrtana* and *sādhū-saṅga*. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, who has created this ISKCON society following in the footsteps of Lord Caitanya Mahāprabhu. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 23 Rijeka/Croatian Camp – Murter

A truly wonderful week at the camp. Seminars, kirtans, nice *prasādam*, sweet association, very enlivening. The best of any of the years. Vaiṣṇava *sevā*, the essence of the practice of *bhakti*. One who says he is My devotee is not. Only a devotee of My devotee is My devotee. Śrīla Prabhupāda, we are constantly praying, begging for your mercy. I hope I am able to get physically rejuvenated in this next four days. Everything happens successfully only because of your mercy. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 24 Croatia, Murter

Nice place, very healthy air. Lungs are feeling rejuvenated. Struggling to keep Kṛṣṇa in the front. Kṛṣṇa's energy is attractive, but not nearly as attractive as Kṛṣṇa. Śrīla Prabhupāda's mercy forces us to accept only the lotus feet of the Lord. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 25 Croatia, Murter

I am wondering how much I am really getting rest and rejuvenation. This break is planned to be instrumental in keeping fresh for upcoming programs. Anyway, it is up to the Lord. I am seeing how to make these four days as rejuvenating as possible. Śrīla Prabhupāda has blessed me with these opportunities to spread Kṛṣṇa consciousness. It is all his mercy, I am thankful but unqualified. Praying to become more qualified and more aware of my position as a humble servant, assistant of His Divine Grace and the previous *ācāryas*. What do I need to become a better instrument, let it come. Yes, without any question. Praying only to be able to be a fit receptacle of your mercy. Preaching is the essence. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

Addition: I am continuously reminded of the quality of devotion of Bhakti Tirtha Swami and always astounded. All glories to his lotus feet.

July 26 Croatia, Murter

Soon it will be the time to move on. Life in the fast lane. Seeking to always be thinking of my lovable Lord and Master. What do I aspire for? To become a more effective instrument in spreading Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Tomorrow I hope to finish most of what I planned to do in these four days. Śrīla Prabhupāda is guiding us, may we always be aware of that and act according to his wishes with devotion, 24 hours a day. I love it. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 27 Croatia, Murter

Last full day here. R+R is over. What did I do on the personal level? Many necessary emails went out. Mercy! We are begging at the lotus feet of Śrīla Prabhupāda. Mercy comes through pleasing *sevā*. Trying to serve the devotees and find the essential reading and resting time. All glories to Śrīmatī Bhakti-devī, she is destroying the tendency to enjoy material sense gratification. Be calm and trust that Kṛṣṇa is in control. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 28 Croatia, Murter – Split

Returning to a schedule of preaching. Back in the fire of Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Śrīla Prabhupāda, my false ego is staring me directly in the face and yet I am not eager to push it out of my life. I seek your mercy and guidance and want to be less showy, frivolous or out of place. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 29 Split

Wonderful Deities of Śrī Śrī Gaura-Nitāi, Śrī Prahlāda-Nṛsiṃha. The devotees are very enthusiastic. Love to chant, dance and hear spiritual topics. Begging at the lotus feet of Śrī Śrī Gaura-Nitāi, Their kind mercy coming through the kinder mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 30 Split

Greatly enthusiastic devotees. Kirtan monsters. Śrī Śrī Gaura-Nitāi is orchestrating the entire kirtan. Three days of ecstatic kirtans. Lord Nityānanda is behind the whole program. We pray for Him to empower us to chant and dance for His pleasure. I am old and infirmed, yet I am still dancing, it is inconceivable. It is definitely not coming from me. I have no energy or devotion. But I do have full faith in the mercy of Śrī Śrī Gaura-Nitāi. Here in Split, They are simply amazing. Śrīla Prabhupāda in his *mūrti* is easily perceivable. I like being here. Tomorrow we move on to Sarajevo. That will be a challenge. Extra mercy is needed to keep Kṛṣṇa consciousness in the focus. Śrīla Prabhupāda, please allow me to serve you by spreading Kṛṣṇa consciousness and inspiring devotees to become more serious. All glories to your lotus feet. They are specially endowed with the flavor of *bhakti* mixed with divine compassion. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 31 Croatia, Split – Bosnia, Sarajevo

The twists and turns of *parivrājakācārya*. The bends in the road which were the constant feature of my travel here are similar or analogous to my life's activities in Kṛṣṇa consciousness, devotional service. This is the world of uncertainty, difficulty and *saṁsāra*. Śrīla Prabhupāda has saved us, now we must try to act on his behalf in his physical absence. No home, no attachments, only Kṛṣṇa's holy name and the mercy and service of His devotees. Life is simple, yet adventurous. May we accept everything in that spirit. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 1 Bosnia, Sarajevo

Interesting place, interesting people. Interesting situation. Cooperation, not a small word, a big principle. It has to be there, especially when it comes to pushing on this *saṅkīrtana* movement. In Kali Yuga it is rare, but when achieved it is everything. It can only manifest when mature spiritual persons are involved. Śrīla Prabhupāda taught it as a principle in the point – Cooperate. Put Kṛṣṇa in the center. Put the instruction of the spiritual master first. It is a difficult thing to do. False ego is huge. Everyone explains non-cooperation as the fault of the other. This is a feature of non-cooperation, to blame the other person. Chant the Holy Name and be happy. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 2 Bosnia, Sarajevo

Preach more with the proper energy. Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda, your mercy keeps flowing strongly. Please flow your mercy into the life of these devotees and give them your blessings and attention. They are so new and are sincerely trying, but lack senior care. Something is being done. Mahaprabhu Prabhu is doing a descent service, but is in need of senior devotee guidance and association. Others are new and inexperienced. Thank you for your kindness upon them. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 3 Bosnia, Sarajevo

Very sweet devotees. They love to hear Śrīla Prabhupāda. Dearest Guru Maharaj, I am completely depending on your mercy. Unqualified and always proud, attached to false prestige and always impatient. Only if you decide to save this rascal do I have a chance. Please, allow me to become a more qualified instrument. You are as good as the Personality of Godhead and even more merciful. Give me the desire to serve you more and the intelligence how best to serve. Thank you for this rare opportunity to become your humble servant. Hare Kṛṣṇa. Rādhe Śyām.

August 4 Bosnia, Sarajevo – Extensive travel to Cardiff, Wales

To remain fully aware one has to act within the present moment. Apart from that, all around, living entities who are generally helpless are being abused, exploited, injured and killed needlessly due to the greedy, selfish, self-centered activities of the many. Cows, women, children are neglected, abused and exploited in different ways. This causes pain to sensitive people and awakens a mood of concern and compassion and in my case awakens feelings of righteous anger. How can this continue to exist unchecked and go on without serious concern. Vāsudeva Datta Ṭhākura couldn't bear the fact that people were suffering. He was willing to take their suffering so that they could achieve the supreme mercy and ultimate destination. Devotees like Bhakti Tirtha Swami served intensely trying to relieve the suffering of others through various programs centered on awakening people to spiritual life. The epitome of love and compassion for others. When you, Śrīla Prabhupāda, remind me of these most precious principles of devotional service to somehow try to relieve the suffering of others and give them Kṛṣṇa consciousness, then I will no longer be burdened by the austerities of my service. When devotional love and service to others remain central, then Kṛṣṇa becomes pleased. Kṛṣṇa says, if you want to please Me then help others by bringing them the light of Kṛṣṇa consciousness. All glories to the Holy Name, the panacea for all ills. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 5 Cardiff, Wales/Ratha-yātrā

Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, please continue to direct me, push me, correct me. The desire that was dormant to become absorbed in devotional service is once again beginning to awaken. Perhaps it is less selfish than before. Please, allow it to grow unlimitedly. My mind is starting to behave, but it is still wandering too much during *japa*. Concentrated *japa* dissipates all doubt and anxieties as the fog disappears upon the appearance of the morning sunshine. All glories to pure devotional service. This body belongs to my eternal master. Let it act only for his service. Śrīla Prabhupāda Ki-Jaya. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 6 Leicester/Ratha-yātrā – London/BV Manor

Wonderful devotees, so powerfully chanting the *mahā-mantra* for the pleasure of Lord Jagannātha. Nicely preformed Ratha-yātrās are powerful preaching programs that allow everyone to take part. Jagannātha Ratha-yātrā attracts all kinds of people. The Lord of the universe is visibly kind to everyone. *Jagannātha-svamī nayana-patha-gāmī bhavatu me*. Śrīla Prabhupāda's mercy once again. Hare Kṛṣṇa.



August 7 London/BV Manor – France/New Māyāpur

Man proposes – God disposes. If everything always went according to one's own plan, then what is God's material energy which follows its course accordingly to

Kṛṣṇa's will. Kṛṣṇa's will is to teach, purify, detach, attract, according to what is best for one's advancement in Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Humility is the principle that teaches that all things depend on His will and His will is perfect. As preachers we speak this but we must also realize it in one's life activities. Śrīla Prabhupāda, I am here to serve, please give me that enthusiasm and intelligence how best to do it. Thank you. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 8 France/New Māyāpur

Interesting place, still trying to get the feel. There's a sweetness here, although there are many lacks. Devotees are disappointed and not properly taken care of, and are consequently not involved in services. The spiritual sentiment is alive but weak. Leadership – everything depends on it. Learn from Śrīla Prabhupāda. Repeating him requires following him. Everything, all spiritual strength, comes from hearing, understanding, assimilating, practicing, realizing. All glories to Kṛṣṇa's holy name. Śrīla Prabhupāda's gift, one of his greatness. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 9 France/New Māyāpur/Balarāma's Appearance Day

Their Lordships are outstanding, attractive. Kṛṣṇa Balarāma are very much present. Lord Balarāma manifests an enchanting sweetness. Kṛṣṇa is powerful. He is a cowherd boy. Gaura-Nitāi are very beautiful and merciful. To enter into the opulence of Rādhā Govinda Mādhava requires a deep sense of devotion. Although glimpses are available by Their merciful presence. Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī, who is the spiritual barometer of the community, seems to be asking more for Her Kṛṣṇa. A few dedicated devotees carry on the services. Management is conspicuous by its absence. Things go on almost like in the Chicago mood. Śrīla Prabhupāda, please continue to bestow your mercy on New Māyāpur and push them harder. Everything is here, management is not. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 10 France/New Māyāpur

Thank you very much, Guru Maharaj. I felt your mercy very strongly as I was speaking the *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam* class. Perhaps it was because, or rather I know it was due to the subject I chose. New Māyāpur – make it self-sufficient. Plain living, high thinking. It is the only solution. As we tax our brains to follow your instructions, we get newer and newer realizations on Kṛṣṇa consciousness and more enthusiasm for service. Follow, but follow with intelligence. The dogmatism of religious practice chases away all good reason and creative intelligence. Śrīla Prabhupāda, keeping your instructions in mind and praying for the intelligence to carry them out successfully. All glories to those who have understood real religious principles. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 11 France/New Māyāpur – Italy/Misra Purandara’s

Yes, Śrīla Prabhupāda is the only one. The only one who has given the real teachings of the Vedas. Kṛṣṇa, the Supreme Personality of Godhead. Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda, your purity in devotion empowered your words with the weight of the Absolute. We can only wonder in horror where and what we would be like if you hadn’t come along and destroyed our illusion about God and religion and presented it (AS IT IS). The truth shall set you free. The Truth is Kṛṣṇa, the Supreme Personality of Godhead. Śrīla Prabhupāda, the only one. *Man-manā bhava mad-bhakto mad-yājī māṁ namaskuru*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 12 Italy/Viareggio/Ratha-yātrā – Villa Vrndaban

This puffed-up rascal is getting a reaction for his actions. Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda. Humility is always the mood of a devotee. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 13 Italy/Villa Vrndaban

Tat te 'nukampāṁ su-samīkṣamāṇo. We live by the teaching of this verse, otherwise we remain in denial. Kṛṣṇa is all-powerful and so also all aspects of Himself are all-powerful, including His mercy. Some mercy we don’t like, but yet we deserve. That is the most difficult. Until we become fully in love with Kṛṣṇa, there is always something that does not fit. Pure love is rare but achievable by the mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda. Such a great soul is very, very rare. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 14 Italy/Villa Vrndaban

Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda, for allowing me to complete my services today. A sense of satisfaction comes upon fulfillment of one’s devotional activities. Your mercy is all I am made of. What can I do but depend on Kṛṣṇa’s mercy coming so readily through Your Divine Grace. I am not very intelligent or skilled in any service. I simply have complete unflinching faith in you and Kṛṣṇa, and by your mercy I am attracted to that beautiful Boy of Vṛndāvana – the cynosure of the *gopīs*. Perhaps I can offer some service that will inspire others to chase after Śrī Kṛṣṇa. All glories unto His sweet and all-attractive lotus feet. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 15 Italy/Villa Vrndaban

Full day. Tomorrow even more so. Kṛṣṇa’s birthday/5,234th. All glories to that sweet cowherd boy of Śrī Vṛndāvana Dhāma. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, we are begging for your mercy to become a fit instrument in the glorification and service of the Lord and His devotee on this most glorious and auspicious day. Śrī Kṛṣṇa Janmāṣṭamī. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 16 Italy/Villa Vrndaban/Śrī Kṛṣṇa Janmāṣṭamī

Please, Kṛṣṇa, purify our heart so we can receive the mercy of Your divine appearance and live always in Your company. Śrīla Prabhupāda, we seek only to please and satisfy you. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 17 Italy/Villa Vrndaban/Śrīla Prabhupāda's Vyāsa-pūjā

Śrīla Prabhupāda, thank you for the opportunity to speak about you this evening. By offering obeisances at your lotus feet and praying for your merciful intervention, we were able to satisfy the devotees' desire to hear about you. In addition, I would like to offer a sincere prayer for the speedy and smooth recovery of HH Bhakti Svarupa Damodara Goswami. If you so desire, please, hear our sincere prayer. Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda, for a lovely day in glorification of your sweet, sweet lotus feet. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 18 Italy/Villa Vrndaban

Śrīla Prabhupāda, I am feeling a loss of enthusiasm. Please, give me your mercy. Thank you. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 19 Italy/Villa Vrndaban/Ekādaśī

I want to fully understand just how important it is to regularly read scripture, especially *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam*, *Caitanya-caritāmṛta* and others that delineate the Lord's pastimes. How will I be able to properly chant the Holy Name if I do not become more renounced and how will I become fully renounced without getting fixed in hearing the glories of the Lord. My service deeply depends on regular quality reading. There are certain things I must execute in order to continue in the capacity of a traveling preacher. Śrīla Prabhupāda didn't make distinction in reading requirements. Every devotee must read and study these books. Especially preachers. Please, Śrīla Prabhupāda, strengthen my determination to read daily. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 20 Italy/Villa Vrndaban – Villa Villaggio/Hare Kṛṣṇa

By your mercy, Śrīla Prabhupāda, and the mercy of the devotees, I am experiencing a surge of enthusiasm. I hope it continues. May the blessings of Śrī Śrī Rādhā Ramaṇa fall profusely upon me so that my enthusiasm to serve Them increases and my affection becomes fixed. All glories to Kṛṣṇa's holy names. Please allow me to chant with attention, determination and heartfelt devotion. Jaya Śrī Gaurāṅga Mahāprabhu, jaya Śrī Nityānanda Rāma. Their transcendental forms are most enchanting. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 21 Italy/Villa Villaggio/Hare Kṛṣṇa

O mind, place yourself at the lotus feet of Govinda and remain there, then all your sensual pursuits will reach fruition. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, please be patient with

this unsteady rascal. Your mercy has proven to be capable of reforming even greater cases of inadequacy. I know you are merciful, therefore I seek only your shelter for complete protection. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 22 Italy/Villa Villaggio/Hare Kṛṣṇa

My enthusiasm is again going down. Why? Offenses, laziness, lack of senior association. Śrīla Prabhupāda, keep me going, not to be attached to results. Serve the Vaiṣṇavas. That is the key. With determination. Taste of the Name. Chant. Chant. Chant. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 23 Italy/Villa Villaggio/Hare Kṛṣṇa

When we actually realize we are useless, then we can actually start to become useful. Śrīla Prabhupāda, by your arrangement each day I am realizing this more and more, please continue to purify my false ego from all self-worth. I really desire to deeply chant the Holy Name. Yet I have no qualification except your mercy. Thank you. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 24 Italy/Villa Villaggio/Hare Kṛṣṇa – Slovenia/Ljubljana

Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, my brain is not functioning properly. Seriousness eludes me and is difficult to access. Please, correct my faults and mistakes. I submit myself for your treatment. The devotees here are very simple and generous, please help me to serve them in a way that will bring them closer to your and Kṛṣṇa's lotus feet. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 25 Slovenia/Ljubljana

Prepare for upcoming talks. With proper attention to detail a bigger picture nicely appears. Balance both aspects, the detail and the goal. Kṛṣṇa consciousness – an offering of perfection in devotion. Why not both; devotion is the essence, perfection in expression is preaching. Śrīla Prabhupāda taught us both. *Bhakti* is beautiful, it is real. Conscious. Kṛṣṇa conscious. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, help me to become a more sincere and concerned devotee, a true representative of your mood of devotion. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 26 Slovenia/Ljubljana

Śrīla Prabhupāda, you sacrificed much to establish the ISKCON society worldwide. All the dynamics and details that were included into creating this great spiritual society can never be fully estimated or fully appreciated. Today I was given a glimpse of some small difficulty that was a regular feature of building ISKCON. The fighting and intrigue between devotees must have weighted heavily on your mind and caused much concern from you. Thank you for helping me to realize just a little

more of your greatness and please, help me to understand my dilemma and how to solve it in a way that Kṛṣṇa is pleased and you are glorified. Thank you. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 27 Slovenia/Ljubljana

By the special mercy of Śrī Pañca Tattva we had a wonderful kirtan this evening. Chanting and dancing with great joy and enthusiasm is the perfection of *bhakti*. Śrīla Prabhupāda is the grand orchestrator and we are his puppets, musicians trying to grasp the mood of service and surrender. All glories to Śrī Gadādhara Paṇḍita, who kindly revealed His sweet mood of Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī to this fallen but thankful soul. Śrī Pañca Tattva, the supreme manifestation of the Absolute Truth. Jaya Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya, Prabhu Nityānanda, Śrī Advaita, Gadādhara, Śrīvāsādi Gaura Bhakta Vṛnda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 28 Slovenia/Ljubljana

It is very nice to be in the association of Radhanath Maharaj once again. This will continue for the next 5 days. I pray for the opportunity to be able to render some service to this dear Godbrother, true friend and great soul. Śrīla Prabhupāda built a house the whole world can live in and many of the residents are working tirelessly to preserve and expand this house by the mercy of Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu. This house is able to accommodate many who are generally unfit for such residence. So He has empowered His caretakers to make it fit for such residence. To those great souls who are the caretakers I humbly bow my head submissively begging for their service and mercy. May my life be one of devotion to them. Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda. Jay Śrī Rādhē. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 29 Slovenia/Ljubljana – Italy/Prabhupada Desh

Having the association of Radhanath Maharaj is a source of both happiness and unhappiness. His physical condition is very much reduced. We hope it improves. Being very dear to the Vaiṣṇavas, this causes pain to our heart and great unhappiness for the community of devotees. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, please, accept this humble prayer and allow him to remain with us for many, many more years. He represents the deep philosophical teachings of pure devotional service and the supreme principle of Vaiṣṇava *sevā*. Thank you.

*Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare
Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare.*

August 30 Italy/Prabhupada Desh/Lalitā-sakhī's Appearance Day

Today was a very wonderful day. Although we weren't aware, Śrī Lalitā Sakhī appeared today. Still by Her mercy the day was full of transcendental bits of nectar.

Radhanath Swami Maharaja’s presence made everything auspicious. Two wonderful kirtans and many ecstatically dancing devotees. I pray to become a more humble enthusiastic servant of the Vaiṣṇavas. Yes, Śrīla Prabhupāda said: “The Holy Name, devotee association and Kṛṣṇa *prasādam*. That is all a devotee requires.” Please, let me be able to realize the profundity of these words. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 31 Italy/Prabhupada Desh

Tomorrow is Śrī Rādhāṣṭamī. Begging with a sincere heart to have the devotion and intelligence to properly honor King Vṛṣabhānu’s wonderful daughter. Only by Kṛṣṇa’s direct mercy coming through Śrīla Prabhupāda can anyone say anything meaningful on this special occasion. I am spiritually crippled and always proud, therefore my plea is urgent. O Nandinī, Your lotus feet are so wonderful that Śrī Kṛṣṇa becomes a beggar to achieve just a drop of that treasure. All glories to You, O most merciful Mother and perfect lover of Śrī Kṛṣṇa. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 1 Italy/Prabhupada Desh/Śrī Rādhāṣṭamī

Thank You, Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī, for giving us so much mercy and happiness. You have shown Your love for us in so many ways and today we were fortunate to be able to glorify You with some small yet satisfying service. Thank You for the association of HH Radhanath Maharaj. His presence and mercy took us into deeper appreciation for this special occasion –Your Divine Appearance. Thank You for the association of all the wonderful devotees and their enthusiasm to serve and participate in kirtan. Your transcendental form gave illumination to our heart and pleasure to our eyes. Amidst all this mercy and joy one unfortunate event occurred. A guest was mistreated and became upset. This is causing us unhappiness. So Śrīla Prabhupāda, please forgive us for any offense and somehow or other help this person again become favorable and return to visit the temple with renewed sentiments. Please, accept our humble obeisances in this matter. All glories to Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī on Her Appearance Day and eternally. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 2 Italy/Prabhupada Desh – London/BV Manor

When reading *śāstra*, one is continuously reminded of the qualifications and glories of a real spiritual master. These qualities are very elevated and numerous. Reflecting on these in comparison to myself causes me to wonder how I can be in such position. Truly, I have no such qualities. My good fortune is that I am attracted to Rādhā-Kṛṣṇa, Kīśore Kīśorī’s transcendental forms. What else can I say. Therefore we understand the need to really develop a deep sense of devotion based on philosophical knowledge of the Absolute with the acumen to convey it to all others. Otherwise, by remaining in my present state I will not fulfill the requirements of spiritual master. Please, Śrīla Prabhupāda, guide me in the direction that is most

essential and beneficial for my spiritual advancement. Not because I want it, but as a pillar of strength for strengthening the spiritual practices of others and to spread Kṛṣṇa consciousness more effectively. I am simply depending on your mercy. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 3 London/BV Manor

Struggling to continue. Body and mind are not cooperating. Two lectures today both seemed, at least from my prospective, to be well received. I am insignificant and totally unqualified. Your mercy, Śrīla Prabhupāda, is the proof of all successful endeavors. We are begging for your mercy. We have no other hope. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 4 London/BV Manor/Vamana App./Jīva Gosvāmī Disapp. Day

Ekādaśī! The final day of a 2 ½ month tour of Europe, which included a trip to Jagannath Puri for Ratha-yātrā. Only by the mercy of my beloved Guru Maharaja am I able to perform this service, although imperfectly. Tomorrow a day of travel, a day of hassle and increasing confusion. Travel is becoming the new American pastime. Travel for the sake of travel. Consequently so many difficulties arise. Anyway, with all determination at my front I will take complete shelter of Kṛṣṇa's holy name. I can only pray for mercy. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 5 London/BV Manor – Chicago

Crying babies and a fidgety lady next to me on the plane. I have returned to the lotus feet of Śrī Śrī Kīśore Kīśorī. What will I offer in service, I pray it is according to the desire of my eternal spiritual master. May Śrīla Prabhupāda continue to guide, inspire and educate this fallen soul in the path of pure devotion to Their Lordships. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 6 Chicago/Śrīla Haridāsa Ṭhākura's Disappearance Day

Nāmācārya Śrīla Haridāsa Ṭhākura Ki-Jay. Glorification of the Lord and of those fully devoted to Him is auspicious and very satisfying. There is nothing else to aspire for when one has attained the mood of constant service through glorification. We want those realizations of the Truth of devotional service to become firmly fixed in our mind and heart. Going beyond the mundane and into the supra-mundane. All realization of transcendental truth is made available by the mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda. Due to his purified state of complete and perfect Kṛṣṇa consciousness he is able to administer the realization of the Supreme Truth to his followers. Sincerity combined with the perfect execution of his instructions make the complete performance. Śrī Kṛṣṇa told Lord Brahmā the way of perfection:

- Follow scriptural evidence
- Apply theistic conduct

- Remain on the path with perseverance.

Śrīla Prabhupāda, we beg for these attributes to manifest fully in our lives. Begging for the shade of your lotus feet. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 7 Chicago

Please, save me, Śrīla Prabhupāda. A humble but desperate plea for your protection and absorption in Kṛṣṇa. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 8 Chicago

Struggling to put priorities in perspective. Preaching is the essence, *jīva-doyā*. The *bhajan* of the devotees. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, help me to become your perfect instrument in spreading Kṛṣṇa consciousness. How to balance life's services? Not a problem, only a challenge. Thank you for helping me make the right decision. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 9 Chicago

I have been here for four days. It seems to be taking more time than normal to enter into a regular schedule. My mind is a disaster, always struggling to control. Your mercy, dear Lord, is very important and eagerly sought after. Śrīla Prabhupāda, we seek your shelter and the opportunity to serve you. Please, steady our restlessness and focus our consciousness on Śrī Śrī Kīśore Kīśorī's lotus feet. Thank you very much. Our humble obeisances. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 10 Chicago

Today it was easy to pass up lunch *prasādam*. It appears unnecessary. Let's see what tomorrow brings. Śrīla Prabhupāda is Guru, Sādhū and Śāstra. Guru – present *ācārya*, Sādhū – the one from whom we determine everything, Śāstra – perfect example of spiritual truth. Śrīla Prabhupāda Ki-Jay. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 11 Chicago

Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya Mahāprabhu – my shelter and happiness. Śrīla Prabhupāda, my mind is desiring to remain fully fixed at your lotus feet. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 12 Chicago

Struggling to find some order in my devotional service. Perhaps order and surrender are contradictory. Man proposes – God disposes. Amidst my chaotic life please grant me, Śrīla Prabhupāda, the constant remembrance of your instructions and the glories of Śrī Kṛṣṇa's holy name. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 13 Chicago

Amidst all of our activities the prominent feature is to always remember You. Many times I performed my service just as a duty. And duty-mindedness is alright, but love is what we want. So performing our service out of love means to always remember You, dear Kṛṣṇa. Otherwise I can't envision any real satisfaction. By remembering You, everything, even the simplest of service, is wonderful. Because You are the Wonderful of the wonderful and Śrīla Prabhupāda has instructed us to remember You always, that is wonderful, satisfying and perfection. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 14 Chicago

Travel again, tomorrow off to Boston. Srila Prabhupada's arrival in the West. Always a nice celebration. To honor the spiritual master is more important than honoring the Supreme Lord. May we glorify Śrīla Prabhupāda with genuine love and good intelligence. Śrīla Prabhupāda Ki-Jay. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 15 Chicago – Boston

Hare Kṛṣṇa. Tomorrow we celebrate Śrīla Prabhupāda's arrival in America. Kṛṣṇa is very pleased when we honor His pure devotee. Śrīla Prabhupāda Ki-Jay. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 16 Boston

The association of Niranjana Maharaj is both sweet and burning. Sweetness is him. Humility, friendliness, great devotion, pleasing association. Burning is the pain he causes one upon separation. Great souls have all good qualities. Śrīla Prabhupāda is the greatest of the great and he has left behind many who are reflecting his greatness in devotion. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 17 Boston

Kirtan, *saṅkīrtana*. Śrī Kṛṣṇa *saṅkīrtanam*. It is our very life, very soul, everything. Kṛṣṇa in the form of His name. This chanting of Hari Nāma is the perfection of all activities material and spiritual. Praying to Śrīla Prabhupāda to have the quality of always remembering Kṛṣṇa in the form of His most sacred name. *Abinnatvam nami namino*. All glories to Śrī Kṛṣṇa *saṅkīrtana*. And all glories to that most munificent well-wisher of all *jīvas* – Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 18 Boston/Ekādaśī

40 rounds, not the best quality. Austerity! Ekādaśī – Mother of devotion. A day of internal focus. Struggling to keep the mind and senses fixed on hearing and chanting. Would love to do it more often. Develop a taste for Kṛṣṇa's name. Kṛṣṇa doesn't give Himself very easily. Pure love is the price. Complete surrender to service and *sādhana*. Meditating carefully on Śrīla Prabhupāda's instructions. Preach boldly and

chant Hare Kṛṣṇa. Nowadays that's a radical statement, especially in the USA. Bold preaching is seen as condescending. People want to be pampered, not many are willing to give up their false sense of independence. Anyway, if we can meet one sincere soul and bring him along then it is all worth it. Śrīla Prabhupāda, I am humbly and sincerely praying to become a more effective instrument in your glorious hands. Thank you for the opportunity to serve. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 19 Boston

Without proper *ācāra*, *pracāra* is ineffectual. Please, Śrīla Prabhupāda, correct my behavior. Help me to become a perfect Vaiṣṇava in all aspects of life. In addition, I offer a humble petition for the improved health of HH Radhanath Maharaj. Such a great soul is very rare. We desire his association for many, many more years. The society of devotees and the world in general is in need of his presence. If you so desire, dear Lord Gopinātha, please accept this prayer. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 20 Boston

Today, particularly now, I am feeling very happy remembering Śrīla Prabhupāda. Such a very, very great and special soul. Great spiritual knowledge, deeply devotional and extremely compassionate. Perhaps hardly in the history of great souls could one find such concentrated greatness. Unlimited good qualities and characteristics. From whatever angle of vision or whatever one is looking for in a great soul, it is there in Śrīla Prabhupāda. A most amazing, extraordinary personality. I missed a lot of that association, but I hope and pray to be able to achieve it some day. Like a dwarf trying to catch the moon, but even dwarfs can become successful with the mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda. Jai Jai Prabhupāda! Jai Jai Prabhupāda! Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 21 Boston

Trying to become steady. It is an austerity to adapt to each place. We seek balance, but more importantly surrender. Surrender is perfection. Balance is important. Śrīla Prabhupāda, only when we remember you and pray for your mercy then only do we achieve satisfaction. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 22 Boston

Chant Śrī Kṛṣṇa's holy name. Take nice Kṛṣṇa *prasādam*, dance in ecstatic jubilation. Read and study deep philosophical truths on the nature of the Absolute and preach this message to the fallen conditioned souls as an act of compassion. Pray to Śrīla Prabhupāda for perfection in understanding and serving his instructions. Avoid the allurements of Māyā and develop a distaste for anything opposed to pure devotional service. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 23 Boston/Aravinda's/Shrewsbury Mass

Sometimes I just want to say anything in these diary entries in order to perform the task. Yet, when done only out of routine the original intent is lost. To find just a few sentences to express a meaningful and devotional principle, realization or glorification. The time factor. Time and consciousness. How consciousness dilates and expands the conception of time. Aravinda's article in BTG this month. Śrīla Prabhupāda's point that a devotee seeks to employ all of one's time in the service of Lord Kṛṣṇa. The best use of time. With the body becoming older and more prone to regular periods of rejuvenation, time has taken on another feature. The continual fortifications of the body while traveling. Trying to do what is humanly possible. Pushing is becoming less in later days of life, although the need and desire remain strong. Temperance means endurance or it may mean error. The foundation for success – constant prayer at the lotus feet of Śrīla Prabhupāda to guide one in every aspect of service. Śrīla Prabhupāda, your words are our direction in life. Don't waste time. Chant Hare Kṛṣṇa and serve the Lord and the Vaiṣṇavas. Jay Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopī Vallabha, jay Śrī Śrī Kīśore Kīśorī. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 24 Shrewsbury – Hartford

A different schedule begins. Let's pray for the mercy of the devotees on all levels to allow us the opportunity to continue to serve in a way that is pleasing to Śrīla Prabhupāda and Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya Mahāprabhu. Serve in all conditions by developing a sincere desire to chant the Holy Names and offering the results in devotion to expand the preaching. Retirement, semi-retirement. All words that do not fit into the vocabulary of a disciple of His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda. Rejuvenation for greater service, that is the focus. All glories to Kṛṣṇa's holy names. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 25 Hartford

The association of advanced devotees is very refreshing and enlivening. I pray I can learn to behave and speak like a sincere and serious devotee. Śrīla Prabhupāda, by your kindness this opportunity to go deeper into Kṛṣṇa consciousness is available. We pray we can become worthy recipients and serve to please. Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 26 Hartford

A totally different schedule of activities. Nice, early rounds, association with just a few devotees, mostly with HH Niranjana Maharaja. He is very fatherly and kind. Tomorrow we begin traveling together for one week. This will be a test along with a wonderful opportunity to delve deeper in Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Whatever I have

to do to serve nicely let it be and whatever I have to do to avoid offenses or the modes of passion and ignorance let that come. Srila Prabhupada, help me out of a lazy dreaming state into a more dynamic preaching mood. Be bold, avoid getting old. Bold for Kṛṣṇa. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 27 Hartford – Canada/Ottawa

Thank you, Radhanath Maharaj. Thank you very much. Your life's encouragement and example are my inspiration in service to Śrīla Prabhupāda. If I can please you then that is my ultimate happiness. Please, Maharaja, do the needful, your health is everyone's concern. Our humble prayer is for us to continue to have your personal presence and guidance for many, many more years. We offer our humble obeisances at your lotus feet with our love. Thank you for serving Śrīla Prabhupāda in a way that is spreading Kṛṣṇa consciousness all over the world. Please, stay with us. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 28 Canada/Ottawa

An unexpected Canadian visit. New area for preaching Kṛṣṇa consciousness. By the merciful arrangement of HH Niranjana Maharaj. Good fortune to also be with Bhakti Marg Swami. What will tomorrow bring? More opportunity to chant the Holy Names and service to the Vaiṣṇavas. A taste of blissfulness. A devotee wants only service and the desire to become absorbed in chanting Hare Kṛṣṇa. Śrīla Prabhupāda has brought the service of the Supreme Lord in such a pleasing way. Chant, dance and feast. Philosophy takes us deeper into the nectar. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda for his sacrifice to spread Kṛṣṇa consciousness all over the three worlds. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 29 Canada/Ottawa/Guru Prasad's Home

Of all the unexpected places to be this is really unexpected. Ottawa Canada for my birthday. A place where no one knows the day. Kṛṣṇa is so kind by not allowing me to be subjected to honor and worship. This is His special mercy. This is His love. Love comes in the form of protection of one's devotional creeper. Knowing my tendencies for honor and prestige, the Lord has so kindly allowed me to have a very special birthday. The real celebration is to be able to serve great souls. Today, like the last few days, was no exception. Niranjana Maharaj and Bhakti Marg Maharaj, two very wonderful humble Kṛṣṇa conscious personalities. What a nice gift from Kṛṣṇa. That is the real birthday present. And the mercy of Śrī Śrī Gaura-Nitāi. All glories to Their lotus feet. Please, keep me engaged enthusiastically in your devotional service. Śrīla Prabhupāda Ki-Jay. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 30 Canada/Ottawa

Trying to fine tune my schedule. What is the use! It will get changed by circumstance very soon. Travel to a different place. Surrender to suffering, surrender to the needful. Why do I get so tired? Hard to explain. Śrīla Prabhupāda, thank you for the personal association of HH Niranjana Maharaj. I am trying to serve him and simultaneously learn from him. Your mercy is all I am made of. We are sad to hear of the loss of your grand daughter and family. Everyone is your family. Some are more connected. Thank you for everything. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 1 Canada/Ottawa

A different routine, in the association of Niranjana Maharaja. Some key points to learn. Life is meant to teach us lessons on how to live in harmony with God and with His energy. How much can I take with me and use to better efficiency in devotional service? Certainly I have the benefit of Maharaja's association as a feature of Śrīla Prabhupāda's mercy. Śrīla Prabhupāda is the embodiment of Lord Nityānanda's mercy. We take shelter of that mercy by endeavoring to increase our service and surrender. All glories to Lord Nityānanda, who empowered Śrīla Prabhupāda with His full mercy. That is our good fortune and valuable treasure. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 2 Canada/Ottawa/Ajay Gupta's – Merrimac N.H.

It is with great unhappiness we learnt of the departure from our association of one of the most dedicated and beloved sons of Śrīla Prabhupāda, His Divine Grace Srila Swarupa Damodara Maharaja. Our relationship was becoming stronger over the last few years. His association was very wonderful. Always jolly and filled with a positive outlook about his preaching to the scientific world. We will miss him greatly. Personally he showed me special kindness when we were together in Italy. Upon seeing my copy of the recent released 1st volume version of *Caitanya-caritāmṛta*, he took a strong interest in it. I immediately arranged for him to receive a copy. During that time we spoke together on many of his ideas for preaching and his previous successes. We took lunch together, stayed in the same room together in Terni, Italy, and shared close friendship. He even went so far in his generosity towards me to give me a financial donation knowing it would help me in my travels. This was his care and kindness. In his visits to Chicago we took *prasādam* together and I remember introducing him to our Sunday congregation with great happiness and enthusiasm. He helped many and was loved by all. His preaching will be greatly missed and practically impossible to replace. Sripada Maharaj, please accept my most humble and heartfelt obeisances at your lotus feet. All glories to your service to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Signed, your loving little brother. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 3 Merrimac, N.H. – Boston

Amazing how sudden life is changing, yet that is my plan. One has to surrender, that's all. Surrender brings knowledge, clarity of vision. The lotus feet of His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda are the complete and perfect abode of absolute perfection. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, help me to remember Kṛṣṇa more and serve Him without personal motivation. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 4 Boston

Dear Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa, O Gopī Vallabha. I am presently under the shade of Your lotus feet and feeling content but not yet perfect in my determination to be Kṛṣṇa conscious. Please, give me that determination and help me to reflect more deeply before speaking. Spontaneity is all right, but it can also be a little risky. Purify my heart and illuminate my mind with the mood of a sincere and serious devotee. Śrīla Prabhupāda, your mercy is our everything. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 5 Boston – Hartford

Hare Kṛṣṇa. Time to read. Your consciousness needs to hear the message of Lord Caitanya Mahāprabhu coming from Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 6 Hartford

All glories that are to be found are easily found in Kṛṣṇa's holy name. Hare Kṛṣṇa. People do not consider this nor can they understand or even take it up seriously. Only when one is blessed with the mercy of a great soul like Śrīla Prabhupāda can one's life become actually blessed. Śrīla Prabhupāda, we are trying to represent you. We are deficient and inefficient. Only you can bless these souls with the wealth of their heart – Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Give us the power to become better messengers, the determination to do it and the intelligence how. Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda. All glories to Śrī Śrī Rādhā Dāmodara on the eve of Kartik. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 7 Hartford – Chicago

By maintaining early rest and early rising no doubt we can remain enthusiastic and increase our service. This is my humble prayer. I hope it is not selfish in that it may interfere with preaching. In the long run it is the best. Chanting Hare Kṛṣṇa with absorption is wonderful. Śrīla Prabhupāda has given the process. We must follow to reach perfection. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 8 Chicago

All glories to HH Bhakti Swarup Damodara Maharaj, a very dear son of His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda. May his work continue. May Śrīla Prabhupāda be pleased with his exemplary service. Maharaja's glories are being spread throughout the three

worlds. Truly a man of deep spiritual character and limitless devotion. Bhakti Swarupa Damodara Maharaja Ki-Jay. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 9 Chicago

Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda, for a wonderful day of devotional service and very inspiring association. Your mercy is all I am made of. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 10 Chicago

Prabhupada-kathā, Kṛṣṇa *kathā* equally satisfying, equally potent. Sruta Kirti Prabhu churned the ocean of devotion with Prabhupāda-līlā and sent a tidal wave of ambrosial nectar into the ears of many thirsty seekers. Thank you, Sruta Kirti Prabhu, we are blessed by your devotion to His Divine Grace. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 12 Hungary/Budapest

Because of travel I missed yesterday's entry. At present I am experiencing that two days become one long day. Travel creates a totally different perception of time. Anyway I am not feeling any loss either physically or otherwise. Only the intense desire to serve in the midst of many senior devotees and others. I am happy to be here, but anxious that I am not able to offer anything of value. Śrīla Prabhupāda, you are the servant of the expert mystic Śrī Yogeśvara, therefore you can do the impossible. Please, make me attuned to the proper mood of service and the enthusiasm for carrying it out. Thank you. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 13 Hungary/Budapest

Conscious and cautious. Always remember Kṛṣṇa and never forget Him. Always remember this world is fraught with dangers. And Māyā is always waiting for Sītā to step out of the protection of Lakṣman. Stay carefully under the protective mercy of Lord Nṛsiṃhadeva and pray always to Lord Nityānanda for His mercy. He is very kind and compassionate. We are always in need of His compassionate kindness. I pray for His mercy to remember Him and to be fixed on how to best serve at every moment. In addition, we offer our humble prayers and petition for the speedy recovery of HH Lokanath Maharaj. Please keep him with us for many, many more years. Hare Kṛṣṇa. Śrīla Prabhupāda Ki-Jay.

October 14 Hungary/New Vraja Dham

A beautiful day of glorification of the Lord. The Holy Name, the Holy Name, the Holy Name. Our very life, our nourishment, our joy. All glories to Kṛṣṇa in the form of His holy name as it emanates from the hearts of His dear devotees with love imbued with ever sweet rasa. All glories to that great soul who brought Kṛṣṇa's name

to the Western world and beyond – His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 15 Hungary/New Vraja Dham/Holy Name Day

5+4 – 9 hours of kirtan. Glorification of the Lord by chanting His holy names. All glories to those devotees who have a deep attachment for chanting Kṛṣṇa's holy name and relish it continuously. We are amazed to see the devotion here at NVD. Rādhē Śyām are the focus of the love of the devotees. Great service is done simply for Their pleasure. Perfection is difficult to achieve, but here one can see glimpses in a most profound way. All glories to HH Sivaram Maharaj, who has created a beautiful offering for Śrīla Prabhupāda and a major step in spreading Lord Caitanya's movement. We offer our humble obeisances at his lotus feet. Jay Jay Śrī Rādhē Śyām. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 16 Hungary/New Vraja Dham

Must be careful with my restless mind and how it comes out in the form of speech. Vaiṣṇava etiquette is to be held in high esteem and must be carefully practiced in order to properly create a devotional mood amongst Vaiṣṇavas. Think before speaking, think before acting. Think, a devotee is thoughtful, spontaneity is a result of these practices, not a prelude. Śrīla Prabhupāda has given knowledge and knowledge of the practice is essential. Please, Śrīla Prabhupāda, bestow your mercy on those two ladies who approached for mercy. Your mercy is all that is needed. Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 17 Hungary/New Vraja Dham

It is easy to get captured by Māyā when one becomes careless. Satisfaction of the senses can lead and will lead to further desires for sense gratification which for an aspiring *bhakta* is detrimental to spiritual progress and causes entanglement in material life. Be careful, be conscious, be Kṛṣṇa conscious. Never consider yourself safe. Always be on guard against Māyā's allurements. Inattention has caused many to fall. Always think of Kṛṣṇa and how best to serve. Praying to Śrīla Prabhupāda for the opportunity to hear his daily messages once again. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 18 Hungary/New Vraja Dham – Chicago

24 hours in transit, a record. Not the kind of record I'm striving for. My desired record is how much I can remember Kṛṣṇa in His holy name while traveling. I thank Śrīla Prabhupāda and Kṛṣṇa for this opportunity to travel and preach, I pray I can become more effective in helping others. Your mercy is all I am made of. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 19 Chicago

We pray to Śrīla Prabhupāda to bestow his kindness and mercy on all those who have ever asked me for mercy. Let today be a continuation of that mercy and especially for our dear, confused and lost drug addicted Bhakta Jerry. Śrīla Prabhupāda, he is in great need of your blessings. With the right association I feel he can succeed in devotional life. Thank you very much. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 20 Chicago

I have plans to stay here, perhaps Kṛṣṇa has other plans. Help me, dear Lord, to follow Your plan. That is my happiness, my perfection. You reveal Your plans through Śrīla Prabhupāda. I pray at his divine lotus feet for guidance, protection and enthusiastic devotional service. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 21 Chicago

Very enlivening and refreshing to hear and glorify the qualities and pastimes of Lord Śrī Rāmacandra. I am unqualified and always falsely proud and others are continually endorsing my illusion. How to always be humble and free from pretentiousness and egoism. My dear Lord, only You can save me. Śrīla Prabhupāda's words are the antidote for such disease. May we always be eager to hear from him and serve him with determination. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 22 Chicago/Govardhana-pūjā

Govardhana-dhārī – Giridhārī. Finding exclusive shelter under His lotus feet by carefully following the orders of His pure devotee Śrīla Prabhupāda. The path of perfection is to always remember Śrī Śrī Kīśore Kīśorī with love and service. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 23 Chicago

Please do not allow me to become critical or intolerant of others. Everyone is at their level of progress spiritually and should be seen as one who is in need of mercy. If you can give them some of Śrīla Prabhupāda's and Kṛṣṇa's mercy then that is the best. If you cannot or are not able to, then do not find fault. Things are what they are. Hate the sin not the sinner. Śrīla Prabhupāda, your example on how to preach according to time, place and situation is our model. Thank you. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 24 Chicago

I spoke with Tirtha Prabhu, he sounds spiritually strong. Amazing determination in such an adverse environment. Devotees of Lord Caitanya can sacrifice anything and everything to please the Lord. Śrīla Prabhupāda's mercy has entered deep within his

heart and life. Please, bless me in the same way. The prison of my misconceptions is entrapping me in laziness. Free me for full surrender and dedication. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 25 Chicago/Śrīla Prabhupāda's Disappearance Day

All glories to that person who brought Lord Caitanya's mercy to the whole world – His Divine Grace. Through the lives of his disciples he lives on. Śrīla Prabhupāda is victorious. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 26 Chicago

Today's class was on the glories of the Holy Name as being the central feature of spiritual progress. A noticeable appreciation from the devotees. All glories to Kṛṣṇa's holy name. Our wealth, our treasure, our happiness and progress, our very life. Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda. The greatest gift. Chanting Kṛṣṇa's holy names. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 27 Chicago

We normally think that by staying in one place and not traveling we can catch up on back work, correspondence etc. It seems the more I stay in Chicago the more we are engaged with additional services. It only increases. Yes, traveling and preaching, the carefree life of a *sannyāsī*, but not in Kali Yuga's modern westernized developed society. The austerities and complexion of modern day travel. In either situation, dear Lord, we remain helplessly dependent on Your mercy and guidance. Imagine what Śrīla Prabhupāda had to undergo to spread this movement. Unbelievable difficulties that would have crushed any young enthusiastic devotee. Śrīla Prabhupāda, we are begging, pleading for a bit of your *śakti* in order to become Kṛṣṇa conscious in this world of complication and sophistication. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 28 Chicago

Preaching is the essence. Broke the routine for preaching. That is the only regulation. Prabhupada's mercy. Acting on his behalf. We are unqualified. His mercy is carrying us. That is our success. Balaram Prabhu is doing nicely. He is becoming a real Vaiṣṇava preacher. That is our happiness, seeing another grow into an effective preacher. All glories to his Guru Maharaj. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 29 Chicago

All of a sudden the preaching opportunities are increasing, yet one must be always humble, grateful and enthusiastic. Such opportunities are the special mercy of the Lord as they are meant only as a service to His lotus feet. Preaching is the essence. Śrīla Prabhupāda is the force. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 30 Chicago

Kṛṣṇa, save me from my mind, which is filled with all kinds of nonsense, selfishness and egoistical lethargy. Perhaps someday I can become Kṛṣṇa conscious. I still have hope. What will bring that about is only Your mercy dear Lord. Praying at the lotus feet of Śrīla Prabhupāda – always eager I patiently await the mercy of Your holy name. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 31 Chicago – St. Louis

Śrī Śrī Kṛṣṇa Balarāma, Śrī Śrī Nitāi Gaura Naṭarāja. Sweet Deities. Very powerful. Śrīla Prabhupāda's mercy. Entrance prayer: Please, help me to become a better servant and to make a difference by bringing Kṛṣṇa consciousness into the lives of those I interact with here in St. Louis. Not my will but Thy be done. All glories to Kṛṣṇa's holy name.

November 1 St. Louis/Gaura Kiśora Dāsa Bābājī's Disapp./Ekādaśī

Full day. Three programs. 32 rounds. Rādhārāṇī's mercy. What am I struggling and striving towards? To surrender to Your will, dear Lord. I think I know what You want from me in terms of service and surrender. Still, it is a fact, we can never understand completely. We hope that Your temples in America can eventually get it together. Our concern is to make America once again a viable preaching arena. It is possible by organization and intelligence. Śrīla Prabhupāda's formula for action. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 2 St. Louis

Nice programs. Morning and evening. Śrīla Prabhupāda's mercy. Mr. Bharat from Cincinnati is very serious, humble. A genuine transformation of heart. If we can make just one person Kṛṣṇa conscious it is worth all the hardships we undergo. How glorious to bring a soul back to Kṛṣṇa. It is only by the mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda. *Nāma-ruci, vaiṣṇava sevā, jīva-doyā*. The complete formula. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 3 St. Louis – Washington D.C./IFAST

Please protect me from womanly association. It is going to be a concern for being on guard. The devotees here are very friendly and loving but with ladies it is dangerous, especially for one in the renounced order. Anyone can fall. Be careful, be cautious, be reserved, be Kṛṣṇa conscious. Śrīla Prabhupāda, only by your mercy is a soul successful in becoming Kṛṣṇa conscious. Therefore we pray, *Hā hā prabhu koro doyā, deho more pada chaya*. Please, be merciful unto us. Śrīla Prabhupāda Ki-Jay. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 4 Washington D.C./IFAST

Kali Yuga's ignorance is all pervading. Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda, for saving us. Unfortunately, many cannot appreciate or even understand your precious gift. One such person is my blood sister. Perhaps if you see fit, please bestow your mercy on her once again. She is lost and insecure although acting self-assured. This is my humble but sincere request. Thank you for listening to this low creature. Hare Kṛṣṇa. All glories to your mercy. An unlimited treasure of pure nectar never before experienced by the lost souls of Kali Yuga. Śrīla Prabhupāda Ki-Jay.

November 5 Washington D.C./IFAST

Bodily pains, a dose of cleansing or rather cramping. Follow the process. "The Guru is not impersonal." Burning off some accepted karma. It has to come out some way. Happy to be of service. Mercy comes in different ways. Yes, we are not the body, and we really don't think the body is nice. Only suffering. Special mercy today. Are the Ritviks correct? They say Śrīla Prabhupāda's disciples cannot be full gurus. We are too fallen. True. But we are performing the service on Śrīla Prabhupāda's order and his mercy. That is our qualification. The intelligence comes from Kṛṣṇa. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 6 Washington D.C./IFAST

I must be very careful in planning my schedule. To promise and then break is not good. Sometimes and even many times it is unavoidable. But with careful thought it can be lessened and even eliminated. To the Cleveland devotees I humbly and sincerely apologize for my constant changing. We seek your forgiveness and kindness. Today I learned my health is OK, this helps to plan on how best to travel and what to consider while traveling and even when staying extendedly. Kṛṣṇa is my full protector and remains always in control. I pray I can increase my dependence on Him by carefully following Śrīla Prabhupāda's instructions. May my service and surrender only increase. There is so much to do, please guide me, Śrīla Prabhupāda. Thank you very much. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 7 Washington D.C./IFAST

If those that I am trying to serve are pleased and benefitted then what more can I aspire for in my service. The nectar of Kṛṣṇa's holy names when enthusiastically chanted in kirtan transport one to the lotus feet of the Lord in devotion. Each day is another opportunity to serve the Lord and His devotees and to enthusiastically chant the Holy Names. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, who has so compassionately brought the full mercy of Gaura-Nitāi to the fallen conditional souls of this world of which I am one. Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 8 Washington D.C./IFAST – Chicago

Riding the waves of the material energy. Today I seemed to sink below the surface. Only to emerge again due to the unlimited and causeless mercy of Lord Nityānanda, Balarāma. Please, Śrīla Prabhupāda, correct my wayward mentality. Thank you! If I knowingly or unknowingly committed an offense to Bhuvaneshwara Prabhu I humbly apologize. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 9 Chicago

Śraddhā, faith. Firm faith. Unflinching faith in Guru and Kṛṣṇa. Faith that: “I will achieve the goal if I persevere until the last moment.” Kṛṣṇa within the heart guides, corrects, nourishes the aspiring devotee to remain committed despite all obstacles and so-called reverses. Devotees want to regain Kṛṣṇa’s association in the spiritual world in loving devotion to His lotus feet. Nothing less – only pure devotional service. Śrīla Prabhupāda is the captain of our ship. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 10 Chicago

I think, or rather I know my life has become completely blessed and perfect by the presence and mercy of Lord Balarāma. All glories to His extraordinary pastimes. The spiritual master is His chosen representative. Śrīla Prabhupāda has brought *kṛṣṇa-līlā* to the world by His mercy. Kānāi Balāi Ki-Jay. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 11 Chicago

Nice program, everything was correct. The mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda was powerfully felt. Hare Kṛṣṇa. Desire is life.

November 12 Chicago

One in devotional service must always act on behalf of the Lord, His devotees and for the benefit of the general mass of people. This must be our meditation, otherwise we cannot fully enter into the proper mood of *bhakti* which is free from any personal desire. *Prema-bhakti*, the constitutional position of all living beings. Delivered so perfectly by His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 13 Chicago

Yes, *Māyā* is tricky and if you are not feeling some pressure you are really not progressing. The material energy is so constituted that at every moment it is distracting our attention away from Kṛṣṇa and devotional service. *Dr̥ḍha-vrata* is required. Firm determination in the right mood. I have experienced that although people are suffering and in illusion, still they don’t try to help themselves unless they want it badly enough. Mostly they consider your coming on only for your own benefit, personally motivated. Kali Yuga relationships are so disturbed because the

atmosphere is so disturbed. Best just to have a plan of service and in accordance with that plan you can help others, then great. Everyone has their own half-baked understanding and advice is simply a threat to their false ego. Generally the principle is to preach and give advice only when people are receptive. Perhaps that is an absolute principle. The prayer by Saint Francis of Assisi: “Where there is doubt let me bring Faith.” All glories to His Divine Grace, who acted only on behalf of the Lord. Purity is the force. Ego is the farce. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 14 Chicago

If you want life – chant the Holy Names. Kirtan, *japa*. Just glorify the Lord and associate with those who are eager for glorification of Śrī Kṛṣṇa and who live for that. *Bhaja gaurāṅga kaha gaurāṅga laha gaurāṅgera nāme re, ye jana gaurāṅga bhaje sei āmāra prāṇa re*. Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda, for Kṛṣṇa’s holy name. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 15 Chicago – Cleveland

Nice group. Seem very interested in Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Perhaps I should come to Cleveland more often. The world is in desperate need of Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Even if we multiply our leading preachers by 100, still there will be a shortage. Spreading Kṛṣṇa consciousness in this Age is simultaneously sweet and very difficult. Kali, sin personified in the form of a very cumbersome life-style, has diverted people, time and energy into useless and frivolous activities that are harmful aesthetically, morally, physically and spiritually. Only a strong powerful dose of Lord Caitanya’s *saṅkīrtana* mercy can shake them out of their illusions. Even that seems difficult to administer as the devotees are also somewhat crippled by the chaotic atmosphere of Kali Yuga. Śrīla Prabhupāda, we humbly beg for your merciful empowerment in order to make a difference in the hearts and lives of the victims of Kali Yuga. What will it take to change this rotten society? Whatever it is, let it come. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 16 Cleveland/Ekādaśī

Met some nice people on this trip. Kṛṣṇa’s mercy. Prabhupada’s mercy. Cleveland is definitely a good prospect for preaching, especially to the western audience. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 17 Cleveland – Chicago

I feel really spaced-out, superficial, pretentious, passionate and proud simultaneously. A real network of Māyā. Tomorrow we enter the association of advanced devotees. My prayer is to be a humble servant acting in knowledge. Śrīla Prabhupāda worked tirelessly to build this Kṛṣṇa consciousness society. May we follow in his footsteps and serve with enthusiasm and deep gratitude. We are not so

important. Not in the least, but we are trying to please as much as possible. Sincerely praying for real humility born of devotion. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 19 Chicago

Missed yesterday's entry. Stayed at Vraja Mohan's house with Niranjana Maharaj. Great program. Radhanath Swami's Vyāsa-pūjā. Śrīla Prabhupāda comes powerfully through him. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 20 Chicago

The Holy Name, You, dear Lord, make everything auspicious and happy. All glories unto You. For without You life is death and death is better. I take complete shelter of You and ask for nothing else but a taste for chanting. All glories to those great souls who make the chanting of the holy name of Kṛṣṇa their very life, their all in all. Śrīla Prabhupāda's special mercy. Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 21 Chicago

Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, dear Śrī Vṛndāvanēśvarī, we offer this humble but sincere prayer to You. Please restore Radhanath Swami's health if You so desire. You are kind to Your devotees and people in general. His service and personal presence are dearly needed in order to spread Kṛṣṇa consciousness in a most exemplary manner. Our hearts will suffer deeply and continuously if he leaves this world. Please hear our prayer. Hare Kṛṣṇa. Thank You for Your mercy. Śrīla Prabhupāda Ki-Jay.

November 22 Chicago

Today it seemed that I didn't use time properly. Yet, having the opportunity for personal service to Śrīmatī Tulasī-devī was satisfying knowing it was important. We always try to serve and remember, but the ability to remember is also coming from the Lord. Kṛṣṇa says: "I am the ability in all living entities." Śrīla Prabhupāda is personally present in the form of his deity, his instructions, his books. All glories to the greatest of all philosophers of the science of spirituality. He is an incarnation of the literary genius of Śrīla Jīva Gosvāmī and Śrīla Rūpa Gosvāmī combined. May we develop a strong desire to read *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam*. Dear Lord Nṛsiṃhadeva, please, bestow Your causeless mercy on the devotees in Kazakhstan. They are struggling to practice Kṛṣṇa consciousness and must not be unduly persecuted by the government. Your mercy is strongly needed. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 23 Chicago

Fight for Kṛṣṇa. Do not look for easy life or material comforts. Look only to serve in the best possible and most pleasing way. Śrīla Prabhupāda, a cent per cent pure devotee accepted hardships for the sake of the conditioned souls. Love is not easy to

come by, pure love that is. It comes by way of sacrifice. All glories to those great souls who are our examples on how one must seek out selfless service as one's goal in life. Chant Hare Kṛṣṇa. Preach Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Fight for Kṛṣṇa. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 24 Chicago – New Vrndaban

Under the sweet shelter of Śrī Śrī Rādhā Vṛndāvana Candra. Their super sweet transcendental forms are very pleasing and satisfying for the eyes. Śrīla Prabhupāda looks satisfied and happy on his *vyāsāsana* drinking in the nectar of Śrī Jagannātha Deva, Śrī Balabhadra and Subhadrā Mahārāṇī. All glories to New Vrndaban, may it grow spiritually to once again be a powerful spiritual force in North America. This is our humble prayer and ardent hope. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 25 New Vrndaban

It seems I am eating a bit too much for lunch *prasādam*. Nice cooks, nice *prasādam*, coaching during the meal “take more”. My system cannot digest as fast as it used to. Śrīla Prabhupāda's presence on the *vyāsāsana* is very powerful. This says something for New Vrndaban. A lot of mercy is coming. It has got a great future if only cooperation would be stronger. Leadership, a vision, communication, keeping Prabhupada's instructions foremost, and regular *sādhana*. All glories to Śrī Śrī Rādhā Vṛndāvana Candra. May Their Lordship be given the best of all worship. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 26 New Vrndaban

Compromise leads to more compromise. Pure allegiance to the teachings of Śrīla Prabhupāda. Not dogmatic following or over intelligent. Understanding the principles and applying them in terms of time, place and circumstance. Organization and intelligence. The formula for successful action. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 27 New Vrndaban – Pittsburgh

The lotus feet of Lord Nityānanda are my only shelter. Please, help me to always remember my only shelter. Śrī Nitāi Gaurāṅga Ki-Jay. The embodiment of Lord Nityānanda's mercy came in a beautiful form, who traveled all over the world to bring that mercy to all, Śrīla Prabhupāda, a personal and dear associate of Śrī Nityānanda Rāma. All glories to the mercy of Gaura-Nitāi. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 28 Pittsburgh – Chicago

Whirlwind *sannyāsī*. It is very satisfying to be able to preach in many places to many persons. How long can it go on? Hopefully for many more years. It is possible only by his grace. Śrīla Prabhupāda said: “Do what I am doing.” No one is capable of doing what Śrīla Prabhupāda did. But we are trying our best in our own little way to

travel and spread Kṛṣṇa consciousness. We pray that is pleasing to Śrīla Prabhupāda and Kṛṣṇa. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 29 Chicago

The power of devotional service can propel one beyond the ordinary needs of the body, yet still we must take care of the mind and body. Proper rest and *prasādam* are essential for remaining enthusiastic and determined in our execution of devotional service. Therefore, I must admit I do not fully understand how to keep these two factors together. It was easier to forget about bodily needs when in youth, but with travel and physical deterioration of the body it can be a deterrent in one's service. We try to be like Śrīla Prabhupāda, but yet we fail to take the necessary precautions with regard to overall health. Srila Prabhupada said that his morning walk and daily massage kept him physically able to do his difficult service. All glories to his lotus feet. May we learn from him. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 30 Chicago

The pastimes of Śrīla Narottama Dāsa Ṭhākura Mahāśaya are as auspicious as the pastimes of the Supreme Lord. Simply by hearing about this magnanimous saint one becomes happy and purified. Simply by seeing him one becomes fully changed and becomes a lover of Śrī Kṛṣṇa. My prayer is to some day visit the pastime places of Narottama and hear the pure discourses of his spiritually powerful deeds. Everyday we are remembering Śrīla Narottama Dāsa Ṭhākura. Another feature of the mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda is in taking us into the lives of the great saints. Śrīla Narottama Dāsa Ṭhākura Ki-Jay.

December 1 Chicago/Ekādaśī

36 rounds, little fruit *prasādam*, ideal for Ekādaśī. Dear Lord, I seemed to be in heavy *māyā*. Lack of enthusiasm to serve Vaiṣṇavas, no eagerness for reading Śrīla Prabhupāda's books, dragging through the morning program, always looking into the future. Laziness and intolerance are my ornaments, sleep is my favorite activity. Only by Your mercy can I regain my determination to serve with humility. Thank You. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 2 Chicago

If I really want to be happy in my execution of devotional service while in Chicago, I need to do only one thing more each day. Take up the mission of preaching. Otherwise I am not pleasing Śrīla Prabhupāda as much as I should. Preaching is the essence. To sharpen my preaching, learning and regular reciting of verses is very helpful. Engaging the mind in remembering and reciting the scriptures. This is the

service of a preacher. All glories to *Śrī Bhagavad-gītā*. We take refuge in its message. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 3 Chicago

My dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, how can I become a better servant? Please guide me. Sometimes I think I am okay, and other times I feel so contaminated. All I really know is that I need your constant mercy and guidance to free myself from personal motivation and to know my limitations in balancing health, *sādhana* and service. One who is still on the mixed platform cannot clearly understand how best to serve. Therefore, Gurudeva, Śrīla Prabhupāda, help me to understand how to serve in a way that is pleasing. Thank you for listening to this humble prayer. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 4 Chicago

I found out what is missing. Ecstatic kirtans with devotees whose life, soul, everything is Kṛṣṇa kirtan. Kirtan is our life, everything. Some days I want the service of only kirtan, *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam* and Lord Caitanya's pastimes. Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta, whose Disappearance Day is in 4 days, emphasizes Kṛṣṇa *kathā* as everything. Śrīla Prabhupāda mentions in *Caitanya-caritāmṛta Ādi 13.66* purport: This Kṛṣṇa consciousness movement has no other business, *hari-kīrtan*, *hari-pūjā*, *hari-kathā*. When will these activities be our only focus. No politics, gossip, *prajalpa*, wasting precious time. All glories to Kṛṣṇa's holy name. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 5 Chicago – Harrisburg, PA./Tamal's Home

My *prasādam* schedule seems to be changing again. Somehow the initial effect appears beneficial. But what is the practical spiritual outcome. Will it be in line with Kṛṣṇa's plan or is it just my fallout program. Breakfast previously seemed to be an adventure in sense gratification and lunch seems to be always hard to digest. With varying schedules and lifestyles my only recourse is to depend on Kṛṣṇa and accept *prasādam* in the spirit of service and renunciation. For any endeavor in Kṛṣṇa consciousness requires the blessings of Śrīla Prabhupāda and Śrī Kṛṣṇa. This is essential. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, please give me your mercy. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 6 Harrisburg PA. – Gita Nagari

Throughout the day I was experiencing a special joy within my mind. The news of Radhanath Maharaj successful surgery confirms these feelings of happiness. May HH Radhanath Maharaj live a long life and continue with his most incredible devotional service of spreading Lord Caitanya Mahāprabhu's mission around the world. All glories unto his lotus feet. His precious service is a shining gem on the body of His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda. Maharaj, please, accept my most humble and joyful obeisances. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 7 Gita Nagari

What can I do to serve, assist and inspire the devotees here in their Kṛṣṇa consciousness? Everything is simply the mercy of His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda. Repeat his words with conviction and realization. Tomorrow we are fortunate to be able to honor Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī Ṭhākura. By his mercy and blessings we can try to offer some words of honor and glorification. Quality of *japa* has slipped, now to work on improvement. Dear Lord, please help me to serve according to how best to serve and to seriously take shelter of the Holy Name, *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam* and Śrī Śrī Rādhā Dāmodara. All glories unto Their sweet lotus feet. Glorious Appearance Day of Radhanath Swami Maharaj. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 8 Gita Nagari – Harrisburg PA./ Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Disapp.

Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī Mahārāja Ki-Jay. All glories to this fabulously great personality. A Ray of Viṣṇu. Light of lights, a strong beacon of Kṛṣṇa's mercy and compassion. A bright beacon of light in this world of darkness, death, suffering, illusion, the place for fools and cheaters. May we always have the opportunity to serve his lotus feet by speaking his glories and pastimes. Two Prabhupādas. All glories to their most merciful lotus feet. Thank you very much. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 9 Harrisburg PA./Tamal Kṛṣṇa's Home

Yes, the lotus feet of Lord Nityānanda are the only shelter. His lotus feet destroy all inauspiciousness, all material anxiety. May Lord Nityānanda bless me with a strong desire to preach the glories of Lord Caitanya. I am lazy, silly, unfocused, a waster of time, always unsatisfied, extremely proud, a hoarder of wealth, a finder of faults in others, impudent, unable to improve my devotional service, a listener of others' conflicts, unable to do the simplest service and always eager to satisfy my senses. These are activities of my daily life. Only Lord Nityānanda, the carrier of mercy, is able to save me from these calamities. Śrīla Prabhupāda, the embodiment of Nityānanda's mercy, be kind upon this useless person. I pray that someday soon I will once again seriously read and study *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 10 Harrisburg – Gita Nagari

To hear about, to chant about, to always remember the beautiful lotus-eyed Supreme Personality of Godhead. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, please give me the intelligence to apply this principle in my life more and more each day. This is the solution to all problems and the supreme method for becoming completely happy and fully Kṛṣṇa conscious. All glories to Srila Bhakti Tirtha Maharaj, who has fully exemplified the formula for complete Kṛṣṇa consciousness – to offer one's life in the service of the

Lord for the benefit and upliftment of others. All glories unto his lotus feet. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 11 Gita Nagari – Chicago

The price of spiritual advancement is constant vigilance. Whenever a powerful personality leaves the planet, his teachings and works come under attack. This is history. To fight for Kṛṣṇa is a great privilege, the fast track to spiritual perfection. Śrīla Prabhupāda was the best of fighters for Kṛṣṇa. He was the best of everything. May we never fall prey to laziness and complacency. These bring instant setbacks in our progress. All glories to the great souls who made Kṛṣṇa their life, soul, everything. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 12 Chicago

By attentively chanting the holy name of Kṛṣṇa all problems are solved, all conflicts are cleared, all ignorance is destroyed. Everything rests on Kṛṣṇa's name. Kṛṣṇa's name is Kṛṣṇa. Of this there is no doubt. A gift of Divine Love from His Divine Grace. This is the only topic. The perfection of life is to chant Kṛṣṇa's holy name with full faith and confidence. Transformation of consciousness to Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Clear! Everything becomes completely clear. A most merciful and supremely powerful Holy Name, I fall at Your feet, a beggar begging for a single drop of Your unlimited mercy. Chant. Chant. Chant. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 13 Chicago

All glories to those most merciful, most munificent, most magnanimous, most maddened fellows of Śrī Śrī Nitāi Gauracandra. Nitāi Gaura's lotus feet are the supreme perfection and the only goal. Their mercy comes in oceanic waves inundating the shore of Māyā's banks with an unending flow of love of Godhead, bringing with Them wherever They travel Their devotee assistants. Our beloved Jayapataka Swami has advented on the door of Śrī Śrī Kīśore Kīśorī's palace bringing with him a sweet flood of devotional nectar. All glories unto his service. A virtual colossal giant of devotion and compassion. A very dear son, disciple of His Divine Grace A. C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupada. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 14 Chicago

Gaurāṅga bolite habe pulaka śarīra, hari hari bolite nayane ba' be nīra. This is perfection. Lord Caitanya and Lord Nityānanda have come with the medicine – *harināma-saṅkīrtana*. This is the only thing to achieve. The position of chanting Rādhā Kṛṣṇa's holy names in the association of others whose only goal in life is Their lotus feet. This is our aspiration and perfection of everything offered. Śrīla Prabhupāda, you have produced many great devotees. You are the greatest among

all who are truly great. Your service is the perfection of good fortune and pious activities accumulated for countless lives. Now I sit at your lotus feet with no real desire to serve. Please, change that and give me your full mercy in the form of pure devotional service unto you. I am an insect amongst so many great souls who are my Godbrothers. Let me develop real devotion unto you and please you always. I am a beggar and without real hope of doing anything worthy, but you can change all that. Please, give me the association of your lotus feet. All glories unto you. Thank you for coming into my life. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 15 Chicago

This evening it was revealed to me how kind Kṛṣṇa is toward this useless person. Over the years the Supreme Personality of Godhead has exhibited that mercy in the highest way possible. By carefully placing me in the association of many of his dear, exalted and sweet devotees. Radhanath Maharaj, Lokanath Maharaj, Sacinandana Maharaj and just recently Niranjana Maharaj. Also Kavicandra Maharaj, but that relationship was different. In all cases I have been given the best of all guidance and examples. Yet, I still remain fallen and unable to assimilate what was readily offered. I can only pray to Śrīla Prabhupāda to please continue to shower your mercy upon me in this way. This is my only hope for advancement. I would also add HH Giriraja Maharaj and Jayapataka Maharaj. Jayapataka Maharaj has brought me the mercy of Śrī Śrī Gaura-Nitāi in such a wonderful way. And last, but not at all least, my dear friend and worshipable Godbrother and constant guide HH Bhakti Tirtha Swami Maharaj. May I remain in their association eternally. Thank you, Srila Prabhupada. All glories to your devotees. Kirtanananda Maharaja resides deep in my heart and in my life. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 16 Chicago – Boulder

My mind could use a spiritual boast. A little dull. A good kick from the foot of my dear spiritual master may do some good. Travel is not getting any easier. Praying to keep going and to consider all difficulties as a heartfelt offering unto the lotus feet of Guru and Kṛṣṇa. Keep me going and keep me from complaining. Actually I deserve worst. *Tat te 'nukampām...* Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 17 Boulder

Thank you for the kick, although at the time it happened I was upset. Instead of seeing my fault I saw only the kick at the time it happened, but in retrospect I recall I was praying for some mercy. All glories to the Holy Name, Srila Bhaktivinoda has declared there is nothing in the 14 worlds like the holy name of Kṛṣṇa. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 18 Boulder – Denver

All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Please allow me to continue to offer some service by inspiring others in their Kṛṣṇa consciousness. I am unqualified. You can make the unqualified qualified. That is your mercy. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 19 Denver

Kirtan is life. Presently I am dying and need more kirtan to bring back some life to this dead person. All glories to those who are absorbed in glorifying You, dear Lord, they have understood the supreme goal. Śrīla Prabhupāda, I pray for increased enthusiasm, determination to push on. It is difficult given the present circumstances, yet your mercy can change difficulties into success. Thank you. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 20 Denver

Your mercy is everything, it comes in different forms, but it is always the best medicine. Please help me to accept your mercy and to act perfectly. The mercy that is desirable is the sweet taste of Your holy name and the association of Your dear devotees. That is what I want. Śrīla Prabhupāda, my life is yours. I have no claim over it, only to use it for your service. Please keep me out of Māyā and help me to always remember Śrī Śrī Gaura-Nitāi. They are perfect medicine for all the ills of Kali Yuga. *Kali yuga pāvana, kali bhaya-nāśana, śrī śacī-nandana nāma re*. All glories to the lotus feet of Gaura-Nitāi. Jay Nitāi. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 21 Denver

“Man proposes, God disposes,” but for His devotee who is trying to serve Him, although very incompetently and incompletely, He makes perfect all necessary arrangements. If I had gone to Reno it would have been very difficult given the fact of my rocky days in the Rocky Mountains when I arrived. Thank you, Lord, for Your love and care. I am unable to do anything right governed by false intelligence and always prone to speculation. All glories to Your love for Your devotees. I hope I can with Your mercy again begin to serve with enthusiasm. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 22 Denver

Your mercy is best exhibited in the opportunity to receive the association of Your pure devotees. Devotee association keeps one from mental speculation and gives one the opportunity for service. I am lame, never open to advice and falsely proud. My ornaments are always demanding service from others and wasting precious time. Always glorifying *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam*, but unable to read it continuously and regularly. Glorifying the Holy Name, but unable to keep my mind fixed when chanting. Praying for the proper attitude that makes me somewhat worthy to be

called a disciple of His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda. Please, keep me engaged in Your service and in the service of Your servants. Today we had the great privilege to speak on and honor Śrīla Jīva Gosvāmī. May the example of the Gosvāmīs be fixed as our goal. No Māyā, complete absorption in Kṛṣṇa *nāma*, Kṛṣṇa *līlā*, Kṛṣṇa *pūjā*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 23 Denver

Stuck inside of Denver with the separation blues again. Here is where it all began, 1972. A hippie looking for God. Found love on Cherry Street. The temple is still here, 34 years later. All glories to Śrī Śrī Rādhā Govinda, Lord Jagannātha, Baladeva, Subhadrā Mayī. Kṛṣṇa has expanded into His forms of Gaura-Nitāi and Śrī Śrī Rādhā Govinda to increase Their mercy upon the conditioned souls. Presently I feel like a severe mercy case. No sense control, no desire for anything, void is my destiny. Hoping against hope. To become Kṛṣṇa conscious is just a nice dream. Serve the best I can, perhaps it should be better and without conditions. Kick me, dear Lord, if that is Your desire, but never leave me. Prabhupāda's lotus feet is everything, my unsteady mind is everywhere else. Praying, begging, pleading, crying out. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, please keep me under the shade of your lotus feet in devotional service. My hope is your mercy. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 24 Denver

I had the privilege to speak on the glories of Lord Jesus Christ. This helps me to appreciate the wealth of Christianity. Such a pure lover of the Lord whose exclusive business was to implement eternal religious principles in a way that was simple and easy to understand yet caused a revolution in the way of the previous system. All glories unto his lotus feet. I hope he will accept me as his devotee and follower. Hare Kṛṣṇa. His teachings have been expounded upon by Śrīla Prabhupāda, who only had glorification and appreciation for Lord Christ. Hari Bol.

December 25 Denver

All glories to that great personality Lord Jesus Christ. A greatly empowered son of Kṛṣṇa who spread eternal religious principles worldwide. May his true teaching emerge triumphant and enlighten and enliven the hearts of all who seek his shelter. Śrīla Prabhupāda had only words of praise and glorification for Jesus Christ. A true devotee of God is free from narrow minded thought and can see Truth whenever it appears. Just as a geologist can detect gold buried within stone, so a pure devotee of the Lord can detect Truth whenever and wherever it manifests. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, the pure and perfect representative and follower of Lord Jesus Christ. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 26 Denver – Boise

Radhika Ramana Prabhu and his very devotional Mother, Aruddha Mataji. Only by the grace of Śrīla Prabhupāda will I have the necessary desire to want to serve as nice and pleasing as possible within my present range. This is my prayer. Although I am always concerned how to improve my health, *japa* and reading time, my desire to serve the devotees must reign supreme. Travel is again becoming difficult. I beg wholeheartedly for the required intelligence. Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 27 Boise

The Holy Name is everything and when association of wonderful devotees combines, we have entered into the spiritual world. When writing, Śrīla Prabhupāda is booming the glories of six Goswamis of Vṛndaban. Śrīla Prabhupāda's devotion permeates each and every syllable. May we always be absorbed in his sound vibration. Jay Jay Śrī Rādhe. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 28 Boise

The glories of the holy name of Kṛṣṇa, the *mahā-mantra*, are as great, or even greater than Śrī Kṛṣṇa Himself. Endowed with the extra feature of mercy the Holy Name reveals all spiritual truths. Endowed with the mercy of Kṛṣṇa's name one travels on the wings of transcendence. All glories to *Śrī Śikṣāṣṭaka*, in these prayers the entire process of *bhakti* is enclosed. Another feature of Śrīla Prabhupāda's unlimited mercy. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 29 Boise

Not reading the books. Frequently I enter into this awkward flow. No regulation for reading. I am speaking, but not taking in – *śravaṇam* is essential for *kīrtanam*. Śrīla Prabhupāda, *guru mukha padma vākya cittete koriyā aikya*. Spiritual enthusiasm is sustained and increased by hearing from Śrīla Prabhupāda through his books. We need to get focused on reading. Life is difficult to understand. Kṛṣṇa is very kind. All glories to whatever He ordains for each one of us. Read, preach, stay enthusiastic. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 30 Boise/Ekādaśī

Often I am thinking about where I would best be able to remain and preach. Preaching is everywhere, but structure helps to facilitate. Now Boise has entered into the choicest. My mind vacillates between places and modes of service. Perhaps I would be best able to serve by continuous travel, which is my present state. But what about health, *sādhana* etc. Yet staying in one place brings familiarity and indifference. I will end by praying to Śrīla Prabhupāda and Śrī Kṛṣṇa with utmost

humility and detachment. How best can I serve You. This is my prayer of the heart.
Śrī kṛṣṇa saṅkiītanam Ki-Jay. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 31 Boise

Great day! Candra Prabhu, a disciple of Bhakti Tirtha Swami, was offered 2nd initiation. My responsibilities increase. I humbly and sincerely pray to be able to serve these souls with enthusiasm and expertize. A person's life in Kṛṣṇa consciousness is everything and it is our devout duty on behalf of His Divine Grace to serve them in the best possible way so they can reach the goal of purity in devotion. The karmis celebrate tonight the end of '06 and the beginning of the next year. Their celebrations are empty and devoid of any real meaning. Real celebration is the glorification of the Lord and His devotees. What will empty rituals surrounded by gross forms of intoxication do other than shorten the life span of a human being and push one more into degraded life. All glories to Kṛṣṇa's holy name, the only real means for celebration. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 1 Boise

New Year's *japathon*. More people participated this year than ever before. The success was in the number of devotees. The chanting inspired me to break for needed services, otherwise I would have gone far beyond my meager 36 rounds. Yes, the holy name of Kṛṣṇa! Due to certain upbringing people cannot rid themselves of prejudices. Anyway, the Name is very, very merciful, inspiring everyone to take it up. Chanting Hare Kṛṣṇa, my life, my soul, my love. All glories to Śrī Kṛṣṇa *saṅkīrtana*. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, who spread Kṛṣṇa's name to all towns and villages. That alone was the thrust of his success in entering into the lives of others. The wonderful thing is it is still going on strong today. Nāma Prabhu, Your lotus feet are covering the three worlds and extending far beyond. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 2 Boise – Chicago

Back to the lotus feet of Śrī Śrī Kīśore Kīśori. What challenges will I encounter? I pray I can use my time wisely, properly, with devotion. By the mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda we are eagerly chanting Kṛṣṇa's holy names. Alone that is sufficient for success in all areas of devotional service. Śrī Kṛṣṇa *saṅkīrtana* is our life, our love, our ardent desire. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 3 Chicago

Stay absorbed in devotional service by developing a greater degree of tolerance. Bg.2.41. Do not look for easy life, only seek out service. Easy/difficult *Vyavasāyātmikā buddhir*. Chant Kṛṣṇa Nāma with attention, devotion, intelligence. Māya is as strong as you are weak. It's a fight. Please, always remember this. Many stalwarts have fallen to the wayside. There is an unlimited reservoir of mercy found at the lotus feet of Śrī Nityānanda Rāma. One drop of that mercy can drown the world in love of Godhead. Śrīla Prabhupāda opened wide the flood gates of Kṛṣṇa *prema* and it is engulfing the entire planet. Śrī Nitāi Gaurāṅga. Our only object of love and service. May we humbly but enthusiastically accept Their merciful shelter. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 4 Chicago

Countdown London. A race to complete services needed to be done. Hankering to become more engaged in *harināma saṅkīrtana*. The heart is longing to meet the elixir of devotional love – Śrī Nāma Prabhu. The feet need to dance as their only purpose is dancing to the sounds of *prema* in the form of *saṅkīrtana* to Śrī Nāma. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, I humbly apologize if I did anything incorrect in my exchange with the lady from the Brahma Kumaris. Or if I failed to mention what

needed to be said. All glories to you for you have successfully and carefully scrutinized all Vedic scriptures and have gleaned its essence in practical life in a way that is truly beautiful. Pure loving service to Rādhā Kṛṣṇa in Śrī Vṛndāvana All glories to Their amazing pastimes. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 5 Chicago

A new Bhakti Vṛkṣa group, nice people, humble, some eager, others observing. Wherever we are led to preach, that is the best opportunity to give and receive Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Never mind what is easy or difficult, what matters is 100% giving in service to others. Śrīla Prabhupāda came to the down and out hippies, acidheads, freaks and other such animals. He gave them everything. That is our line, we are out to give. *Paropaka*: for the benefit of others. Taking so we can give more and only giving that which is Kṛṣṇa consciousness. *Bhakti* means love, love means for the beloved – Kṛṣṇa and His parts and parcels. The greatest gift, the gift of eternal life. All glories to Śrī Guru Paramparā. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 6 Chicago

Looking at what services I want (need) to accomplish in order to feel that nothing was left undone that should have been done. I recall that on every previous occasion it wasn't executed devotionally or intelligently. Therefore, in order to feel satisfied, I offer my humble obeisances to the Lord and my eternal spiritual master with this prayer: "Not my will, but Thy be done." Whatever you want to occur will occur by Your mercy. I accept myself only as Your humble servant depending on Your will and guidance. I want to be attached only to what pleases You. That's all. Please, guide me properly. Jay Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 7 Chicago

What can I write about that is worthy of notation. All I can do is rejoice in Kṛṣṇa's holy name. Yes, Śrīla Prabhupāda, you have done wonders, miracles. The list is endless, a vast ocean of Lord Caitanya's pastimes. Heading the list is the injection of the Holy Names into the minds and hearts of your followers and many others. All glories to you, Śrīla Prabhupāda, for the greatest gift. Śrī Kṛṣṇa Nāma.

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

January 8 Chicago

The conclusion of another stay in the US. Tomorrow it is off to London, then on to India. I am really going for the association. The devotees, the Dhāma, the festive atmosphere. My annual spiritual rejuvenation. Perhaps I can offer some service.

Some apprehension as traveling is becoming more difficult. Just the austerity of travel outweighs all other austerities. My humble prayer, petition, Dear Lord Kṛṣṇa, please keep me at Your lotus feet and never allow me to forget You. May Śrīla Prabhupāda continue to encourage me in my service. Tolerance, patience, remembrance of You. I am a beggar and begging to become a better servant. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 9 Chicago

This is just a quick entry to indicate my renewed desire to become a perfect instrument in the lotus hands of my eternal spiritual master and most beloved lord, His Divine Grace. May his mercy pour forth and bring me fully to his lotus feet. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 10 London

Praying constantly to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 11 London/BV Manor – Soho Street

In traveling and preaching the most essential of all the regulative principles becomes the guiding success in all endeavors and encounters. Always remember and never forget Kṛṣṇa. How else can one achieve success in this service which is opposed to all aspects of healthy and godly living. This lifestyle, although opposed to all sorts of sanity, will bring one to perfection. Preach the message of the Lord while always remembering Him. A noble challenge and one that needs tempering by the same sort of intelligence that comes from always remembering Kṛṣṇa. Praying, begging for mercy at the lotus feet of my eternal master, guide and friend to all living entities, His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda. All glories unto his lotus feet. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 12 London/Soho Street – BV Manor

It is very satisfying to witness the youth taking to Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Pandava Sena of London has a long history of successful outreach. An example for the world. Śrīla Prabhupāda is pleased. When will our temples in America move forward. Stuck in the past, complacent about the future. All glories to the Holy Name. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 13 London/BV Manor – travel

Today's verse from the *Caitanya-caritāmṛta* is a direct reminder of how strict one should be in association with women. Junior Haridāsa was made an example for all those in the renounced order to be very careful when in association with the opposite sex. Speech, behavior and even thought must be carefully and fully controlled. A fool is a person who considers himself safe; a serious practitioner understands and

guards against Māyā's subtleties. Take shelter of the Holy Name always and destroy the spirit of enjoyment. Always praying, begging for the mercy of the great souls, especially His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda. Please, always keep me in the shelter of your lotus feet. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 14 Travel – Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopinātha Mandir

I hope I can be of some assistance while here. Any service which may help in serving or assisting the mission is eagerly sought after. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, I would like to make time to read and study more if you so desire. All glories to Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopināthji and Their wonderful devotees. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 15 Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopinātha Mandir – Ekādaśī

Regulation in spiritual life is highly recommended and sincerely desired, but remains always out of reach. Sense gratification's presence is the factor that makes it unattainable. Therefore, with folded hands and a sincere desire to become Kṛṣṇa conscious, I humbly and sincerely pray to practice Kṛṣṇa consciousness in a more regulated fashion, becoming attached to regulation as a feature of attaining Kṛṣṇa consciousness with proficiency in executing service. Otherwise let me remain the same. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, who was always highly regulated in travel and otherwise. May his example be our goal. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 16 Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopinātha Mandir

Śrīla Prabhupāda said: "When one takes up spiritual life he is declaring war on *māyā*." It is a fight. Śrīla Prabhupāda also stated that as devotees we see Māyā as our friend. She is a pure devotee. But because there are demons, the devotees are sometimes put in difficult situation. This is evidenced in *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam* in numerous accounts of battle between *suras* and *asuras*. This is still going on today and especially it is a feature of Kali Yuga. "Armed with yoga fight", Kṛṣṇa told Arjuna. Armed with compassion for the suffering conditioned souls and a determined effort to teach true religious principles, a devotee fully takes shelter of Kṛṣṇa's holy names and chants with devotion, attention and determination. All glories to Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu and His followers headed by Śrī Nityānanda Rāma, for they are our masters and guides in this dark dangerous Age of Kali. All glories to Kṛṣṇa's holy names. Chant and be victorious. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 17 Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopinātha Mandir

About as tired as I can get. Full day! Will tomorrow be different? All by the greatness of Śrīla Prabhupāda. How can I serve? Signed: Candramauli Swami. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 18 Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopinātha Mandir

Devotees put on some amazing dramas: Pāṇḍavas in exile and Bilvamaṅgala Ṭhākura. Excellent, well acted. May the message of the second performance enter deep within my heart and destroy any and all propensity for material sense gratification. Śrīla Prabhupāda glorified the medium of drama as being better than his books. All glories to the devotees of Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopinātha. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 19 Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopinātha Mandir

Drama night again. Viśvanātha Cakravartī Ṭhākura, concluding with Śrīla Prabhupāda leaving for America. Now we are moving into a faster period – festivals, travel, preaching, Begging! crying for the mercy to always be serving in the proper mood and consciousness. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. He built a house the whole world can live in. This is not at all an overstatement. It is a fact. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 20 Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopinātha Mandir – Pus Abhiṣeka

Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī's mercy flowing like an unlimited ocean. Love in the form of fragrant flower petals. Love in the form of Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopināthji raining down Their mercy simply by Their transcendental presence. May HH Radhanath Maharaj continue unabated in expanding Śrīla Prabhupāda's mission. Kṛṣṇa consciousness in every town and village. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 21 Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopinātha – Vamsidhari's home

Man proposes God disposes. Unable to travel to Belgaum I happily remain at Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopinātha Mandir. I am feeling the pressure of less rest or too much eating. Be balanced. All success is Your mercy and the mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 22 Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopinātha Mandir

I presented a discussion program on the importance of regular reading of *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam*. Yet I don't follow my own advice. Why? By being out of touch with the glories of *Bhāgavatam*, a systematic reading and study session is needed. Śrīla Prabhupāda, we eagerly seek your mercy, guidance. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 23 Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopinātha Mandir

I have been making end of the day diary entries for about seven years. The idea came from an instruction by Śrīla Prabhupāda that a devotee should write a few lines of what he has realized in his daily devotional service. I have realized that Kṛṣṇa conscious process is an ongoing cultivation, the moment to moment importance of using each and every moment in service and remembrance of the Supreme Personality of Godhead Śrī Kṛṣṇa. Any other activity is a waste of time and a setback

toward the goal of love of God. Dear Lord, please don't allow me to forget You even for half a second. All glories to Your love for Your devotees. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 24 Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopinātha Mandir

Raging kirtan, wild dancing, it all was Lord Nitāi's mercy. He is the leader of all dancing. Whenever Lord Nityānanda dances Lord Caitanya automatically appears. Everyone loves Nitāi's dance. A dance of pure loving devotion. What are my qualifications? Absolutely none. It's only Nitāi's mercy coming through Śrīla Prabhupāda. Chant, dance, take *prasādam* and inspire others to do the same. There is nothing else. All glories to Kṛṣṇa's holy name. Jay Nitāi. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 25 Bombay – Pune Yātrā – Advaita Ācārya's Appearance Day

By the mercy of Śrī Advaita Ācārya we took part in an amazingly blissful kirtan. Gaura Vani Prabhu led, Radhanath Maharaj sang and danced beautifully. Jay Jagananth Prabhu did his twirls, spins and upward jumps. Praying sincerely at the lotus feet of Śrī Śrī Gaura-Nitāi for Their sweet mercy. Such compassion, ecstasy emanating from Their transcendental forms. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, who has successfully given the world the means for eternal happiness. We fervently pray they will someday recognize it and take it up. Jay Śrī Advaita Ācārya. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 26 Pune Yātrā

Dancing, dancing, dancing. Lord Nityānanda's blessings. One third of the process for self realization is to dance for the pleasure of the Lord and his pure devotees. All glories to Srila Radhanath Maharaj for his wonderful devotional mood, very sweet and sublime. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda – by his grace everything else we do has meaning and purpose. The spiritual master – the link with the Lord. Śrīla Prabhupāda Ki-Jay.

January 27 Pune Yātrā

Sweet vibrations, intense palpitations, tasty creations, dynamic dispensations, talented dramatizations, sheltered association. These are just a few of the outstanding features of this Yātrā. May Śrīla Prabhupāda bless us so we can increase this program every year. All glories to the Vaiṣṇava devotees of the Lord under the compassionate guidance of HH Radhanath Maharaj. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 28 Pune Yātrā – Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopinātha Mandir

A devotee is always looking towards how best to serve. A balance of quality hearing and chanting with practical service. Traveling effects the quality of both, leaving one physically strained. Following in the footsteps of Śrīla Prabhupāda means to not consider one's happiness or distress, but focus only on the order of the spiritual

master. All glories to those who have surrendered everything for preaching. This movement will become successful only when we have devotees who are willing to give their lives in order to show compassion to others. It is glorious, it is Lord Caitanya's order. Preach the message of Hari Nāma to all. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 29 Bombay/ Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopinātha Mandir – Tirupati – Ekādaśī

Solely by the blessings of Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī was I barely able to complete, although not very attentively, my Ekādaśī *japa* vow of 32 rounds. Travel with Radhanath Maharaj makes traveling more bearable and easier. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, who is inspiring his followers to preach in a grand fashion by accepting the great austerity of erecting temples for the Lord. Another major temple is about to appear in ISKCON. Śrī Śrī Rādhā Govinda Aṣṭa Sakhī of Śrī Tirupati Dhāma. All glories to these devotees. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 30 Tirupati Dhāma

Beautiful vibrations of loving devotional service, all pervading. The beginning of a grand temple. Glorious, an architectural wonder. Simply magnificent. Stupendous, amazing and full of spiritual variegated *rasa*. Śrīla Prabhupāda's mercy coming in tsunami waves. All glories to Revati Raman Prabhu for outstanding leadership. Proof the process works. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 31 Tirupati Dhāma – Nityānanda Trayodaśī

Installation of Śrī Śrī Rādhā Govinda Aṣṭa Sakhī. Stupendous, glorious, a grand celebration. All glories to Revati Raman Prabhu and to his devotees for glorifying Śrīla Prabhupāda's mission in such a grand way. May this project become a major force in bringing Lord Caitanya's movement to the south of India and to the whole world. Śrīla Prabhupāda Ki-Jay. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 1 Tirupati Dhāma

Darśana of Bālājī. An adventure in spiritual experience with some devastation of my physical body. Mercy of Śrī Bālājī. All glories unto His lotus feet in which His transcendental right hand is indicating the perfection of being in His presence. We offer our most humble prayers of glorification and appreciation unto Śrī Viṣṇu in the form of Śrī Veṅkaṭeśvara Bālājī. Another wonderful feature of Śrīla Prabhupāda's generosity upon his followers and devotees. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. All glories unto his dedicated followers, with special focus on HH Radhanath Maharaj, a miracle in sweet devotional love. By the grace of Śrīla Prabhupāda he is furthering a movement of pure devotion in a mood of selfless sacrifice. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 2 Tirupati Dhāma

The mercy of Padmavatī Devī and Bālājī's older brother Govinda Rāja is holding this poor soul up. What special mercy, Padmavatī Devī kindly gave me Her special garland. Imagine the austerities She performed in order to become reunited with Her eternal worshipable Lord and husband Śrīnivāsa. The abode and residence of Lakṣmī Devī, which is always at the feet or on the chest of Lord Nārāyaṇa. Śrī Rāma, Śrī Nṛsiṃhadeva, Śrī Viṣṇu. All are the one Supreme Śrīnivāsa. The pastimes of the Supreme Lord are so wonderful. Please dear Lord, reunite me with Your *līlās*, I am drying up, my heart is a desert and my mind is an endless highway of turns without direction. With full eagerness and hope I pray to Śrīla Prabhupāda, please give me Kṛṣṇa *kathā* and philosophy in the form of transcendental literature. This is my most fervent and needed prayer. All glories to the Lord's glorious activities and to those great saints who are constantly absorbed in the Lord's *līlās*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 3 Tirupati – Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopinātha Mandir

The months of December and January are ideal for a *sannyāsī* to rest, recuperate, study, write, breaking from extensive and continuous travel. I haven't done this nor have I thought of this until recently. A *sannyāsī's* duty is to preach, travel, but this can only be effectively supported by a program of reading and studying. Otherwise one becomes pulled in different directions and it becomes difficult to remain focused. With the appearance of Śrī Nityānanda Rāma the command to preach becomes wider and the mercy flows. With the appearance of Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu it becomes full blown. Eating and sleeping are simply meant to maintain the material body in order to serve effectively. They are not features of enjoyment. May the words of Śrīla Prabhupāda increase, and may following those words reach maturity in practice. Disciple means discipline and discipline is the feature of chastity and devotion. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 4 Chowpatty – Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopinātha Mandir

Undoubtedly Māyā is going to take Her potshots as I resume a more concentrated preaching agenda. Lord Caitanya has taught us that one of the symptoms of surrender is to completely and totally depend on the mercy of the Lord. With full attention and conviction I offer my prayers for complete shelter unto the lotus feet of the Lord with complete dedication to the instructions of Śrīla Prabhupāda in order to keep preaching foremost in the *sannyāsa āśrama*. Please, dear Kṛṣṇa, Śrīla Prabhupāda, give me the needed intelligence, determination and devotion to absorb myself in the mood of spreading Lord Caitanya's message and protect me from Māyā. Humbly thanking You very much. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 5 Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopinātha Mandir – Pune

The holy name of Kṛṣṇa. Kṛṣṇa's name is more merciful than Kṛṣṇa, for one can only approach Kṛṣṇa in this Age through His holy name. The success of His Divine Grace is due to keeping Kṛṣṇa's name always first and foremost. All glories to those devotees of the Lord who have understood deeply the exclusively supreme position of Kṛṣṇa in the form of Śrī Hari Nāma. Mahāprabhu's mercy is focused on Hari Nāma and *seva* to Vaiṣṇavas. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 6 Pune

Hare Kṛṣṇa! It is a sad affair when one ponders the fate of modern India in its frantic pursuit of Westernized sense gratification. One can only lament the fate of these souls who were given a good birth in a pious nation wherein spiritual life was readily available and very strong. Now it is, at least in the cities, being replaced by mindless sensual pursuits. Perhaps something will bring them back to their spiritual roots; maybe Kṛṣṇa will come again in the form of unfulfilled dreams. All glories to the land of India. May it realize its greatest wealth and treasure –devotional service to Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa. Śrīla Prabhupāda has come to save them. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 7 Pune – Appearance Day of Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī

The good fortune that I have received from Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī Mahārāja is unimaginable. Again I had the opportunity in two different programs to speak some of the innumerable glories and achievements of this *paramahansa* Vaiṣṇava. Śrīla Prabhupāda seemed very pleased and extremely satisfied as I took *darśana* of this great personality. My request is that I can continue to have the good fortune to be able to speak on the glorious life of Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta. May his remembrance remain constantly with me and may I have the desire to learn more and more about him and his teaching. All glories to Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī Mahārāja. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, my beloved Guru and spiritual father. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 8 Pune – Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopinātha Mandir

Kṛṣṇa reciprocated more than expected. My visit was continuous preaching. I look forward to returning next month. I must be cautious with regards to *sādhana*, *japa*. Early morning attentive *japa* is becoming very difficult to arrange. Late night traveling is pushing it out. Hopefully Śrī Vṛndāvana Dhāma will allow me the privilege of added hearing and chanting. My taste has lessened, and only by Your mercy can it be revived. All glories to Your precious holy name. All glories to the mercy giver of Your holy name, my beloved spiritual master and eternal father Śrīla Prabhupāda. Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda, for the gift of devotional service. The treasure of all treasures. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 9 Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopinātha Mandir – Śrī Vṛndāvana Dhāma

Made it to the Holy Land of Śrī Vṛndāvana, the abode of Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī, Vṛndāvanēśvarī. She is the Supreme controller here. Taking shelter of Her mercy I pray for Vṛndāvana consciousness, a consciousness of humble devotional service. May Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī be kind and save this lost soul from illusions and pretentiousness. Śrījī, please make me Your sold-out servant. May I constantly chant Your glories eternally. May Śrīla Prabhupāda be pleased with me and may the Vaiṣṇavas be tolerant of this ignorant fool. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 10 Śrī Vṛndāvana Dhāma

Praying, begging, desiring Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī's mercy. That's all. Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu is Rādhā Kṛṣṇa combined into one. He becomes satisfied simply by enthusiastic kirtan. Nitāi is the organizer who is always vigilant to see that everyone is getting Mahāprabhu's mercy. And Śrī Guru, Śrīla Prabhupāda, is the full embodiment of Nitāi's mercy, the mercy of perfect compassion. All glories to Śrī Vṛndāvana Dhāma, which is far beyond all materialistic definitions and always situated in the realm of transcendence. One who sees Śrī Kṛṣṇa in everything truly sees. May Śrīmatī Vṛndā Devī bestow Her supreme mercy by allowing us to see and serve Her with loving devotion in the Holy Land of Vṛndā-kuṇḍa – Śrī Vṛndāvana Dhāma. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 11 Śrī Vṛndāvana Dhāma – Vṛndā-kuṇḍa

The success of my trip to Vṛndāvana is achieved. The merciful *darśana* of Śrīmatī Vṛndā Devī at Her holy abode. May Her mercy increase unlimitedly by allowing me to always remember Her, and may She never leave the care of ISKCON and their loving devotees. May Her worship increase to perfection. Śrīla Prabhupāda was subjected to words that took exception to his establishing Her most sacred worship in ISKCON. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda for giving us worship of this eternal associate of Rādhā Kṛṣṇa of Śrī Vṛndāvana Dhāma. Śrīmatī Vṛndā Devī Mahārāṇī Ki-Jay. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 12 Śrī Vṛndāvana Dhāma

It was nice to spend time with Dhanurdhara Maharaj. Such a wonderful devotee and very knowledgeable. His dis-association from ISKCON is our loss, our mistake, our misfortune. May his preaching and *sādhana* reach high levels of Kṛṣṇa consciousness and may Śrīla Prabhupāda continue to bless him profusely with his loving mercy. Perhaps one day the Society will realize that it made a big blunder. All glories to his great service. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 13 Śrī Vṛndāvana Dhāma

Earlier in my life had today a particular celebration attached to it. My material father's birthday. Now it doesn't have as much importance. It is only an opportunity to remember that soul who played the role of my material father in this particular life, other than that it is just another day of the calendar year. My eternal father has appeared and has given me the life I really seek. Eternal life of pure devotional service. Here in Śrī Vṛndāvana Dhāma I am remembering both of my fathers with appreciation and gratitude and I pray to my eternal father Śrīla Prabhupāda to bestow his mercy on that soul who appeared as my mortal father. May Śrīla Prabhupāda bless him with pure devotional service – that is my very humble request. Fathers – thank you to both. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 14 Śrī Vṛndāvana Dhāma

Time moves on, with every passing second one is coming closer to the end of the body. A reality that is not so perceivable, but yet very essential. How best to use those remaining moments to do the optimum good for others by spreading Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Where to focus my service and energy, or rather, how. Something additional or just more Kṛṣṇa conscious quality or both. The need for deep reflections and study is a regular thought. What does Śrīla Prabhupāda want? How best to understand his desires? The need for more introspectiveness and prayer. A greater intensity of service and surrender, a genuine desire to love Kṛṣṇa, real love, not symbolic, but a desire to please at each moment. Śrī Vṛndāvana Dhāma is such a wonderful place, now we are on our way to Śrī Māyāpur Dhāma. Service, surrender, concern for others. How much time left only Kṛṣṇa knows. Whatever it is, let it be in full devotional surrender. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 15 Śrī Vṛndāvana Dhāma – Śrīdhāma Māyāpur

From Holy Dhāma to Holy Dhāma. May the mercy of Śrī Pañca Tattva engage me nicely in Their service. Śrīla Prabhupāda: “Śrī Māyāpura Dhāma is the center of the world.” Obviously there is not another consideration as Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu appeared here. Śrī Kṛṣṇa in the mood of Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī. All glories to Śrī Māyāpur Dhāma. Hare Kṛṣṇa.



February 16 Śrīdhāma Māyāpur

A heavy doze of the Holy Name is the needed medicine for such a fallen and misdirected person as the writer of these statements. Praying, begging, crying out to Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya and Lord Nityānanda Rāma, the most merciful servant of the most munificent Lord Śrī Caitanya. All glories to the mercy of the Holy Name. Please, keep Yourself always in my mind and in my heart. Śrīla Prabhupāda's greatest gift. All glories to the holy name of Kṛṣṇa. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 17 Śrīdhāma Māyāpur

This seminar is a challenge. Challenges are the way we can actually grow in life and unleash the immense potential existing within the soul. When a challenge is accepted then by the arrangement of the Lord a variety of ideas and arrangements are revealed. As one overcomes the limitations of the mind, then everything flows just like a raging river. These potentials are gifts from the Lord coming through His bona fide representative. Therefore, with all humility and eagerness, I am begging Śrīla Prabhupāda. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, please deliver your mercy so I overcome all obstacles in preparing and presenting the seminar “Kṛṣṇa and Caitanya *līlās*” based on verse 4 of *Nectar of Instructions*. All glories to transcendental knowledge. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 18 Śrīdhāma Māyāpur

The Holy Name vibrates throughout ISKCON Mandirs. Absorbed in kirtan one enters deep into the mood of Kṛṣṇa consciousness. When kirtan becomes *prema-saṅkīrtana* then we have reached the essence of kirtan. All glories to those devotees who have developed a strong desire for kirtan. Śrīla Prabhupāda wanted continual glorification of the Lord through kirtan. Kirtan = *kīrti*. All glories to Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa, all glories to Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī, all glories to Their love. We aspire only to be Their humble assistant in Their sweet pastimes. That is our goal no matter how many lives it takes. Rādhā Kṛṣṇa *prema*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 19 Śrīdhāma Māyāpur

The mercy of the Lord is great, perfect and compassionate here in the Dhāma, but my ability to assimilate it is meager. Yet even with that tinge of assimilation I am feeling completely peaceful and somewhat happy. Perhaps I can increase that assimilation with additional mercy by offering prayers to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Service is our life. How can I serve. All glories to Śrī Māyāpur Dhāma. Lord Caitanya's special gift upon this planet. Śrī Māyāpur Dhāma Ki-Jay. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 20 Śrī Māyāpur Dhāma

Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda, for giving me the opportunity to preach. I pray I will get many more opportunities. *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam* is so spiritually powerful and extremely interesting. That is your mercy, Gurudeva. Thank you. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 21 Śrī Māyāpur Dhāma

Satisfaction, an austerity of the mind, along with simplicity and gravity. Cultivate these while always remembering Kṛṣṇa, especially Śrīla Prabhupāda. I am lame, always prone to mental speculation. Please, Śrīla Prabhupāda, keep me tightly in the corner of your sweet lotus feet. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 22 Śrī Māyāpur Dhāma

Despite all my chanting, reading, still the mind is a dullard. There is very little possibility or even hope that I can be Kṛṣṇa conscious in this life. Continuing to try and pray for your mercy, dear Madhava, and the unlimited mercy of my spiritual master His Divine Grace Abhay Carāṇāravinda Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda, to whom I owe everything. That is an undisputable fact. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 23 Śrī Māyāpur Dhāma

The Holy Name – Lord Caitanya Mahāprabhu – Śrī Kṛṣṇa Himself in the *bhāva* of Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī, has taken that Supreme love of Hers and strung it into a beautiful

garland and has offered it to the world. Śrī Rādhā's love. Who would dare to describe it without becoming baffled. It is supremely incomprehensible. All glories to Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu headed by Śrī Nityānanda Rāma. They are unlimitedly merciful and have appeared only to bestow the highest gift. Śrī Māyāpur Dhāma, the place where it all began, is expanding its influence simply by the devotional power and supreme compassionate mercy of His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda. A most confidential servant of Mahāprabhu. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda eternally, unlimitedly. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 24 Śrī Māyāpur Dhāma

Low energy, need to get into a pattern that will increase my overall health and energy. Śrīla Prabhupāda emphasized the need to keep good health. What will it take, a little realization of what I need to do. Śrīla Prabhupāda, in all situations we seek your mercy. This is no exception. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 25 Śrī Māyāpur Dhāma – Bhakti Tirtha Swami's Appearance Day

Bhakti Tirtha Swami Maharaja's Appearance Day celebration, memorial. Feelings of intense love for Maharaj, wanting him back, again to be with us. Such a special soul, personification of love and kindness, compassion born of Bhakti. A real giant in Śrīla Prabhupāda's army. A natural leader. Maharaj, I pray I can once again have your sweet and special association. Let's again chant and dance together in Lord Caitanya's *saṅkīrtana* party. All glories to your magnificent service and truly loving nature. Srila Bhakti Tirtha Swami Maharaja Ki-Jay. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 26 Śrī Ekacakra Dhāma

Jai Nitāi, Nityānanda Rāma, Avadhūta Supreme, Caitanya Prāṇ. All glories to the most merciful Lord Nityānanda. He is our life and our hope to continue in our devotional service. He gives life, He is life. Our life is His. Such a beautiful village Ekacakra. The villagers, such beautiful souls. Śrīla Prabhupāda is the complete embodiment of Lord Nityānanda's mercy and kindness. May Śrī Nityānanda Prabhu always remain in my memory and in my life. Jay Nityānanda Rāma, Jay Ekacakra Dhāma. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 27 Śrī Māyāpur Dhāma – Ekādaśī

32 rounds, Part 1 of the seminar. Chanting, dancing in great enthusiasm. Life in the Dhāma. Austerity is stopping schedules. All glories to Lord Caitanya, *prāṇ* of *śrī harināma saṅkīrtana*. All glories to Lord Nityānanda, whose mercy is making it available to everyone. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, who is teaching the process. *Nitāi caitanya bolo nāce amar man*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 28 Śrī Māyāpur Dhāma

May Śrī Śacīnāndana be my constant meditation and may Śrī Nityānanda Rāma be especially merciful to me by giving me the mercy of attraction and attachment for Kṛṣṇa's holy name. And may my spiritual master, His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda, engage me in glorifying the innumerable qualities of Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu. All glories to His lotus feet. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 1 Śrī Māyāpur Dhāma – Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopinātha Mandir

Leaving the holy and blessed area of Śrī Māyāpur brought unhappiness. Śrī Māyāpur Candrodāya is such a spiritually powerful place. The spiritual world. What a fabulous gift Śrīla Prabhupāda has given to the world. Just as Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu has brought the glories of chanting Kṛṣṇa's name to the world, Śrīla Prabhupāda has magnified the Dhāma for all to see and experience. By the mercy of Śrī Śrī Rādhā Madhava and Their expansions I hope to return soon. All glories to Śrī Pañca Tattva. Their *darśana* is captivating to the mind and soothing to the heart. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 2 Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopinātha Mandir

On the eve of Śrī Gaura Pūrṇimā we offer heartfelt prayers to Śrīla Prabhupāda and all the great Vaiṣṇavas. May they wish to bestow on us their full blessings so that we can greet, respect, worship and honor Mahāprabhu in a glorious and most pleasing way. All glories to the greatest of all incarnations of God, Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya Mahāprabhu. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 3 Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopinātha Mandir – Śrī Gaura Pūrṇimā

A very amazing program. All glories to Śrī Gaurāṅga Mahāprabhu. All glories to that great and rare soul who singlehandedly took Mahāprabhu's mercy to all corners of the world. Śrīla Prabhupāda Ki-Jay. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 4 Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopinātha Mandir

All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda and to all those who are seriously taking up his order to spread Kṛṣṇa consciousness around the world. Preaching is life. Preaching is our life. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 5 Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopinātha Mandir – Nagpur Seminars

The Lord created a situation wherein I am directed to speak on topics that are quite lofty in terms of practice. The true qualities of a Vaiṣṇava. How can one who is not up to the standard be asked to give inspiration and knowledge to others. It is only by the grace of Śrīla Prabhupāda and my Godbrothers such as Radhanath Swami, Bhakti Tirtha Maharaja and Lokanath Maharaja. Perhaps through this endeavor I can

gain the determination to go beyond just presenting theory to actually living up to what is being spoken. Not just externally but truly, deeply, as a feature of real spiritual character. Then my words will have influence. Why?! Not for prestige, or popularity, but for a genuine desire to make a difference in transforming the lives of others. Please, Śrīla Prabhupāda, make this show-bottle into real medicine. Thank you. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 6 Nagpur Seminars

Struggling with the wild mind and senses. Behind on rounds, rounds chanted not the least bit attentive and sleep is less affecting overall enthusiasm. Somehow by the mercy of Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopinātha and Śrīla Prabhupāda and the association of HH Lokanath Maharaja I can offer some service. The *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam* class and seminars presentation came off better than expected. The evening afforded chanting time, therefore I was able to complete 28 rounds. The last 6 with some quality. Thank you, dear Lord Kṛṣṇa and devotees. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 7 Nagpur Seminars

Kṛṣṇa, help! Prabhupada, help! Tomorrow I will speak again. Your mercy is all I am made of. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 8 Nagpur Seminars

Whatever one can do in his life to bring someone closer to Kṛṣṇa, that is wanted, that is success. Kṛṣṇa is love and love is shown by giving Kṛṣṇa to others. The greatest gift – Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Beg, borrow, somehow become Kṛṣṇa conscious. *Yena tena prakāreṇa manañ kṛṣṇe niveśayet*. All glories to the Holy Name, when chanted by great souls, pure devotees, it remains in one's heart. Śrīla Prabhupāda, Śrīla Prabhupāda, Śrīla Prabhupāda. All glories to His most merciful Divine Grace. Śrīla Prabhupāda Ki-Jay. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 9 Nagpur – Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopinātha Mandir

Right now, as originally planned, I'd be leaving for the US and arriving in London. By the arrangement of the Lord it becomes obvious how things developed. I am here in India for two additional weeks. Preaching must be more than just a service, it must be a heartfelt conviction to give others Kṛṣṇa consciousness no matter how big the sacrifice. Lingering in the back of my mind and frequently surfacing to the conscious level is the desire to stop all activities and just hear, read and catch up on other related services. At times this thought appears urgent and necessary and at other times it appears foolish as the time frame does not allow it. Also at times it appears to be a little selfish. In any situation balance must accompany activities. *Sādhana*, study, reading, travel and right environment. Not for sense gratification but to reformatify our

main service of preaching. Yet I go on waiting to find that situation, opportunity. Perhaps my desire is not strong enough or else it would have manifested earlier. Let us not be victimized by having to accept that situation in a forced way due to some ill health or otherwise. I will do it and I have a plan. Let us see how it manifests. Only if Śrīla Prabhupāda and Śrī Kṛṣṇa give their blessings and sanction. On another note, let me humbly and sincerely offer my heartfelt prayers for the benefit of those who have approached me for help. May Śrīla Prabhupāda bless you and all others whose situation has inspired me to pray for them. All glories to Kṛṣṇa, who is only revealed through love and is only approached by love. All glories to Kṛṣṇa's holy name. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 10 Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopinātha Mandir

Śrīla Prabhupāda, please give me your mercy so I can give it to others. Thank you. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 11 Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopinātha Mandir

The Lord always protects His devotees. Although I am not a devotee, only doing my best to become one, still Śrī Kṛṣṇa's mercy of full protection is apparent. Thank You, dear Lord, for Your special care and protection, and especially thank You for the nice association I received throughout the day. Now I would like to be able to offer some real devotional service. You are the supremely independent, self-sufficient Lord. My attempts to serve You are always insignificant. Yet You are so kind that You continue to favor me with Your kindness. This is undoubtedly due to my beloved spiritual master and eternal guide Śrīla Prabhupāda. As Śrī Prahlāda Mahārāja prayed to the Lord. "How can I give up his (Narada Muni's) service." We owe Śrīla Prabhupāda everything, he is truly and completely Your perfect representative giving us Your mercy and love. Tomorrow I embark on a difficult preaching tour. Only if I am blessed by You will anything beneficial manifest. Perhaps one soul will move up. All glories to Your love, kindness and protection. There is no other shelter than Śrī Nityānanda Prabhu's lotus feet coming in the form of Śrīla Prabhupāda. Śrī Śrī Nitāi Gauracandra Ki-Jay. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 12 Bombay/Rādhā Gopinātha – Belgaum/Śrīvāsa Ṭhākura's App.

By his mercy we were given the opportunity to speak about this special associate of Mahāprabhu. The temple was full – about 700+. All glories to the devotees in Belgaum. They are trying hard to spread Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Trying to please Śrīla Prabhupāda by preaching Kṛṣṇa consciousness gives one great satisfaction. By his mercy this movement continues to spread far and wide. We would rejoice to be able to witness Lord Caitanya's prediction of every town and village becoming a reality in our lifetime. The demons are pushing people down hard and fast, but Kṛṣṇa's

devotees are picking up others at the same speed. Let us increase and change this world to God consciousness. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 13 Belgaum

Yes, without the slightest doubt, Lord Nṛsiṃhadeva is very, very kind to His devotees, showing His kindness by immediately providing those who take His shelter with great happiness, power and fearlessness. All glories to Lord Nṛsiṃhadeva. His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda has so mercifully bestowed Your mercy upon us who are so fallen and always prone to error. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 14 Belgaum – Kohlapur

I am being given a little test. Can I remain and develop my service enthusiastically despite the austerities of travel and other inconveniences along with a lack of strong association. There's no question I must increase my dependence and remembrance of Kṛṣṇa and be very careful not to fall into situations that can weaken and cause me to fall. Māyā is strong, this we know, and she knows one's weaknesses. Śrīla Prabhupāda, I am praying for the intelligence to be able to always access your mercy. It takes both faith and humility, and an ability to understand time, place and circumstance. All glories to the holy name of Kṛṣṇa, our only shelter, our only life. Śrī Kṛṣṇa *saṅkīrtana*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 15 Kohlapur

Rādhā's kitchen. Kohlapur's temple. Another victory in the glorious life of Śrīla Prabhupāda. Srila Radhanath Maharaja is truly following Śrīla Prabhupāda's direction for spreading Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Complete surrender and sacrifice. I somehow go on, how I don't know. I really would feel greater satisfaction in my service if I could only accept everything as the arrangement of the Lord. I long to read, study and catch up on other Kṛṣṇa conscious activities. That day will come. Everything is based on desire, Kṛṣṇa will arrange everything. All glories to Kṛṣṇa's holy names. All glories to Mother Lakṣmī-devī's mercy. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 16 Kohlapur – Satara

By Śrīla Prabhupāda's mercy coming through the devotees I am able to continue on, otherwise there is no other hope. Please, continue to bestow your mercy on me and keep me focused always on Your lotus feet. Your mercy is all I am made of as this has been shown to me repeatedly. Śrīla Prabhupāda is the complete manifestation of Lord Nityānanda's and Lord Caitanya's mercy. It is inconceivable, immeasurable and most amazing. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda's kindness and compassion. It is phenomenal, unfathomable and complete. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 17 Satara – Pune

My soul is blessed, my body is fried crisp. We are not our body. We are Kṛṣṇa's eternal servitors. All glories to preaching. Please, Lord, accept my feeble attempt to serve, obviously it is fraught with countless flaws. Please, protect me from Māyā's influence, renew my enthusiasm to serve and surrender. Especially hearing, chanting and reading. Śrīla Prabhupāda sacrificed everything with intelligence and determination. Hare Kṛṣṇa

March 18 Pune

Dear Lord, save me. Bring me to Your sweet lotus feet. The only shelter. Nam Rock, I feel that it's not for ISKCON devotees. A tool for preaching at best. Śrīla Prabhupāda's program for preaching allows innovation and bridge preaching ideas. But Nam Rock is rock music which means the thumping of sounds that agitates the lower energies. Another topic! The health of HH Radhanath Maharaja again has taken a turn for the worse. Dear Lord Kṛṣṇa, if You so desire, please improve Maharaja's health. Thank You for hearing this prayer. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 19 Pune – Mumbai/Ratha-yātrā

Who is most merciful: Gaura-Nitāi; Prahāda Nṛsimhadeva; Jagannātha, Baladeva Subhadrā Mayī. Each of those forms of the Lord exhibits mercy in Their particular way. Gaura-Nitāi – all inclusive; JBS – personal dealings; Prahāda Nṛsimha – complete care, protection. Why would anyone want to give their life to anyone but the Lord. The world is full of fools, idiots, rascals and downright crazies. All glories to those great souls who give Kṛṣṇa and Kṛṣṇa's service to others. The world is bankrupt of good fortune. Let them be benefitted by the mercy of His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda and Kṛṣṇa's holy names. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 20 Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopinātha Mandir

Seeking balance in an unbalanced life. Trying to preach and keep good *sādhana* and health. A constant struggle. The mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda is our guide and only hope. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 21 Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopinātha Mandir

Full day. Śrīla Prabhupāda's mercy. Thank you. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 22 Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopinātha Mandir

Last full day of this trip to India, 9 ½ weeks. One of the most enlivening trips to the Holy Land. Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopinātha have poured, showered Their mercy upon this useless person. The association of Their Lordships and the devotees was truly wonderful and great enlivenment. The trip to Māyāpur was the best ever. Bhakti

Charu Maharaja's kindness kept me floating and rising. This Kṛṣṇa consciousness movement is directly coming from the topmost part of the spiritual world. Śrī Vṛndāvana Dhāma. Lord Caitanya has brought it. Lord Nityānanda is distributing it and Śrīla Prabhupāda and the predecessor *ācāryas* have packaged it with colorful activities saturated with Their kindness and intelligence. Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī has instituted it by empowering it with Her supremely pure love, and Kṛṣṇa is enjoying it, the glorification of His holy name.

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

May we take it up with full energy and heartfelt gratitude. Śrīla Prabhupāda Ki-Jay. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 23 Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopinātha Mandir – London BV Manor

Interesting day, variegated in the extreme. Lead Guru-pūjā, gave *mahā-prasādam* to airport personnel, said goodbye to India and the devotees of Chowpatty headed by HH Radhanath Maharaj, who is very dear to everyone. My saying goodbye was only formal as I cannot leave Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopinātha and Their wonderful devotees who possess much love and devotion in Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, with folded hands I am begging to take full shelter of my service while in London with enough time to read your books and others. I must place more reading and studying in my schedule. Please, accept my humble obeisances. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 24 London – BV Manor

It was a day with less activity in order to rejuvenate the body and mind. Travel is hectic. Karmis are horrible association. I am not very expert on the science of how to function in a total materialistic atmosphere. Endeavoring to keep Kṛṣṇa in the mind and in the heart with prayer. Tomorrow the pace increases. I only pray to be able to serve nicely, effectively. Changing people toward Kṛṣṇa consciousness using every aspect of our service. A devotee teaches by words and by example. Example is higher, both together are highest. How best to serve? Śrīla Prabhupāda, please guide me. Your mercy is my only strength. The spiritual master is very dear to Kṛṣṇa. Śrīla Prabhupāda is beyond the definition of a spiritual master. He is par excellence. All glories to that person who I hope someday to meet again in person. Śrīla Prabhupāda Ki-Jay. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 25 London/BV Manor – Soho Street

Today is the anniversary day I began full-time *seva*. Also Radhanath Maharaja's day of meeting Śrīla Prabhupāda. By Śrīla Prabhupāda's mercy we have been together since my beginning. Caitanya Mahāprabhu Ki-Jay. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 26 London/Soho Street – BV Manor

Struggling – weakness of the body, tiredness, travel, change. Need to regroup, find a routine, become steady, stop traveling, increased reading, chanting, writing projects, catch up. Śrīla Prabhupāda, we pray at your lotus feet to give us the direction for service, *sādhana* and health. Your mercy is all we are made of. Your mercy is all we strive for. All glories to your mercy. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 28 London/BV Manor – Wales/Cardiff – Swansea

Missed yesterday's entry, it just so happened to be the divine Appearance Day of Śrī Rāmacandra Bhagavan. Beautiful day, although it started off quite the opposite. The pastimes of Śrī Rāma and His entourage are filled with adventure, enchantment, supreme love and grief. Preaching in Wales, the devotees under Sivarama Maharaja all seem to be organized well together. The lady I met last August showed up again. Jewish methods of devotion. Very nice person. Actually quite intelligent and pleasant to be with. Great program. Soul talk. Soul food. Soul experience. All glories to the king of the soul men – Śrīla Prabhupāda. He has really got soul and many souls following. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 29 Swansea

Sadasiva's place is very suitable. Clean, quiet, equipped. We sincerely thank him and his good wife for their generosity and hospitability. What does Kṛṣṇa have in store for me? I hope it is continuous enthusiasm for service, especially to hear and chant His glories and to associate with advanced devotees. Praying for the mercy of the great souls, especially Śrīla Prabhupāda, the greatest of the great, no doubt his glories are constantly sung by the denizens of Vaikuṇṭha and beyond. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 30 Swansea – London/BV Manor

Pandava Sena program. Very serious young adults. The future of ISKCON is being well formed through programs of engaging the youth in conducting their own programs. Śrīla Prabhupāda is very happy to see how these young people are becoming serious Vaiṣṇavas. The Americans need help. What it will take to get them going in the right way is hard to imagine, but whatever it is let it happen now. Kṛṣṇa consciousness is the only hope for the world and it can't wait. Holy Name, *Bhagavad-gītā*, *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam*, Kṛṣṇa *prasādam*, innovation in presenting programs. May Śrīla Prabhupāda push us forward. It is glorious. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 31 London/BV Manor

Sruta Kirti Prabhu, Mother Amekhala, very nice devotees. Loved by many. Emissaries by Śrīla Prabhupāda's remembrance and mercy. All glories to the devotees of the Lord, their lives are filled with devotion for Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa. May it roll off onto me. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 1 London – BV Manor

Whatever it takes to please the Lord should be our only concern. Full faith that whatever we lack will be carried by Kṛṣṇa and knowing that Śrīla Prabhupāda is always eager to give us his merciful guidance. In this way one is happy and enlivened to serve more and more. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 2 London/BV Manor – Slovenia/Ljubljana

Humble service to the spiritual master and the Supreme Lord. Pleasing to the heart, mind and soul. Praying to develop the qualities of a Vaiṣṇava, to be a useful instrument in the hands of the spiritual master in bringing Kṛṣṇa consciousness to others. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, by his mercy everything goes on successfully. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 3 Slovenia/Ljubljana – Mountain Retreat/Slavko's Home

A complete change of activities from fast pace travel programs and people to a very quiet, peaceful atmosphere with only a few devotees. It will take time to adapt and assimilate, but because it is the loud call of my inner self it will be quickly accepted and adopted. The reentry into the old pace will be hard for the mind to accept so soon, but this is not the perfect plan, it is only a brief respite. Śrīla Prabhupāda, the perfect doctor giving the complete prescription for a happy, healthy life of Kṛṣṇa consciousness, then by his mercy only are we able to surrender more to a higher stage of devotion. Are we ready for pure devotional surrender and service eternally? We would like to make such claim but to do so would not be complete honesty. Therefore let us aspire for that realm rather than accept a lesser state in the meantime. All glories to pure devotional service and Śrīla Prabhupāda's presentation. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 4 Slovenia – Mountain Retreat/Slavko's Home

The news that Mukta Kesa Prabhu will leave his body is disturbing. It seems, at least to me, that it is just not his time for departure. Therefore we humbly offer our heartfelt prayers for his recovery and return to the society of devotees. But ultimately we are surrendered to the will of the Supreme Lord. Please, bestow Your mercy on this dear devotee. Śrīla Prabhupāda's son. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 5 Slovenia – Mountain Retreat/Slavko's Home

Dear Mukta Kesa Prabhu, you are very dear to Śrīla Prabhupāda having sacrificed your life for spreading his mission. Although you struggled hard to overcome material allurements and in some cases unsuccessfully, still your heart and mind's only desire is to be with devotees and devotional service. Please, accept my humble apologies for any offenses I have committed to you in our association over the many years and accept my heart full of love for you as a sincere follower of Śrīla Prabhupāda and a dedicated and compassionate preacher to imprisoned souls in America's jails. I am sure when we meet again it will be a very wonderful experience for me. May Śrīla Prabhupāda and Kṛṣṇa bless you fully and unlimitedly. All glories to your service and friendship. My humble obeisances for all you have done for Śrīla Prabhupāda. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 6 Slovenia – Mountain Retreat/Slavko's Home – Parasurama's

Śrīla Prabhupāda, I need your mercy to be able to discriminate the favorable from the unfavorable. Pride and bodily consciousness are causes of illusion and mistakes, cheating, etc. Your mercy is all I am made of. Please guide me so I live in such a way as to always remember Kṛṣṇa and never forget Him. That is my desire. Everything else is secondary. Thank you for today's lesson, I hope I can carry it with me continually. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 7 Slovenia – Parasurama's – Ljubljana

Śrīla Prabhupāda, begging you to give me your mercy in the form of the enthusiasm, desire and ability to write an offering to your lotus feet. I have none of the above but I am praying that by your mercy these qualities will appear. You are the greatest person ever to live. Your glories are spread throughout the three worlds for all times. We want only to glorify you with choice words and if possible wonderful poetry. Thank you for hearing this prayer. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 8 Slovenia/Ljubljana

Lord Caitanya's mercy is deeper than the deepest ocean, more vast than the unlimited sky, sweeter than the most flavored honey and more satisfying than a glass of cool fresh spring water. All glories to Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya Mahāprabhu, we take exclusive shelter at His gigantic lotus feet. Śrīla Prabhupāda has taken the garland of Rādhārāṇī's love for Śrī Kṛṣṇa from the hands of Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya and has carefully decorated the world in such a beautiful arrangement which has increased the sweet fragrance of that garland unlimitedly. Śrīla Prabhupāda Ki-Jay. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 9 Slovenia/Ljubljana

The association of saintly souls is a great blessing. Thank you, Sacinandana Swami Maharaja, and thank you greatly for the loving gift of a writing pen and case. Śrīla Prabhupāda established this ISKCON society in order for the devotees to exchange love based on Śrīla Rūpa Gosvāmī's definition in *Nectar of Instruction*. All glories to Vaiṣṇava association and the mercy of the Lord in that association. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 10 Slovenia/Ljubljana – Disappearance of Abhirāma Ṭhākura, the great personality Śrīdāmā Gopāla in Kṛṣṇa-līlā.

Our heritage, the beauty of Vaiṣṇava culture and tradition. All entrance is given to us by His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda. We owe him everything. My heart and mind are feeling the weight of the departure of my Godbrother. Tonight we learned that Suhotra Maharaja has departed. A surprise and shock to all. A powerful mind, scholar and builder of book distribution in Eastern Europe. I am feeling who, or even perhaps that I will be next, soon. We are not at all afraid of death. The soul is eternal and so is devotional service. Death is a friend to a great soul. Unfortunately, in examining myself in all honesty I can see I still have many unwanted traits, characteristics and material attachments. This makes the prospect of death somewhat fearful. Please, Śrīla Prabhupāda, give me the understanding of how to live each moment in Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Perfection. No time to waste. Life is valuable as it affords one an entrance into Lord Caitanya's pastimes, the gift of all gifts. Please, give me a trace of humility and devotion. Nothing less. Thank you. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 11 Slovenia/Ljubljana

The lotus feet of Śrī Nityānanda Rāma are my only shelter, my source of happiness and my inspiration for devotional service. That mercy is coming directly from His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda, who has embodied that mercy in complete. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, the merciful manifestation of Śrī Nityānanda Rāma. May we always with great love and service remember his lotus feet. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 12 Slovenia/Ljubljana

Every once in a while I reflect how little I am reading and how much I would like to read. Anyway, Kṛṣṇa consciousness is now, at every moment. Lamenting about the past or anxiety about the future helps one to forget about living in the present. Always think of Me is the statement of Śrī Kṛṣṇa in the *Gītā*. Kṛṣṇa in Vraja, that is our object of love, and Lord Caitanya is Kṛṣṇa in Vṛndāvana in the mood of Rādhā's *bhava*, His own pure loving internal energy. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, his mercy has made Kṛṣṇa consciousness so sweet. Now please take me deeper and deeper into Śrī Vṛndāvana Dhāma, the abode of pure love that is our only goal. Jay Jay Śrī Rādhē Śyām. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 13 Slovenia/Ljubljana

Always remember Kṛṣṇa in all circumstances, in that way one has reached perfection in practice. Always remember Kṛṣṇa in love, in that way one has reached perfection in purpose. Śrīla Prabhupāda, your mercy is what I hanker for. All glories to your mercy. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 14 Slovenia/Ljubljana

The holy name of Kṛṣṇa when chanted enthusiastically in the presence of Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya Mahāprabhu and the Pañca Tattva causes one to act beyond the normal boundaries of decency and social etiquette. Yes, it can and will cause one to become mad. Unpredictably mad and not caring of normal social behavior. This can cause one to become embarrassed and ashamed, yet it happens continually. May that Holy Name always cause me to become mad – mad for Kṛṣṇa. We want to be with Kṛṣṇa and the desire to get His association is our offering of kirtan. *saṅkīrtana*. Śrī Kṛṣṇa *saṅkīrtana*. Śrīla Prabhupāda, the perfectly pure representative of Śrī Nityānanda Rāma, has broken open the storehouse of love of Kṛṣṇa and is distributing the contents profusely to anyone and everyone. May Śrīla Prabhupāda continue to shower Nitāi's mercy on our desert-like mind and heart. All glories to Kṛṣṇa's holy names. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 15 Slovenia/Ljubljana

Time moves on. With the rising and the setting of the sun another day is lost and one is closer to the end of the body. That is alright and it must be accepted in truth and conviction. Time affords one the opportunity to prepare for the final moments. Absorption in Kṛṣṇa with love is the success of all of one's life's activities. Let us be in that state now serving Kṛṣṇa with full love and devotion. Then we have achieved eternal life even within this world of death. Śrīla Prabhupāda, please prepare me to use every moment in the best possible way. Nothing less, nothing to regret, nothing to lament. Pure perfection in Kṛṣṇa's loving service. Everything that is worth attaining can only reach fruition when it is wrapped in your mercy. Therefore we are begging, crying, pleading to be your unalloyed servant eternally. Śrīla Prabhupāda, you are all we aspire for. The shade of your cooling lotus feet. Śrīla Prabhupāda Ki-Jay. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 16 Slovenia/Ljubljana – Italy/Prabhupada Desh

Some change in the pace, with emphasis on physical rejuvenation and services left behind. Everything must be done as an offering to the Lord and Śrīla Prabhupāda. Devotional service is always the activity. Please keep me in the shelter of Your lotus feet and may this visit to Prabhupada Desh be successful according to Your desire. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 17 Italy/Prabhupada Desh

Tripping, falling, the change was difficult initially – perhaps it will become easier and more natural. I want this to be an offering to the Lord just as much as travel and preaching. Although that is foremost, this is necessary for health and for spiritual rejuvenation. Māyā is next to Kṛṣṇa, a little inattention and one is out. Śrīla Prabhupāda, keep me firmly in the shade of your lotus feet. Your mercy is my only strength. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 18 Italy/Prabhupada Desh

Gradually, steadily, carefully approaching a steady routine. It is a change, especially not giving any classes. But it is just what I required to help develop stronger and steadier service. The danger is pride, increasing an already large false ego. Chant, chant, chant the Holy Name, read, read, read and study *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam* and Sivarama Swami's *Śuddha-Bhakti Cintāmaṇi* and focus more on health. That's service. Śrīla Prabhupāda, seeing your beautiful transcendental form sitting on the *vyāsāsana* I am filled with attraction for serving you more and more. You seem very happy in Prabhupada Desh. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 19 Italy/Prabhupada Desh

By Your mercy, Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu, along with the sweet mercy of Nitāi also known as Nityānanda Rāma, it has become possible to once again read regularly Śrīla Prabhupāda's *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam* and chant the Holy Name easily. May it continue with the added and somewhat essential activity of Kṛṣṇa kirtan. All glories to Prabhupada Desh, in which His Divine Grace resides very happily viewing the beautiful forms of Śrī Śrī Gaura-Nitāi in duplicate. May this project fructify into a successful *aśrama* for making devotees. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 20 Italy/Prabhupada Desh

Am I ready to resume a full schedule of preaching? I am ready to surrender to Your will at all times, yet remain conscious in how best to carry it out. Kṛṣṇa consciousness is on the platform of the soul in its relationship with Kṛṣṇa. A balanced program is required. Let us strive to find that balance that equals Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Surrender means to act in such a way that Kṛṣṇa is pleased and the devotees are inspired. Seeing Śrīla Prabhupāda on the *vyāsāsana* gives pleasure and assurance of his mercy. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda eternally. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 21 Italy/Prabhupada Desh

Increased reading, chanting, walking, resting and no travel, still I cannot seem to reduce my lusty nature, perhaps it is in eating. Today we had pizza, lots of it, or more than normal. If eating is the only thing that is getting in the way of steady Kṛṣṇa consciousness, then let us work on that. Whatever is beneficial let it happen, whatever is detrimental let it go. Taking humble shelter at the lotus feet of Śrīla Prabhupāda begging for complete shelter I offer a prayer of devotion. May my remembrance of Kṛṣṇa be given as an offering to His lotus feet in love and service. May my mind become a bee at the flower of His lotus feet. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 22 Italy/Prabhupada Desh

Today, what filled the heart with happiness, love, humor, adventure, amazement were the sweet narrations of HH Radhanath Maharaja's friendship pastimes with his life-long friend Gary. So wonderful to hear. On the other side, the news of the Virginia Tech massacre of 31 students shot down by deranged student. The horror of material world. How cruelty is rampant in today's world. This seems out of the norm, but factually this is what is happening at every moment as material nature is cutting short the life of countless living beings in various ways. The real sorrow is that people won't or can't take to God consciousness, Kṛṣṇa consciousness, the platform of perfect freedom. May we continue to hear the glories of love and friendship in devotion and pray that others will somehow become fortunate and come to the lotus feet of Śrī Kṛṣṇa, the place of complete peace and freedom from death. All glories to those great souls who make their lives a sacrifice to save others. Śrīla Prabhupāda is the foremost and best of such holy saints. All glories to his lotus feet, please grant me shelter eternally at those feet. I want no other shelter. Śrī Nṛsiṃhadeva Bhagavan Ki-Jay. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 23 Italy/Prabhupada Desh

Struggling, health care, *sādhana*, service. Each requires time, attention, correctness. Śrīla Prabhupāda has written one letter to Dhananjaya Prabhu wherein he has listed these in this order of priority. Hard to practice, as *sādhana* is never finished, service can create opportunities for more and health is difficult to improve. Anyway, we try our best and keep the principle of always remembering Kṛṣṇa foremost in all situations. With the mercy of Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī we can attain perfection. She is very merciful and extremely compassionate to those who are unfortunate such as this writer. May Kṛṣṇa's holy name never leave our mind and heart. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 24 Italy/Prabhupada Desh

Struggling to keep up service, *sādhana*, health. Māyā is right beside Kṛṣṇa, and just a little off on Kṛṣṇa and **Boom!** Māyā has got you. Razor's edge, careful control of the senses and the mind. Carefully and with utmost endeavor, with attention, take

full shelter of Kṛṣṇa's holy name. Śrīla Prabhupāda's purports in *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam* are amazingly deep, profound, revolutionary and give a clear glimpse into the nature of Absolute Truth. Will I be ready in 10 days to hit the beaten path or will that anxiety of more rest and recuperation still plague my mind. Anyway, it is *sādhana* that I desire. Reading and chanting more. My taste is increasing for reading and studying. May it continue. All glories to this greatest of great philosophy, it is the king of education, most secret of all secrets, the purest, the perfection of religion, gives direct perception by realization, is everlasting and joyfully performed. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 25 Italy/Prabhupada Desh

Today is Italy's independence anniversary from Germany in World War II. Everything is closed, national holiday. Devotees take the opportunity each year to go on a 10+ kilometer trek through mountain trails. It was physically invigorating and a chance to associate and serve the devotees. Mostly a family affair, yet everyone seemed to be happy. I spoke on the glories of Mother Sītā, the eternal Goddess of fortune, the consort of Śrī Rāmacandra in a cave. Interesting cave, quite suitable for *sat-saṅga*. Anyway, it was an opportunity to associate with and serve devotees and develop friendly relationships. Śrīla Prabhupāda's family is growing and is quite diverse culturally and spiritually. If one is dedicated to associating with and serving Vaiṣṇavas and likes to chant Hare Kṛṣṇa then that is wanted. We want everyone to take up this Kṛṣṇa consciousness movement, therefore we are inviting the entire human population to associate with devotees, eat nice natural food, chant Hare Kṛṣṇa, be happy and achieve the goal of life – love for Lord Kṛṣṇa. A simple process yet powerful enough to create a revolution in the hearts and minds of today's misdirected civilization. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 26 Italy/Prabhupada Desh

If you are experiencing ease in life, you may be going downhill. To overcome Māyā requires effort, a fight to establish Kṛṣṇa exclusively in our life and in our heart. Kṛṣṇa consciousness is simple but not easy. These are the words of His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda. May we simply execute with ease the greatest of all achievements – Love of God. Chanting is the method, service is the mood, love is the goal. Chant Hare Kṛṣṇa and be happy eternally in the association of Śrī Kṛṣṇa in the glorious and unimaginably wonderful land of Śrī Vṛndāvana Dhāma. Śrīla Prabhupāda, your mercy is our only shelter, may we always remember you. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 27 Italy/Prabhupada Desh

Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, tomorrow I begin a health *vrata*, which I am not exactly certain is absolutely necessary to follow completely. Pleading with all humility and

concern, please provide the required intelligence to properly discriminate so my devotional sentiments are not crashed, obscured, obliterated, destroyed or damaged. I have full faith in your guidance. Kṛṣṇa consciousness cannot be put on hold, there is no such consideration. Health or otherwise, let me always remember you in devotion. Thank you for hearing this humbled but concerned prayer. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 28 Italy/Prabhupada Desh

Heart disease. *Kāma*, lust, destroys good qualities and knowledge. The mode of passion is to satisfy one's own senses. Detachment in all bodily activities helps one to remember Kṛṣṇa always. Health. The good Supreme Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa is showing me special needed mercy. An opportunity to read, write, catch up and rebuild my health. I hope I can honor His merciful gift by increasing my love and devotion. It is hard, real humility escapes me, it's like I never really had any. My prayer is to make myself ready for leaving this body, this world, in complete attention on His lotus feet. In the meantime, let me serve by preaching Kṛṣṇa consciousness to my full capacity. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda's mercy. He took Kṛṣṇa consciousness around the globe. It is up to his followers to continue in that same spirit. Preach, preach, preach, become Kṛṣṇa conscious. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 29 Italy/Prabhupada Desh

I pray that I can develop the proper devotional mood, attitude, while undergoing this health *vrata*. My concern is not to become less serious in cultivating Kṛṣṇa consciousness and focus too much on my bodily needs and regimens. My intelligence is dwindling, therefore I pray for the merciful intervention of Śrīla Prabhupāda's perfect and complete guidance and mercy in order to come out successful in this attempt to rejuvenate my weakening health. *Mūkaṁ karoti vācālaṁ paṅguṁ laṅghayate girim yat-kṛpā tam ahaṁ vande śrī-guruṁ dīna-tāraṇam*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 30 Italy/Prabhupada Desh

Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda, for the inspiration to speak about Sri Jayananda Prabhu. He is an example of a devotee who fully absorbed himself in the activities of devotional service with one desire – to please you, Śrīla Prabhupāda. He gave everything, including his health, to serve fully and he loved everyone genuinely. A real saint, not very conversant with philosophical principles, yet he manifested the topmost philosophy in life, *ahaituky apratihātā*. Unmotivated, uninterrupted devotional service free from envy, enmity or any selfishness. We take his inspiration and pray to develop just a drop of his enthusiasm and genuine surrender imbibed with all humility and compassion. All glories to Jayananda Prabhu and to that person who inspired Jayananda Prabhu – Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 1 Italy/Prabhupada Desh – Lord Nṛsiṃhadeva’s Appearance Day

Wonderful program! All glories to Śrī Nṛsiṃhadeva Bhagavan. His appearance always brings great joy to the devotees. Śrīla Prabhupāda rains down buckets of mercy as he so peacefully and satisfyingly sits upon his *vyāsāsana*. All glories to His Divine Grace, we owe him everything. I pray to resume my eating austerities at a sensible level. Praying for detachment towards everything that doesn’t foster Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 2 Italy/Prabhupada Desh

Nityānanda! That’s the sound that can affect me most. The beautiful sound of the name of Nityānanda. O, what a wonderful Personality, merciful, funny, delightfully unpredictable, always available in kirtans, an amazing dancer and inspiration to others in mad dancing. O, Nitāi, why can’t I just constantly think of You, worship You, why does my mind always gets diverted away from Your sweet lotus feet. Please, keep me in the corner of those two sweet feet. *Rako range caraṇa dukhani*. The embodiment of Your full mercy sits happily on the *vyāsāsana* distributing Your mercy profusely in a way that is most attractive. All glories to the greatest representative of Lord Nityānanda’s mercy, His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda, our beloved spiritual master and only shelter. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Jay Śrī Śrī Gaura-Nitāi. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 3 Italy/Prabhupada Desh

Nitāi pada-kamala koṭī-candra suśītala. Please, Nitāi, keep me firmly in the corner of Your lotus feet. I am always chasing sense objects and always dissatisfied, not knowing what to do or how to find shelter. Please, Nitāi, grab this reckless fool and tie him down to Your sweet lotus feet. Keep me engaged in Your service of trying to give Kṛṣṇa consciousness to others. You are the master of mercy, I am a worthless beggar. I am begging to stay fixed in Your devotional service with body, mind and words. Your pure servant has given Your mercy, therefore I only know Your mercy through him. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 4 Italy/Prabhupada Desh

Time to move on once again. A *sannyāsī* has no home, yet everywhere is home. “This world is a bridge, cross over it, build no house upon it.” The immortal words of Lord Jesus Christ. These devotees that came into our lives will always remain although we leave their association, yet once again in a state of liberation we’ll associate in pure Kṛṣṇa consciousness in the spiritual world. This world is a dream and soon it will be the time of awakening. An awakening of our eternal association with Kṛṣṇa in the spiritual world. We are still locked into the dream, still attached to

the idea that the dream will fulfill our dreams. At best the dream is a prelude to the Reality. Dear Lord, please allow me and help me to remember You with love, devotion and service. Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda, for providing the opportunity to break from the fast pace of traveling and preaching. Your *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam* has entered deeper into my devotional life. All glories to *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 5 Italy/Prabhupada Desh – London – BV Manor

Someday we hope that upon waking it will be the spiritual world Vṛndāvana Dhāma surrounded by cows, *gopīs*, *gopas* and Śrī Kṛṣṇa. A place far, far away from this useless world of death and rebirth. We pray that we will in some future existence be eligible to attain to that abode. The realm of Goloka. Sooner than later. For now we keep up the fight for purification, for preaching, simultaneously seeking to increase, never decrease, always moving steadily toward that goal. But do we want to be selfish and think only of our own benefit using our life to achieve that realm or are we situated in the perfect desire to bring that chance to others not caring for our own achievement. That is Lord Caitanya's prayer: *Janmani janmanīśvare bhavatād bhaktir ahaitukī tvayi*. Let us take full shelter of Śrī Śrī Gaura-Nitāi and fixed on the order of Śrīla Prabhupāda dive fully in the *saṅkīrtana* movement. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, whose mercy is bringing the supreme mercy of Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanaya Mahāprabhu and His transcendental brother Śrī Nityānanda Rāma. All glories to the merciful shelter of Śrī Śrī Gaura-Nitāi. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 6 London/BV Manor

Full day of preaching, back into the routine. My mind and body are slow to adapt to change, Kṛṣṇa consciousness is above all material considerations. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, please absorb me in your devotional service, free from all mental hesitations with full knowledge of my service. Health is always a factor and it looms over head demanding attention. But spiritual health cannot be replaced with material wellbeing; they must serve each other – that is the art of Kṛṣṇa consciousness, an art not easy to master. Therefore, with all humility I fall at the lotus feet of Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu and Lord Nityānanda Rāma and beg to always remember Their lotus feet in great love and enthusiastic service. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 7 London/BV Manor

Four months away from the US – Chicago. Tomorrow we fly. Śrīla Prabhupāda, I am not sure if I am ready to tackle the American scene. I love my service, but in America your mercy is needed much more than I normally receive. It is unlimited. Please, Śrīla Prabhupāda, infuse me with the desire, humility and intelligence to preach in the land of the greatly ignorant amidst a tougher breed of Kṛṣṇa devotees.

All glories to Hanumān, who never considered any service too difficult or impossible. I take shelter fully at your lotus feet. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 8 London/BV Manor – Chicago

Return to Chicago. An interesting day. Challenges, nectar, preaching on the plane. Rohan, a software engineer, job in Columbus. Chant Hare Kṛṣṇa, it is so easy and perhaps he will get the mercy. He is ready. Good pious family from Hyderabad. Now the Chicago scene. Prabhupāda, help! Your guidance is definitely more so required. Chicago, how to balance preaching with personal needs and other activities. I take shelter of your lotus feet, the only safe place. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 9 Chicago

Śrīla Prabhupāda, you are simply amazing and what you have given us is out of this world, beyond those greatest poets and relishers of finer things to describe even in millions of lifetimes. Kṛṣṇa's holy name. How beautiful. How ecstatic. How perfect. All glories to Kṛṣṇa and to Kṛṣṇa's holy name and Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu's love for the world and all glories to Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī, the embodiment of complete and perfect love which is being distributed in the form of Kṛṣṇa's holy name. All glories. All glories to the Holy Name and all glories to those whose life and soul is to glorify Kṛṣṇa by chanting His holy names.

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

May 10 Chicago

I need to simplify my way of thinking. Chant Hare Kṛṣṇa and be conscious of Kṛṣṇa – everything will follow. As soon as we lose our focus on Kṛṣṇa everything becomes so difficult. Śrīla Prabhupāda's statement that everything is simply chanting, dancing and feasting is taken on the realization in my life – the process complete. All glories to Kṛṣṇa's holy name. Let us not chant inattentively, dance without trying to please Gaura-Nitāi and take *prasādam* beyond what is required. All glories to Kṛṣṇa's devotees, who all compete in realization of how to serve Kṛṣṇa for His pleasure. That is our desire. Śrīla Prabhupāda, we take your shelter – completely. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 11 Chicago

Struggling harder than normal, some difficulty. All things must pass. I hope my desire for sense gratification will also leave very soon. Śrīla Prabhupāda is saving everyone, don't give him extra service. You are supposed to be his assistant, no more an emergency case. Kṛṣṇa, save me. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 12 Chicago

A full day of preaching, association with HH Jayapataka Maharaja, wonderful. Such a kind, compassionate personality. Very dear to Śrīla Prabhupāda. The ending of this entry is a reiteration of an earlier prayer that I made this evening. My dear Lord Kṛṣṇa, if You so desire, please bring Your dear devotee Radhanath Maharaja to Chicago with the facility of living at his former residence. A small request but something that will please the Vaiṣṇavas and Maharaja. All glories to Radhanath Maharaja, whose glories cannot be fully understood – not by any mortal person. *Sa mahātmā sudurlabha*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 13 Chicago

Spoke on Mother's Day – the 7 mothers for the Sunday feast lecture. Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa offers His obeisance at the feet of His many mothers, wives of Vasudeva. Both Lord Kṛṣṇa and Lord Caitanya had high regards and gave proper and continuous affection to Their earthly mothers. Both as the Lord and as the perfect devotee of the Lord. All glories to our 7 mothers. May mother cow and mother earth be relieved of their horrible burden caused by the sinful living entities of Kali Yuga. This is our humble but fervent prayer. Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda, for the beautiful gift of pure devotional service. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 14 Chicago

Day after, weekend after Ekādaśī, slow moving, dragging to stay engaged. Spirit willing, flesh unwilling. Something was offered, let's pray it was accepted. Śrīla Prabhupāda's mercy is all there is, Kṛṣṇa's mercy comes through him. Everything comes from Kṛṣṇa. He is the source of everything. Mercy is the activity, love is the goal. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 15 Chicago

I have a great fear that I may slide into sense gratification and become attached to fruitive activity sacrificing consciousness of Kṛṣṇa simply to achieve results. Please, Lord, guide me on to the path of true devotion, onto Your sweet lotus feet. The path of service and devotion free from personal motivation. I am conditioned and lack complete knowledge of the intricacies of the path of pure devotion. Therefore keep me in the shade of Your lotus feet and in the service of my beloved spiritual master who is the best of all those who have spread Your teachings far and wide. His lotus feet are the abode of perfected pure devotion unto Your lotus feet. A path that includes concern for the welfare of all. Please, guide me.

*Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare
Hare Rāma Hare Rāma Rāma Rāma Hare Hare. Hari bol!*

May 16 Chicago

Although I am extremely fortunate having been blessed by the mercy of His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda, I feel very unfortunate to have missed out on his personal association. *Vāṇī* in principle is superior to *vapuḥ*, but the personal presence of Śrīla Prabhupāda in the lives of the devotee builds a special bond of love and service that cannot be broken by anything, even invincible time. Now in this “*aprakṛta līlā*” I am praying for that personal association by trying to serve Prabhupāda’s mission of compassion. Hopefully some day I will be able to get that special and rare association, the perfection of life, uninterrupted love for Śrīla Prabhupāda and Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa. I am striving for that only. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 17 Chicago

Beginning of Puruṣottama Māsa. A very auspicious period for cultivating Kṛṣṇa consciousness. It is recommended during this time period to read *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam*, discuss Kṛṣṇa’s pastimes and engage in fasting. My only hope to continue is the specially sweet and flavorful mercy of Lord Nityānanda coming through Śrīla Prabhupāda, who is an embodiment of that mercy in huge volumes. The situation in the temple is as usual, unclean and devotees who have little taste for hearing and chanting. Anyway, I pray the prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi. Dear Lord Nityānanda, please, help me change those things that are changeable, leave alone those things that are not and the intelligence to know the difference. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. May his glories continue to spread and engulf the entire world in pure devotion. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 18 Chicago

It is becoming more natural to speak directly the principles of the Absolute Truth to young Indians in America. They know what is right or at least the capacity to understand lies dormant just beneath the surface. These young men and women can be a significant force in bringing a transformation of the American society to Kṛṣṇa consciousness. The leaders of tomorrow, we really need to focus on them and develop them as leaders. Śrīla Prabhupāda is the person, the spiritual force who is attractive to everyone. Our presentation has to be free from any and all personal motivation, then it will be effective. The process is powerful. All glories to Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya Mahāprabhu and Śrī Nityānanda Rāma. Preach Preach Preach. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 19 Chicago

Out of shape. The need to carefully select my words for preaching. Preach as 1. Service to Śrīla Prabhupāda and 2. An offering of love. At times I feel like I will just die. This body is breaking down. Energy is too difficult to maintain. Kṛṣṇa is the controller, protector, provider. All glories to Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 20 Chicago

Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, with great concern we approach your lotus feet. Our fellow devotee Bhakta Jerry has again strayed into intoxication. His old enemy has reemerged. Please, Guru Maharaja, show him some favor and bring him back to the association of devotees and enthusiastic Kṛṣṇa consciousness. There is no other hope than your mercy. Thank you very much, Śrīla Prabhupāda, for hearing this humble prayer. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 21 Chicago

Śrīla Prabhupāda, the greatest *ācārya*, traveled around the world 14 times in 11 years, wrote over 80 volumes of books, thousands of letters, met with 100s of important persons and did it all with Vaiṣṇava ease. Lazy intelligence, empowering others by giving them service for their benefit and for achieving goals. Highly regulated was Śrīla Prabhupāda. First thing first. That's the key. Work on it, develop it and be willing to make adjustments accordingly. Have a schedule for Chicago, another for travel. One that can accommodate the unexpected. Laziness is the worst disease of the living entity, destroying all good qualities, producing only frustration and lamentation. Hare Kṛṣṇa. Jay Śrī Rādhe.

May 22 Chicago

Struggling with regulation, diet, etc. Late night preaching on weekends makes it difficult. Difficulties are welcomed provided we always remember Kṛṣṇa and stay alert to effectively adjust *sādhana*. I don't know what to do and what not to do. I am lame and of low intelligence, prone to seeking honor, proud of any mercy I received and always finding faults with Chicago ISKCON temple, structure and management. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. If we take very seriously his instructions we can succeed. Always remember Kṛṣṇa and never forget Him. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 23 Chicago

We have often heard the name of Lord Kalki and some tidbits of information about His mission. Now having come across the *Kalki Purāṇa*, a work written down by Śrī Vedavyāsa, we are enraptured by its contents. An amazing adventurous display of heroism, chivalry and mercy exhibited by the Lord in His form of Kalki *avatāra*. All the great sages herald His deeds and His protection of the process and the devotees. This knowledge cannot be matched. That is an unbiased statement. It is factual and yet more inconceivable than fiction. Śrīla Prabhupāda, literary genius, has opened up another avalanche of transcendental literature produced by his dedicated followers. All glories to *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam*'s purity. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 24 Chicago

Very nice people, Spanish, 15+, good questions, friendly. Gokulananda Prabhu is a good preacher and dedicated. Sincere devotee, tries very hard to preach, serve, etc. Another gem among the large cluster who have been blessed by the louts feet of Srila Radhanath Maharaja. My problem is I think I am advanced. It is a problem. Śrīla Prabhupāda, your mercy is all I am made of. Please, continue to shower your blessings on this lost soul. I am in desperate need of all your mercy. Thank you very much. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 25 Chicago

Śrī kṛṣṇa caitanya prabhu, doyā koro more, tomā binā ke doyālu jagat-saṁsāre. The most merciful Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya Mahāprabhu and Śrī Nityānanda Rāma are like the sun and moon arising on the horizon of Gauḍīya giving light and soothing relief, transcendental knowledge and the shade of Their cooling lotus feet. No greater mercy has ever before been shown to the world. Therefore those who have good intelligence and know their self-interest do not hesitate to take shelter of Their lotus feet and enthusiastically chant the Hare Kṛṣṇa *mahā-mantra*. Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda, for introducing us to the mercy of these two greatest of all – Lord Śrī Gaurāṅga Mahāprabhu and Śrī Nityānanda Rāma. Śrī Kṛṣṇa *saṅkīrtana* Ki-Jay. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 26 Chicago

Hare Kṛṣṇa! Nothing important to write about, only the need to develop a less fuzzy consciousness. Kṛṣṇa-clear-consciousness. Kṛṣṇa, and everything in relationship to Kṛṣṇa. The mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda is vast, great, deep, satisfying. At times I feel distanced, my life in Kṛṣṇa consciousness appears to be not moving forward, especially when in Chicago. Here is a real challenge and to remain steady is a real austerity. Anyway, let us continue to try and make a difference. It is a challenge, never get discouraged. Fight for the sake of fighting and be always aware of the need to fight for Kṛṣṇa's service and mercy. Śrīla Prabhupāda, you remain our only shelter. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 27 Chicago

Nice *bhajan* program after the lecture, temple was well attended, an eagerness for evening *darśana* and chanting. Chicago ISKCON is showing some signs of improvement. The challenge is to organize this into regular program, etc. *Suddha bhakata caraṇa-reṇu*, the dust of the lotus feet of Śrīla Prabhupāda are my nourishment, my sustenance, my happiness, my life. May his words and the remembrance of him be constantly pushing me forward to more and more service and surrender. Surrender, yes, that is what it is all about. My mind is tired of

resisting, it is eager to submit. All glories to the mercy of a great soul. May it flow like a raging river purifying everything and everyone. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 28 Chicago

Struggling to get organized, to always remember Kṛṣṇa, to serve the devotees. Kṛṣṇa consciousness, *bhakti*, a way out of this miserable world of birth and death. Śrīla Prabhupāda's words are the ingredients of a huge feast for the mind and heart. All glories to Kṛṣṇa's holy name. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 29 Chicago

Presently feeling a period of dryness, no taste, unenthusiastic, yet still trying. Eating and sleeping doesn't improve anything. Genuine humility is lacking, expectations are continuous. Unable to take on so much change in schedule. Anyway, it will pass, but in the meantime please let me always remember You. Praying sincerely for the mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda and the Lord of Lords – Śrī Kṛṣṇa. Please, pick me up. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 30 Chicago

Please, Śrīla Prabhupāda, bless me with Kṛṣṇa conscious enthusiasm, the quality of the soul that is primary to success. Thank you. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 31 Chicago

Riding the roller coaster of Bhakti's mercy. Trying to always remember to remember Kṛṣṇa. Struggle is natural, forgetfulness destroys success. Śrīla Prabhupāda's mercy is foremost. Service can be overwhelming. One thing at a time, one day at a time. Always remember Kṛṣṇa, first and foremost of all principles. Success is attraction to Kṛṣṇa, His devotees, His service. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 1 Chicago

I must be careful not to get sucked into computer consciousness. What is necessary is not so readily determined. A fixed amount of time on the machine will help temper any deviations into computer consciousness. Kṛṣṇa consciousness requires a certain amount of reading of Śrīla Prabhupāda's books. This must be maintained and increased. All glories to *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam* and to Śrīla Prabhupāda, our living proof of *Bhāgavatam*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 2 Chicago

Padam padam yad vipadām – danger on every step. One must be careful and simultaneously think of the Lord. Always remember Kṛṣṇa, never forget Him. This

is our endeavor. Śrīla Prabhupāda, your mercy is required for all success. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 3 Chicago

The holy name of Kṛṣṇa. The best topic for spiritual circles. The means to overcome all problems. The perfection of peacefulness. The supreme enchanter of the heart. The pacifier of the restless mind. The answer to all questions and the solution of all problems. The means to associate with Gaura-Nitāi. The nice way to remember Kṛṣṇa. The king of dancers. The center of all existence. The form of the perfect word. The way to please Śrīla Prabhupāda. The fulfiller of all desires. The perfection of artistic musical expressions. Kṛṣṇa in sound. Love personified. All glories to the holy names of Śrī Kṛṣṇa. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 4 Chicago

Mahā clean up. The temple of Śrī Śrī Kīśore Kīśorī has moved up a step. Still a long way to go. Śrīla Prabhupāda's words are profound. "Our temples must be revolutionary clean." Temple life means cleanliness of the highest standard possible. Mode of goodness means to maintain. Devotees must be acting always in that mode. I think Śrīla Prabhupāda is pleased. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 5 Chicago

Nityānanda Rāma. All glories to that greatest of munificent persons whose efforts have brought countless lost souls to the altar of pure *bhakti*. Atheists, Buddhists, Jñānīs, Māyāvādīs have received benedictions of Śrī Nityānanda's mercy, even the foolish, sinful materialists wading in the mires of materialistic slop have been saved. And who is that person distributing the mercy of Nitāi today but his faithful servant A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda, our beloved Guru Maharaj and the most spiritually equipped proponent of Śrī Nityānanda Rāma's mercy. We have taken shelter at his lotus feet. The perfection of all that is perfect. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 6 Chicago

Just after seeing pictures of Mukta Kesa Prabhu feelings of separation appeared. He knew Śrīla Prabhupāda's words well and spoke them with true conviction. Tough with a soft and kind heart. We miss him. I can only pray the Supreme Lord has shown him His special mercy. All glories to his dedicated service, especially to the inmates in American prisons. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 7 Chicago

Interesting day. Dealing with the devotees' problems – material, marital, philosophical. Everything is clearly understood by attentive chanting of Kṛṣṇa's holy

names. All glories to the Holy Name. All glories to Lord Jagannātha, Lord Baladeva, Subhadrā Devī for allowing me to serve Them today. Śrīla Prabhupāda, your mercy is great. I am hanging on, begging, crying, praying for that mercy. It is all I need. Your continuous loving mercy. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 8 Chicago – Philadelphia

Tat te 'nukampām su-samīkṣamāṇo. That is the only conclusion for today's activities. Sense gratification is costly. When will I learn to be more determined to give it up. Chicago temple is difficult, perhaps being on the road is more in line with my mood of service. Śrīla Prabhupāda is very, very kind, I deserve worse. I always do the thing that causes me to struggle in Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Thank You, Lord, for Your mercy. I hope I can learn. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 9 Philadelphia – New York/Ratha-yātrā

Nice seeing the devotees. Some are moving forward, many cannot or do not want. They think Kṛṣṇa consciousness is figuring out where to get the nectar. In one sense that is true. Kṛṣṇa consciousness is nectar, but the real nectar is to render unalloyed service. Service is our connection with Kṛṣṇa and the means to realize Śrīla Prabhupāda's words. May we think less about our physical condition and more on how best to serve. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 10 New York

It seems like such a long time since I received the merciful *darśana* of Śrī Śrī Rādhā Govinda. They are the first set of Rādhā Kṛṣṇa Deities I came in contact with. Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī is so wonderful, so kind, so sweet, so lovely and extremely compassionate. I pray I can please Them in some way. Śrīla Prabhupāda has brought Radha-Kṛṣṇa from Goloka to accept our service. May They be pleased by our attempt to serve. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 11 New York/Yasoda Dulal's – Ekādaśī

Mind is friend, mind is enemy. Make the mind a friend by always remembering Kṛṣṇa and Śrīla Prabhupāda's instructions. *Brahmacārī* class tomorrow. Please, Lord, give me the intelligence to offer something helpful, inspiring, deeper. Your mercy is all I am made of. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 12 New York/Yasoda Dulal's

Śrīla Prabhupāda has said that overt resistance to the spreading of Kṛṣṇa consciousness is indicative that the demons are afraid of our movement. They will use any means within their power to stop us, but it cannot be stopped by such measures. The attempt with persecution and harassment will only fuel the fire of

devotion in the hearts of the devotees and bring greater support for the movement. Kṛṣṇa consciousness is a threat to this *asuric* civilization. We humbly offer our deepest and sincerest prayer at the lotus feet of the Supreme Lord to please offer Your special mercy and blessings on the Kazakhstan devotees and bring a great victory into the hands of the devotees. All glories to Lord Caitanya's movement. May victory be awarded to the Vaiṣṇavas. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 13 New York Sanctuary – Yasoda Dulal's

Nice to meet with Kirtanananda Swami. The man is Kṛṣṇa conscious. Śrīla Prabhupāda's mercy is perfect. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda's compassion. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 14 Yasoda Dulal's – Philadelphia

Strongly feel the need to read. I read some verses from *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam* today. Again that is what is lacking. Balance keeps me going, keeps me enlivened. Śrīla Prabhupāda was highly regulated. Make it a point to never go to rest at night later than 10:30pm when traveling and 10pm when not. Śrīla Prabhupāda's message of *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam* is our inspiration and sustainer. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 15 Philadelphia – Canada/Ottawa

Traveling is becoming very, very difficult. Difficulty is not necessarily a reason to change. But in this case I am wondering what Lord Kṛṣṇa is communicating. Please, Śrīla Prabhupāda, reveal your plans for me and my service. How best to serve. I think I need to associate more with my Godbrothers in order to clear up my doubts about how to serve best. *Sādhū saṅga*. Kṛṣṇa, save me from lust. Hare Kṛṣṇa. America is really difficult, perhaps I should preach more outside the US.

June 16 Canada/Ottawa

All glories to Lord Jagannātha, mercy personified. His brother Baladeva, beauty, purity personified. Subhadrā Devī compassion, sweetness personified. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda for bringing Lord Jagannātha to the Western world. The greatest achievement in spiritual celebrations. Every major town and village is gradually receiving the merciful *darśana* of Lord Jagannātha. Śrīla Prabhupāda gets all the honor and credit. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 17 Canada/Ottawa – Chicago

HH Bhakti Charu Maharaja, HH Radhanath Maharaja and a temple full of devotees. Sunil Madhava Prabhu's *brāhmaṇa* initiation. Śrīla Prabhupāda has brought together so many great devotees and made them even greater. A family, an army of empowered Vaiṣṇavas. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 18 Chicago

I have nothing to say. Only take shelter of the Holy Name and glorify Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 19 Chicago

My preaching is dropping in quality, in approach. Preacher means reader. Śrīla Prabhupāda said to “cram his purports”, then you will be able to present an interesting lecture. Read, read, read, don’t waste time. Quality is Kṛṣṇa consciousness and Kṛṣṇa consciousness is defined as the best one can offer with devotion. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 20 Chicago

Śrīla Prabhupāda, how can I serve better, more. Your mercy is everything. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 21 Chicago

Śrīla Prabhupāda has concluded by observation that “man is good, woman is good, put them together they become bad.” Our natural propensity as spirit souls is to love and serve the Supreme, trying to find that love through another relationship is artificial and self-defeating. The foundation for all suffering. Dear Lord, please if I have any attraction for You, please increase it more and more and whatever is there with attraction for women please destroy it completely where it will never again return. Your lotus feet are everything and all I need. Please accept my most humble obeisances and prayers of love at Your sweet lotus feet. All glories to those who know only You with love. Śrīla Prabhupāda, all glories unto you, the reservoir of all mercy and compassion. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 22 Chicago

The fact that I was able to read *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam* for over half hour made my day complete, satisfying and happy. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, who has created a commentary – the Bhaktivedanta purports that are perfectly in line with the predecessor *ācāryas* and simultaneously perfectly relevant to the times. Genius! Who is Śrīla Prabhupāda? Hopefully with great eagerness that will be revealed to us. Most amazing saint – Śrīla Prabhupāda. Unlimited glories are the essence of his existence. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 23 Chicago – Ratha-yātrā

The foreboding sky filled with clouds ready to release its waters was held in abeyance by the arrangement of Kṛṣṇa. Amazing grace, how sweet it was. Ratha-

yātrā festivals are the epitome of transcendental pleasure for ISKCON devotees. Lord Jagannātha, Subhadrā Devī, Lord Balarāma, Sudarśana-cakra all eager to destroy ignorance in the minds of Their devotees. May that Jagannātha Swami be the object of my vision. Śrīla Prabhupāda's great feat. In every town and village Lord Jagannātha is appearing. Ratha-yātrā Ki-Jay. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 24 Chicago

Any time a living being receives *dīkṣā* in ISKCON they reconnect their relationship to Śrīla Prabhupāda. He is the guru of all, some know it, some don't, still he is the empowered Vaiṣṇava *ācārya* in this Age. Lord Caitanya's direct agent for giving Kṛṣṇa consciousness to the world. Śrīla Prabhupāda, we are so unqualified and lazy, we pray for your mercy to do this most difficult yet essential service. Your mercy is our mobility. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 25 Chicago

Struggling with the continuous change in diet, schedule, activities. Struggle is a sign of good spiritual health. Easy life is a materialistic one, but never easy, only a cliché. Guru is heavy, weighty with knowledge. Śrīla Prabhupāda is the ideal Guru teaching the process of real religion, not something materialistic or sectarian. Śrī Caitanya's program for developing ecstatic love for Śrī Kṛṣṇa in His mood of Vṛndāvana. This is accomplished by *saṅkīrtana*. All glories to Kṛṣṇa's holy name. May we become absorbed in this chanting. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 26 Chicago – Nirjala Ekādaśī

Didn't follow! Health reasons. Took some fruit juice. "Śrīla Prabhupāda around the world." To view the early days in Kṛṣṇa consciousness is a real inspiration on how the devotees with Śrīla Prabhupāda were always doing kīrtan. And to see Śrīla Prabhupāda in action. Amazing how his presence was so spiritually powerful. All glories to His Divine Grace, who gave so much of himself to spreading Kṛṣṇa consciousness. We are overwhelmed in awe. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 27 Chicago – Cleveland

This day 2 years ago HH Bhakti Tirtha Maharaj left this world. One year ago today we were in Jagannātha Purī for the Ratha-yātrā festival. All glories to HH Bhakti Tirtha Maharaja, for he has successfully dedicated his life in the service of the Lord for the upliftment of mankind. It is impossible to correctly judge or estimate his contribution in spreading of Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Only the Lord knows and those chosen by the Lord. He has helped many and his legacy lives on to bring others in. Surely a great contribution. Let us pray that those who received his mercy directly will only go forward in their Kṛṣṇa consciousness along with all others. Today we

are reminded of Purī Yātrā 2006. A grand occasion. Many wonderful devotees graced the occasion as ISKCON representation estimated 3,000. Lord Jagannātha is so amazingly wonderful that simply the thought of Him or His activities bring a swell of endless happiness to the life of His followers. May we receive His mercy and attend this year's November Yātrā. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, whose mercy extends into the area of the incredible. He has given us so much in Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Let us appreciate and honor his gift and serve him eternally in love no matter what. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 28 Cleveland

At least one person appreciated that I came to Cleveland. Probably the poorest turnout ever, a combination of factors. I have a lot to work on, taking things for granted, some pride, Kṛṣṇa is gently trying to inform me. Always remember to chant Hare Kṛṣṇa. The Holy Name is your only shelter, not *prasādam* or sleep or anything – Kṛṣṇa's holy name. Śrīla Prabhupāda, greatest gift to all. Kṛṣṇa's holy name. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 29 Cleveland – Washington D.C. IFAST

Almost two months in America and now I am beginning to understand how I have not been careful enough to take note of and guard against the subtleties of the illusory energy. Never consider yourself invincible to the power of Māyā. Always consider yourself helpless and prone to mistakes and inattention. Be attentive, constantly. But be Kṛṣṇa conscious. Always remember Kṛṣṇa. Always! And helplessly call out for the mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda to protect you. Remember *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam* purport 1.2.17. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 30 Washington D.C. IFAST

Today I got an opportunity to preach. Such a nice feeling to get back into the spirit with what was a more serious group of persons. Tomorrow will be a full day, 3 programs or 3 different lectures. I need to fine tune, both my approach and my response to questions. More deliberation is required, thoughtfulness will bring the subject to a more refined state. Quoting more verses, although at times I feel that quoting the Sanskrit is a kind of ego to impress others. It shouldn't be like that, it is important to quote, authoritative. June was a tough month. Kṛṣṇa's mercy is coming in different forms. I need to seriously work on my breakfast, it is definitely not right. I think that rest after breakfast is necessary, there are many considerations and variables. It is a flow and needs correction, alteration. Śrīla Prabhupāda, I need your mercy and guidance. Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya Prabhu Nityānanda Śrī Advaita Gadādhara Śrīvāsādi Gaura Bhakti Vṛnda.

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

July 1 Washington D.C. IFAST

Full day, Śrīla Prabhupāda's and Kṛṣṇa's mercy. The general Indian community is showing signs of moving forward by becoming more Prabhupāda conscious. This movement of Lord Caitanya is being spread from various angles. Keep the Holy Name foremost along with service to the Vaiṣṇavas and preach, preach, preach. Keep the preaching, develop the preaching. All glories to the preachers and to those who support preaching. Śrīla Prabhupāda gave everything, now spread it. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 2 Washington D.C. IFAST

I am starting to understand how much my body has changed in the ability to stay strong throughout the day. The spirit is willing, the flesh is weak. Śrīla Prabhupāda began this movement at the age of 70. Inconceivable, sheer magic, greatest feat. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda and all glories to His Holiness Bhakti Tirtha Swami, who taught many of his followers pleasing Vaiṣṇava humility and a good service attitude. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 3 Washington D.C. IFAST

Moving along, time waits for no man. Imperceptibly rushing towards the inevitable. Take full shelter of Kṛṣṇa's lotus feet and chant His Name and read *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam*. The end is nearer than perceived. Hopefully it is that end that will terminate all material desires and afflictions. The end of Māyā, the birth of pure Bhakti. All glories to pure devotional service. Reaching out, trying to achieve some of those qualities and actions. May Śrīla Prabhupāda bestow his mercy on this struggling fool. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 4 Washington D.C. IFAST – Ratha-yātrā

Jagannātha Ratha-yātrā – parade style. Probably the best one I have been to in D.C. Devakinandana Prabhu lead very nicely and I danced. Kṛṣṇa's holy name overshadows everything. The fanatical people who claim allegiance to Christianity made their foolishness public. Ignorance is a predominate feature of this Age and these people rank high in that department. No philosophy. Indra made his presence felt in an interesting way. Unfortunately book distribution was curtailed. America is a tough arena for preaching, so much opposition, so much ignorance. Anyway, Kṛṣṇa consciousness will prevail as long as we remain sincere and very serious in practice. Śrīla Prabhupāda is the greatest and most intelligent saint in this Age. His glories are

still being revealed. We are in good hands at his lotus feet. Śrīla Prabhupāda – the greatest. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 5 Washington D.C. – Gita Nagari

Life on the road is again becoming more spontaneous and less regulated. A return to the old patterns, etc., a matter of accepting the inevitable. Travel is filled with changes. *Sādhana* is the key to success in remaining fixed in service. Good quality *japa* is rare and requires a proper frame of mind to initiate. Praying for the strength to remain steady and not unnecessarily hanker for a better arrangement. Surrender to the circumstances by accepting them as Kṛṣṇa's mercy and trying to always remember that we are a servant not a master. Gita Nagari is a wonderful place with wonderful devotees. Hopefully it will blossom someday to fulfill Śrīla Prabhupāda's dream of a self-sufficient community. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 6 Gita Nagari – Srila Bhakti Tirtha Maharaja's Disappearance Day

All glories unto his lotus feet. He has done something extraordinary. His love and compassion for others coupled with his deep desire to serve Śrīla Prabhupāda has created a revolution in the lives of many. May we receive the mercy to be able to properly honor and appreciate this great soul. All glories to Srila Bhakti Tirtha Maharaja. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 7 Gita Nagari

Hare Kṛṣṇa. Nice program. Śrīla Prabhupāda is pleased. The devotees have nice relationships. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 8 Gita Nagari – State College

Sweet program. Disciples of Bhakti Tirtha Swami giving account of their exchanges with him. His way of devotional service. Very sweet, devotional, humorous, informative. Śrīla Prabhupāda's family is many branched. Let us keep it resolute. Unity in diversity. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 9 State College

The eternal enemy of the soul, lust, has entered my mind and it is causing me great distress and unhappiness. The fear of again falling down into the illusion of *Māyā*, with Her frantic dance of sensual attraction. Weak *sādhana*, too much association with the opposite sex and extreme irregularity in practice has caused this enemy to rear its ugly, disgusting head. O Lord, destroyer of Cupid's allurements, protector of the surrendered devotee and uplifter of the devoted. Save me from *Māyā* inside, outside and endow me with careful discrimination in activity. Give me Your mercy in the form of Your powerful name – Hare Kṛṣṇa. Place me firmly at the lotus feet

of Śrīla Prabhupāda and strengthen my determination to serve and surrender. Sincerely begging for Your protection. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 10 State College – Ekādaśī

Jay Śrīla Prabhupāda! Thank you to the State College devotee congregation. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 11 State College travel Chicago

A wonderful program of kirtan. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 13 Chicago – Toronto

Traveling, trying to remember Kṛṣṇa amidst a world of constant change. Factually it becomes easier and more natural to remember Kṛṣṇa when situations are changing. Tomorrow is Ratha-yātrā. I pray to be able to offer some meaningful service to Lord Jagannātha and to His devotees. All glories to the Lord of the Universe, who rides upon His huge chariot performing His intimate pastimes while benedicting everyone witnessing. Śrīla Prabhupāda has given many gifts, this is one of the most glorious and outstanding. Jagannātha Purī comes West. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 14 Toronto – RY – Gadādhara Paṇḍita App. – Bhaktivinoda Disapp.

Many wonderful devotees from many areas attended. Dravida Prabhu led nice kirtan. Indra decided to carry out his duty accordingly and some rain fell and the weather became cold, yet the devotees persevered. Serve by dancing. All glories to *śrī harināma saṅkīrtana*. Śrīla Prabhupāda is riding on the chariot of Subhadrā Devī. Tomorrow a continuation. Praying for the mercy of service to the Vaiṣṇavas and of the Holy Name. Hare Kṛṣṇa.



July 15 Toronto

Disappointed, I didn't get to make my presentation on Bhakti Tirtha Swami. For whatever reason it didn't happen. Perhaps my desire wasn't strong enough. I offer my humble obeisances at his lotus feet and pray for forgiveness due to any lack on my part. Perhaps the general crowd wouldn't be able to appreciate the contribution of this great soul. I need a day of rest, reading and chanting. It could only help. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, increase my desire for reading. Thank you very much. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 16 Toronto – Boston

Consciousness contaminated by material contact. Śrīla Prabhupāda explains how by being in an infectious environment one becomes infected. Material energy is dirty and one must continually remain diligent to keep from being infected. The Holy Name is antiseptic and prophylactic. I am feeling its prophylactic effect and endeavoring to clear my consciousness of its contaminating effect. *Kīrtanīyaḥ sadā hariḥ*. That is the formula along with careful and conscious avoidance of Māyā's contaminating effect. We desperately take shelter of the Holy Name and beg for mercy. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 17 Boston

Let the sound, glories and supreme position of Kṛṣṇa's name continually absorb my life. Oh, yes, let it take me wherever it wants. Let me serve and surrender continuously to the chanting of the Holy Name. A great blessing from the greatest devotee, Śrīla Prabhupāda. Chant and be transported to Śrī Vṛndāvana by Kṛṣṇa's holy name.

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

July 18 Boston

Struggling. This is Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Trying to make a difference in the lives of others. Seems extremely difficult to move people forward. Hardly one seems to be serious enough to sincerely want to advance or if they do they have their own idea how to proceed which is always incorrect. Tonight with a little tolerance and patience one man after talking continuously about himself agreed that coming to the temple and doing some service this is what he needs to do. I sincerely hope he follows up. America is afflicted by a lack of vision in preaching and a strong committed leadership. Something is happening, but very, very slow. Śrīla Prabhupāda, help us, who are trying to make a difference in the lives of others, to see what is needed to move people along. Perhaps our own impurities are the blockade. Your mercy is strong, let it flow into our lives continuously. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 19 Boston

I must become more strict in everything I do. Eating, time usage, speech, purpose of association, everything. Some fasting is necessary, decrease of food intake. Austerity – the wealth of a Vaisnava. Lord Caitanya's devotees love austerity. Chanting the Holy Name is our life, it sustains life, gives life and makes life livable. All glories to Kṛṣṇa's holy names, the perfection of devotion. Śrīla Prabhupāda, give me the strength of austerity. Too much sense gratification in the name of spiritual life. All glories to Kṛṣṇa in the form of His beautiful name. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 20 Boston

Yes, dancing for the Lord. Śrī Vākṛeśvara Paṇḍita's extraordinary service. Dancing is very wonderful, it is very deep and intimate to dance for Kṛṣṇa. I desire to dance more for Kṛṣṇa, Lord Caitanya and Lord Nityānanda. The Swami step named after Śrīla Prabhupāda is classic. It all stems from the Swami. Śrīla Prabhupāda Ki-Jay. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 21 Boston

Tat te 'nukampām su-samīkṣamāṇo. Yes, this verse is the formula for understanding how to see everything. Hopefully I will stop trying to mix sense gratification with devotional service and seriously surrender. It's a hard struggle, but deep within my heart I feel that preaching in the US is something I should do less and increase in Europe and India. Stalwart preachers are needed here, but I need to focus where I can make a difference and at the same time move forward. Your mercy, dear Lord, is complete. Faith is not disturbed, only the thought of how best to serve. Praying sincerely for the ability to catch Your mercy at the lotus feet of my Guru Maharaj Śrīla Prabhupāda. Kṛṣṇa, save me. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 22 Hartford/Partha's Home

Thank You, dear Lord, for saving me today, now please do it again tomorrow. Each day I am convinced that Your name is everything I need to achieve spiritual strength and success in all activities. Yet I factually cannot properly approach You in the form of Your holy name. Begging for the desire to serve nicely, effectively, my beloved spiritual master, Śrīla Prabhupāda. Only when he is pleased is success achieved. Your mercy, Śrīla Prabhupāda, is my ardent desire. A beggar has no rights and cannot demand, but I am convinced that you will give your mercy, so I have come to your lotus feet. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda's compassion upon the fallen souls of this Age of which certainly I am one. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 23 Hartford

Why do I keep this journal? A reminder, Śrīla Prabhupāda recommended his disciples to each day write a paragraph on one's daily realizations. Today I realized to accept whatever comes my way as the mercy of the Lord and be grateful, thankful, surrendered. Detachment fosters knowledge and freedom from false ego. Attachment to the instructions of Śrīla Prabhupāda is the point of complete detachment from everything that does not foster Kṛṣṇa consciousness. All glories to association of great devotees. As I am writing, Pyari Mohan Prabhu is returning from the airport with Niranjana Maharaja. All glories to those devotees who have

surrendered everything for the mission of Śrīla Prabhupāda. May their association inspire me in devotional service. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 24 Hartford

Yes, time moves on. Friends are made, friends depart company. On the spiritual platform we are always together through our devotion to Kṛṣṇa. *Saṅga* of *sādhus*, the happiness that makes our love for Kṛṣṇa grow more and deeper. Niranjana Maharaja is here and that is the association. His sweet nature and deep Kṛṣṇa consciousness is very attractive. Unable to serve him properly, I can only pray that his health improves so he can continue with full strength to inspire others in their devotional life. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, who has created a wonderful family of Vaiṣṇavas. May that family become the world. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 25 Hartford – Boston – Ekādaśī

Kṛṣṇa, I take full shelter of Your sweet lotus feet. Please give me enthusiasm, determination, patience, tolerance. I need Your mercy coming through any and all channels. Especially through my spiritual master Śrīla A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda. His mercy is complete. Here in Boston, Ekādaśī is being celebrated. How should I participate? Thank you, dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, for hearing my prayers. Your mercy is my happiness. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 26 Boston – Toronto

Is it travel or karma, a message, or a need to develop tolerance, patience, prayer. Kṛṣṇa's mercy is not always easily understandable. Acceptable yes, no doubt. A devotee is under His care and ultimate protection. What can I learn from today? Traveling while tired does not help. Whatever the reason or message it is minimized. *Tat te 'nukampām su-samīkṣamāṇo*. An offense to a devotee reaps havoc in our spiritual life. I spoke harshly to Murari Caitanya Prabhu. Whether I was right or wrong that is secondary. All Vaiṣṇavas are respectable and are our Prabhus. All glories to those whose life is only Kṛṣṇa's service. Śrīla Prabhupāda, our hope is only your mercy. Please, don't let me forget your instructions. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 28 Toronto/Youth Festival – Unite

To associate with enthusiastic persons brings us up and vice versa. These young adults are eager to go forward. By trying to serve them I inspire myself. Tomorrow I am scheduled to speak on "Humility vs. Low Self Esteem". The Self is not the body. Śrīla Prabhupāda is the epitome of real humility. Fight for Kṛṣṇa and Kṛṣṇa's devotees. A meaning of humility is to understand one's position and to act in that position. To think otherwise is illusion. Kṛṣṇa and Guru are great, I am nothing but Their servant. That is humility, that is empowerment. It is all about being genuinely

empowered. False empowerment doesn't give satisfaction, nor lasting results. All glories to Kṛṣṇa's holy name. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 29 Toronto/Youth Festival – Unite

Full day – classes, discussions, counseling, talks, jokes. Śrīla Prabhupāda gave us full engagement. Special mercy. I pray I am able to continue as the Festival continues. Happiness in Kṛṣṇa consciousness is to be fully engaged in service. My mind still wants its rascal independence. Beat the mind with shoes in the morning, broomstick in the evening. That is the only way to control it. Beat it constantly with the rod of Kṛṣṇa's holy name. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 30 Toronto

Break from the action, a day of hearing, reading, chanting. Hopefully I am ready to take on the challenges of travel, the unexpected and other forms of activity that require me to go deeper into exhibiting the qualities of a Vaiṣṇava, such as intelligent discrimination, enthusiasm in service and tolerance towards the non-devotees. Śrīla Prabhupāda would say “to take to Kṛṣṇa consciousness means to declare war on the illusory energy.” And war means fight. How best to fight depends on skilled training and intelligence and the understanding that to take shelter of Kṛṣṇa is the means to win the battle. Dear Lord, Your mercy and the mercy of Your pure devotees is our ardent desire. May Śrīla Prabhupāda, who is the pure representative of Śrīla Rūpa Gosvāmī, become more the source of Your mercy. Bilvaṁgala Ṭhākura prays in his *Śrī Kṛṣṇa-karṇāmṛta*: “Dear Lord, with Your mercy what is the use of others and without Your mercy what is the use of others.” We are Your *cataka* birds. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 31 Toronto – Ottawa

The Canadian devotee scene seems to be increasing. Probably due to the fact that Niranjana Maharaja's disciples are here. Canadians are nice, a step up from the Americans. Please, Śrīla Prabhupāda, empower me to make a difference. Bringing Kṛṣṇa consciousness to more people and increasing the regulars. Flying high, coming to Ottawa, 36,000 feet, 490mph. Insignificant compared to Vaikuṇṭha travel. Praying to be an effective instrument. Thank you. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 1 Ottawa, Canada

Constant travel forces one to be more attentive to detail with regards on how best to maintain and to serve. Māyā presents many faces, some very familiar, others undetectable without careful scrutiny. Being available to others, with how best to serve, needs to be constantly evaluated. One's vision has to be in line with *guru*, *sādhū*, *śāstra* applied to time, place and circumstance. Śrīla Prabhupāda has said that

this movement is not possible for everyone. Only those who are actually intelligent and self-interested can practice successfully. Careful chanting of Kṛṣṇa's holy names allows one to proceed unabated. All glories to Śrī Kṛṣṇa manifested as His holy name. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 2 Ottawa, Canada – Gopāla Bhaṭṭa Gosvāmī's Appearance Day

By serving great souls great service is done. By hearing and chanting the glories of great souls great happiness is attained. By traveling and preaching great mercy is received and given. By sincerely and seriously chanting Kṛṣṇa's names the highest perfection of life, love of God, is awakened in the heart. By begging for the mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda great deeds are easily performed. By returning to Chicago the lotus feet of Śrī Śrī Kīśore Kīśorī is awakened to one's vision. All glories to Gopāla Bhaṭṭa Gosvāmī, whose Appearance Day is today. Thank you for the opportunity to speak about this very great soul. Śrīla Gopāla Bhaṭṭa Gosvāmī Ki-Jay. Śrī Śrī Rādhā Ramaṇa Ki-Jay. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 3 Ottawa, Canada – Chicago

Return to Chicago, 3 weeks on the road. Swarmed "other things" to do. Preaching slows, traveling stops. Catch up on letters, e-mails, writing, reading, cleaning, etc. Whatever is required if it is for the service of the Lord is transcendental. On my desk, a fully smiling Śrīla Prabhupāda. He is taking with him those who can go to see Kṛṣṇa. He is with Kṛṣṇa always. We want to go, yet still want to stay here. I want what Kṛṣṇa wants. It doesn't matter what it is. Kṛṣṇa is our only object of love and service. The smiling face of Śrīla Prabhupāda takes us to Kṛṣṇa's lotus feet in devotion – ecstatic devotion. We pray someday soon to be able to see Kṛṣṇa in the same way. Jay Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 4 Chicago

Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, although I try to serve without personal desire it is not so. The freedom of *sannyāsa* life must be carefully guided in service for spreading Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Presently I am faced with a decision whether or not to attend the Māyāpur Yātrā in November. I need your direction and advise on how best to serve. I trust you will reveal your desire to me. Thank you very much for hearing this request. All glories to Śrī Śrī Kīśore Kīśorī. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 5 Chicago

Preaching effectively requires careful consideration of time, place, circumstance, persons. Know your audience. I think it would be beneficial to concentrate more on each presentation beforehand. Śrīla Prabhupāda has said one should carefully prepare before lecturing but also one should be ready to speak in any and every

situation. Preaching is an art and can be learnt by careful study and perseverance in practice. Kṛṣṇa consciousness is natural for the living entity and it is understood by constant practice. Hare Kṛṣṇa. Jay Śrī Rāma.

August 6 Chicago

Dear Lord, I seem to be remembering You less and engaging in service more. Please, do not allow me to forget Your lotus feet, which are always available to the Goddess of Fortune Lakṣmī Devī, yet She continues to aspire to serve them more and more. Your glories, upon entering our ears, fill our minds with joy and satisfaction. May Śrīla Prabhupāda continue to push us closer to Your lotus feet by giving us the intelligence to serve You properly and pleasingly. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 7 Chicago – Palatine/Nityananda Pran’s Home

Hare Kṛṣṇa. Preach, preach, preach – from that activity many good things come. The society is in bad need of an administrator like Mahārāja Parīkṣit. Then Kali can be curbed. We know and pray that this soul-destroying rotten society will come crashing down. It is rotten and starting to stink with a nasty odor. All glories to spiritual righteousness, may it become a reality. Śrīla Prabhupāda has written strongly against this crummy society filled with all bad qualities – foremost the killing of innocent animals and children. May Kalki *avatāra* appear and wipe it away. A peaceful transformation is wanted, but in any case a transformation has to take place. All glories to Kṛṣṇa’s holy name. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 8 Chicago/Palatine – Ekādaśī

Children’s camp. Here are some really intelligent kids. Many good qualities are manifesting in our youth. Śrīla Prabhupāda has commented to his disciples that “your children’s children will take Kṛṣṇa consciousness all over the world”. We must put maximum amount of time, energy and resources in developing programs to keep our children growing in Kṛṣṇa conscious and protected against the nonsense of this disgusting soul-killing social environment. The future of this movement lies primarily with them. All glories to Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya Mahāprabhu and His transcendental brother Śrī Nityānanda Rāma. May Their mercy continue to purify our lives. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 9 Chicago

Need to work on improving my *japa*. It is easy to fall into a lower standard and accept it as OK. Purifying the desire to chant in a humble state of mind, tolerant like a tree, prideless and respectful of all others. Genuine respect for the living entity as Kṛṣṇa’s part and parcel. Not something artificial or mechanical. When we truly know our position as a tiny *jīva*, then it becomes a natural affair. On the road again or

rather in the air again. Boise until the 14th. Let's see if I can make a difference. US temples are difficult places to move persons forward. They lack inspired leadership. By the grace of Śrīla Prabhupāda our visit may inspire some to become more serious. Your mercy, Śrīla Prabhupāda, is our success. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 10 Chicago – Boise

Nice devotees, simple place. Class, nice questions. I am satisfied with the arrangement. Trying to serve, although I am full of errors, oversites and spaced out. Where I am in my spiritual journey is impossible to evaluate. All I know is that the holy name of Kṛṣṇa is everything and all that is needed. My rounds need improvement, yet it appears difficult. Let me take full shelter of the name of Kṛṣṇa and perfect my devotional mentality. Śrīla Prabhupāda has said it all, and that is without discussion. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 11 Boise

Haribol. Jay Śrīla Prabhupāda. Nice prison program. Kṛṣṇa's mercy. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 12 Boise

Māyā is kicking me. I never seem to get the pattern for travel and preaching. Perhaps there are considerations not taken into account. Perhaps my view of what is supposed to be is incorrect. No doubt it is. Soon it is Europe. Am I ready for that austerity? Only Kṛṣṇa knows. Śrīla Prabhupāda, I am praying for your mercy to be able to continue my service nicely. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 13 Boise

Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda, for giving me your kindness and mercy. You have given me so much and although your physical form has disappeared from our vision, you remain ever present in the lives of your devotees. Guiding, nurturing, chastising, edifying and picking us up. Your mercy was felt in a powerful way today. I pray I can keep connected to your mercy and on Kṛṣṇa's lotus feet and never ever become attracted to anything in this world – only devotional service. Please allow me the determination to remain tightly fixed at your sweet lotus feet. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. We pray to offer some pleasing devotional service. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 14 Boise – Chicago

Traveling is becoming so much more difficult. How to keep up enthusiasm in my service while I am developing an aversion to travel. Kṛṣṇa, You are able to rectify all anomalies. Please help me stay enthusiastic in my service. Health is becoming more of a concern and not just an activity. The warnings are starting to surface again from different devotees. Kṛṣṇa always works through His devotees. The dream with

Bhakti Charu Maharaj was revealing. If the Lord is using such persons for correction how can I ignore it. Yet how can I keep health and travel simultaneously. Impossible. Will I take full shelter under the lotus feet of Śrīla Prabhupāda and await his guidance each moment? Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 15 Chicago

We sincerely want to take this opportunity to offer a prayer to the Lord and His devotee that if in any way what happened to little Mohini was related to our activities then we humbly and sincerely beg for complete forgiveness and are unhappy because of this. We humbly and deeply pray that her little body is free from any pains or residual effects. May Śrīla Prabhupāda and Lord Nṛsiṃhadeva bestow Their full blessings on her. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 16 Chicago

Praying for your mercy in order to be careful not to commit any offenses to Vaiṣṇavas, especially senior devotees. Caution and devotional thought is necessary when dealing with devotees. When love and devotion is there then it just happens. Otherwise always seek to serve not to be served. Śrīla Prabhupāda taught us to become absorbed in service in the way it is natural. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 17 Chicago

On the road, “air”, again. Europe six weeks and some assistance. With that comes the responsibility to guide and instruct. Whatever is required to serve properly. Śrīla Prabhupāda, begging for your mercy for success in preaching and enlivening the devotees and others. Your mercy is all I am made of. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 19 London – BV Manor

Missed last night’s entry – evening flight. It is good to be on the road, feeling the need to absorb myself in the Holy Name. I have no intelligence, neither devotion. I am foolish, spaced out and always thinking how to enjoy. Please, Śrīla Prabhupāda, your mercy is badly needed. I am lazy, misguided and mean minded. My only hope is to become absorbed in the Holy Name. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 20 London – Slovenian Camp

A great opportunity to associate with devotees and develop deep friendly relationships. By constant prayer and remembrance of Śrīla Prabhupāda all success will ensue. No doubt. Please, allow me to be an instrument of Your mercy. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 21 Slovenian Camp

Struggling with body, mind, *japa*, weather and travel after-effects. Fortunately, the association is good, wonderful. Yes, I must determine how best to serve. Śrīla Prabhupāda is personally removed from my life. *Vāṇī* is my link. My *āśrama* is my understanding. Either move forward or fall back. The body will pull away from determination unless it finds a healthy routine. Please, Śrīla Prabhupāda, your mercy is desperately needed on how best to serve. I want to please you and continue for years to come. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 22 Slovenian Camp

I am pushing my body. How long can I do this before it won't allow any further pushing. One can push till death. Which means one can destroy health or preserve it. The balance within the austerity. Take sufficient rest. Eat properly and don't waste time. We are meant to please the Lord – that must remain foremost in all actions. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. His mercy is our means to continue. Please, guide us according to your will. That is perfection. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 23 Slovenian Camp

Wherever one goes his mind goes with him. Early to bed, early to rise is the path of the wise. Kṛṣṇa's holy name with attention and devotion is the best part of the day, it is the day. Śrīla Prabhupāda's gift to the world. Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda, you are the pure and perfect representative of Śrī Nityānanda Rāma. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 24 Slovenian Camp – Ljubljana

Talking about Śrīla Prabhupāda, a sweet flow of vintage nectar. Our life was built on that. To see, to hear from, to associate with, to please Śrīla Prabhupāda. A truly great and rare soul has placed his feet on this planet. And now those prints no longer traverse her body and Mother Earth is feeling a great loss. We, his disciples, children, are trying to keep close to Śrīla Prabhupāda in various ways, but our minds are too much focused on other things. Service to Śrīla Prabhupāda is factually the real service to Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa. All glories to His Divine Grace. Please, help me serve you and feel the mercy of your presence. That I long for. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 25 Ljubljana – Disapp. Day of Rūpa Gosvāmī, Gauri Dāsa Paṇḍita

Opportunity to glorify these great souls. A bird can fly only up to the capacity of its wing power, yet the sky is unlimited. By the mercy of great souls we fly a little to keep up our enthusiasm. One week on the road. So far, by Kṛṣṇa's mercy, my body seems to be holding up. One must prioritize health, otherwise one's service and *sādhana* will suffer. Praying to develop an increased desire to remember, pray to and glorify my spiritual master. The greatest soul to walk the face of this planet in the 20th century. Śrīla Prabhupāda Ki-Jay. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 26 Slovenia/Ljubljana

Be careful, Māyā is very tricky. Always remember Kṛṣṇa, never forget Him. He is the only thought worth remembering. Kṛṣṇa is so sweet, so kind, extremely merciful. Lord Caitanya and Lord Nityānanda are Kṛṣṇa and Balarāma, so worship Them with all your heart, mind, life and soul. Śrī Śrī Gaura-Nitāi Ki-Jay. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 27 Slovenia/Ljubljana

May tomorrow be a day of good spiritual energy. Lord Balarāma makes His appearance. Guru Tattva. Nowhere to go but towards His lotus feet. Śrīla Prabhupāda said we pray to Lord Balarāma to give us spiritual strength. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 28 Slovenia/Ljubljana – Lord Balarāma’s Appearance Day

By the grace and mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda, a wonderful program to glorify Lord Baladeva was completed. Lord Balarāma and Lord Nityānanda are one and same and we have received Their mercy. Especially nice was bathing Their (Kṛṣṇa and Balarāma’s) transcendental forms. All glories to Lord Balarāma. He has caused us to love Him and we are feeling greatly blessed. Jay Kānāi Balāi. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 30 Croatia/Karlovac

Missed last night’s entry. No good reason. Pushing, hanging on to your mercy. Indra’s hail storm reminded me of the way he punished the *brahmin* leader of the dacoits who along with his gang wanted to harm Lord Nityānanda. Perhaps my actions are not auspicious, full of lust and false egoism. Your mercy, dear Lord, can manifest in a variety of ways just suitable for the occasion. Ice balls in the summer. Highly unusual. One guest was able to understand a little on how Your mercy is coming. The kirtan of the Holy Names brings auspiciousness wherever and whenever it is chanted sincerely. All glories to those devotees headed by His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda who have made the Holy Name the main focus of all activities, actually the only focus. All glories to Your holy name. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 31 Croatia/Karlovac

Nice people, very Kṛṣṇa conscious. Qualified, humble, simple. Like everything you give, I wish I was more able to take advantage of the opportunity to inject Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Need to become more austere and fired up. I am spiritually lazy and would be much more effective if I was only more serious. Therefore I will end this writing with a heartfelt prayer to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, help me to do what I need to do and stop what is not necessary. I can sense this prayer is what I have been longing for. How to sincerely pray for your mercy. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 1 Croatia/Karlovac – Split

Please, Śrīla Prabhupāda, do not allow me to become mechanical. Devotional service must be “service with devotion”. Today we remember you, for it was on this day, the solar day of your appearance in this world. Naturally we honor you on your Vyāsa-pūjā day, but September 1st is etched in our minds as the day you blessed this world by your appearance. Śrīla Prabhupāda, I am begging to have some devotion to you, wanting whatever I do to be an offering at your lotus feet. Yes, I lack real gratitude but I am praying for a small spark and hoping it can develop into a blazing fire. Let me genuinely become your instrument rather than one who seeks self gratification. All glories to Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya Mahāprabhu, whose mercy has inundated the world with a flood of love of God. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 2 Croatia/Split

Things seem different here. The Deities are very, very powerfully merciful – Śrī Śrī Gaura-Nitāi. Very, very, very merciful. Gaura-Nitāi are the perfect Lords for this Age. This Age is always filled with difficulties and bad qualities. It is through Śrīla Prabhupāda’s mercy only that we have received the special mercy of Śrī Śrī Gaura-Nitāi. Nitāi Gaura Premānande. Hari Haribol. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 3 Croatia/Split – Zagreb

Association with a senior Godbrother, it has been awhile. HH Sacinandana Swami Maharaja. Praying to become a humble servant and an effective preacher. These two qualities are compatible, actually they work only when humility is prominent. Śrīla Prabhupāda, your mercy is my only source of strength. Praying for your mercy. All glories to Śrī Kṛṣṇa Janmāṣṭamī, the glorious day of Śrī Kṛṣṇa’s appearance in this earthly realm. May His appearance pastime become a source of great attraction and His glorification be foremost. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 4 Croatia/Zagreb – Śrī Kṛṣṇa Janmāṣṭamī

I could not take my eyes off of Lord Caitanya. His presence completely, totally captivated my mind, then my heart followed easily. At what point do we come to the realization we cannot live a single moment more without the association of Kṛṣṇa. It is becoming more prominent, the desire to leave this world and return to the lovely loving lotus feet of Śrī Kṛṣṇa. Such a beautiful process, a way of life given to us by Śrīla Prabhupāda, we owe him everything and more. All glories to Śrī Kṛṣṇa on this beautiful auspicious Appearance Day. Happy birthday, dear Lord, it is our way of appreciation and love. Śrīla Prabhupāda Ki-Jay. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 5 Croatia/Zagreb – Śrīla Prabhupāda’s Appearance Day

Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, I am in need of genuine humility, otherwise what is the use of anything I do. Humility – not wanting the distinction to be honored by others – easier said than done. But with your mercy even this proud mutt can understand the beauty of this most precious quality. On your Appearance Day, Śrīla Prabhupāda, we eagerly renew our desire to serve, to serve without material motivation or spiritual gain. Please allow me to find the necessary time to read your books. Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda, on the occasion of your most glorious appearance in this world. All glories unto your lotus feet. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 6 Croatia/Zagreb – Rijeka

Receiving a lot of mercy, it is the only factor that is keeping me going – your mercy, Śrīla Prabhupāda. You immediately answered my prayers. To be able to serve for the pleasure and benefit of others and of course for Śrī Kṛṣṇa. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 7 Croatia/Rijeka – Italy/Hare Kṛṣṇa/Villa Villaggio – Ekādaśī

My 32 round day was completed, but with a lot of inattention. A 7 hour drive on Ekādaśī proved smooth until the end when we were unable to locate our destination. Anyway, the opportunity afforded for remembering Kṛṣṇa was ideal. Life consists of many roads, one must be cautious to always get on and remain on the one that leads back to Godhead. The lotus feet of Śrīla Prabhupāda are the only shelter in this world of constant change and uncertainty. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, help me to become fixed in mind and in service by always remembering Śrī Kṛṣṇa. That is my desire. With love. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 8 Italy/Hare Kṛṣṇa/Villa Villaggio – Ratha-yātrā

Gaurāṅga, Nityānanda, Gaura Bhakta Vṛnda. Śrīla Prabhupāda Ki-Jay. Need time to catch up on reading, emails and other things. Praying for the opportunity. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 9 Italy/Hare Kṛṣṇa/Villa Villaggio

September 9th in Hare Kṛṣṇa Villa Villaggio is a reoccurrence. Third year in a row I am at this temple on this day. Significant only that the last two times HH Lokanath Maharaj was also here. This year it was HH Jayapataka Swami, who left this morning after given an incredible class, citing many little know pastimes. All I can really say is when Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya and Lord Nityānanda become the reason for your life, then what is the question of anyone else. Śrīla Prabodhānanda Sarasvatī can only worship these Two, no other incarnation exists for him. Śrī Śrī Gaura-Nitāi. They are everything and all that is wanted. May Their forms, names, pastimes, qualities and especially Their association be fully manifested in our hearts and mind. All glories to Nitāi-Gaurāṅga. The greatest gift of Śrīla Prabhupāda – the lotus feet

of Gaura-Nitāi and Their mercy. May my mind remain fixed upon Them eternally. Jay Jay Śrī Śrī Gaura-Nitāi. Haribol. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 10 Italy/Hare Kṛṣṇa Villa Villaggio – Prabhupada Desh

The test of association of many senior devotees along with the challenge of speaking *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam* before all. I am not at all qualified and I know there are others who are capable of presenting the subject matter in a more interesting and relevant way. Still I have to speak to the assembly. Therefore my only recourse is to pray, beg for your mercy, Śrīla Prabhupāda. Only you can make my words interesting and enlightening. With a heart full of prayer and mind full of understanding that success is your mercy only, I offer this prayer. Please, help me to serve the Vaiṣṇavas nicely. Thank you for hearing my prayer. Śrīla Prabhupāda Ki-Jay. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 11 Italy/Prabhupada Desh

I am not reading enough. Again it is not happening. What to do? No time for anything. Hey Man! What to do? Chant Hare Kṛṣṇa, be happy and pray to Śrīla Prabhupāda to make you a reader once again. Jai Śrīla Prabhupāda, you can turn bell-metal into gold, therefore you can turn me into a devotee. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 12 Italy/Prabhupada Desh

Nice association. Some of the European leaders. An opportunity to associate with a different group of devotees. All very nice, humble, intelligent. *Sādhu-sāṅga*. How to associate, friends, service. How can one serve in a more complete way. Tomorrow the opportunity to spread the glories of the Holy Name. *Śrī harināma saṅkīrtana* Ki-Jay. The mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda is great. Today and at other times I visited, I notice the happiness of Śrīla Prabhupāda. Prabhupada Desh is appropriately named. Śrīla Prabhupāda is most happy and pleased and profusely distributing his powerful mercy. To offer obeisance here is especially satisfying and eagerly offered. All glories to His Divine Grace, whose mercy flows like a raging river. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 13 Italy/Prabhupada Desh – Venice (Harinam)

The power of the Holy Name is absolute. Wonderful mercy raining in torrents. Śrī Kṛṣṇa's name showering blessings on all. Remembering Śrīla Prabhupāda on harinam increases the enthusiasm of the chanters. All glories to Śrī Kṛṣṇa *saṅkīrtana*. Śrīla Prabhupāda Ki-Jay. Hare Kṛṣṇa. Today, by the solar calendar, is when Śrīla Prabhupāda arrived in Boston Harbor. September 13th 1965 at 5:30am.

September 14 Italy/Prabhupada Desh

Things are changing. Change generally occurs gradually, but at select times something significant occurs to change a pattern. Ultimately death will come, the

final state of this body which we so dearly cherish and try to preserve. Health is required to serve nicely. But certainly there is something more important. Śrīla Prabhupāda gave us everything needed to return to Kṛṣṇa. Will we take it, remember it, apply it and benefit from it. Always remember Kṛṣṇa, never forget Him. This is our focus as we perform all our activities. Please, give us the power of complete recollection by which we can come to transcendence. It is much more than regulated service. It is service with love and love means remembering, constantly. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 15 Italy/Prabhupada Desh – Bologna

Nice harinam. Enthusiastic chanters. Preaching is life, life is preaching. Laziness is not part of life, kick it out. Every minute for devotional service. Reading must also be here to keep the fire burning brightly. Śrīla Prabhupāda is alive in the hearts of his surrendered followers. All glories to Gaura-Nitāi, may I go deeper into Their lovely transcendental *līlās*. *Harināma saṅkīrtana* Ki-Jay. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 16 Italy/Bologna

Radhanath Swami Maharaj. Tomorrow we will meet. Such a great soul, outstanding spiritual qualities. Epitome of kindness, compassion, a saint among us. Praying for the opportunity to be able to associate in the proper mood, service and learning. Śrīla Prabhupāda has picked up many great personalities from all over the world and engaged them in spreading Gaurāṅga Mahāprabhu's mission of saving the fallen conditioned souls. Maharaja is outstanding and a leader in that art. All glories to HH Radhanath Swami Maharaja. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 17 Italy/Bologna – Purandara Misra's – Viareggio

Thank you very much, dear Lord, for Your special mercy upon me. I am quite stupid and with very little devotion. You answered my prayers. I am especially thankful. Śrīla Prabhupāda has gathered souls from around the world and molded them into serious Vaiṣṇavas. Yes, impossible on the material level but for a *paramahansa* Vaiṣṇava as His Divine Grace it is his expertize in serving Kṛṣṇa. All glories to those devotees who are doing the same – HH Radhanath Maharaja and others. Śrīla Prabhupāda, it is impossible to understand you or your amazing qualities. They astound the minds of even the greatest spiritual philosophers. All glories eternally unto your lotus feet. We eagerly take shelter. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 18 Italy – Purandara Misra's – Viareggio

Beautiful day. A struggle controlling the mind and senses. A real battle. Presence of a great soul reflects one's own shadows. The process is such that by the presence of great souls spiritual life is easily understood and the impetus for perfection awakens, develops and culminates. All glories to HH Radhanath Maharaj, whose association

I pray will never be taken for granted or minimized. Śrīla Prabhupāda’s starlike gem. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 19 Italy/Villa Vrndaban – Śrī Rādhāṣṭamī

Beautiful day, full day. Many events. Many devotees. All glories to the Italian *yātrās*. HH Radhanath Maharaja Ki-Jay. Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī’s mercy. Her lotus feet are the main source of Kṛṣṇa’s happiness. Haribol! Śrīla Prabhupāda has blessed me on this day for he has accepted me as his disciple. Today is my 34th birthday in devotional life. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 20 Italy/Villa Vrndaban

My eating habits are changing again. Hard to stabilize, let’s see if this schedule is better. Anyway, Kṛṣṇa says “in all cases just depend on Me”. Learning to depend on Kṛṣṇa and on His mercy coming through Śrīla Prabhupāda. Simple for the simple. Always think of Me, depend on Me, offer everything you do to Me, make Me the goal of all activities and always chant My name. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 21 Italy/Villa Vrndaban

Sufficient rest is required to keep good health and steady devotional service. This obviously is not always possible, but it is required. We want to sleep less, eat less and serve more – that is our desire and a feature of detachment. Please, Śrīla Prabhupāda, help me to understand better how to perform pure devotional service to please the Lord and His devotees. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 22 Italy/Villa Vrndaban – Torino

Breaking into a new area, it is nice. Keeps one refreshed. Travel and preach, the greatest austerity on the body and mind. Constant movement at such an advanced age. We are going only on Śrīla Prabhupāda’s mercy. It is amazing, I was ready to leave this and remain more in one place, but yet somehow the road remains my home. Devotees are special and those coming up are in need. The medicine is in the hands of the head doctor, we are his assistants and trying to learn more. Please, Śrīla Prabhupāda, bless me with true humility. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 23 Italy/Torino – Ekādaśī

Boosted by Ekādaśī vow of chanting *japa* to 36 rounds. It is a risk. Today the time was available, but no guarantee it will always be the same. Praying for the mercy of Śrījī. Śrīla Prabhupāda said on this day in 1974 in Calcutta that “Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī is the source of spiritual inspiration.” I pray to take Her shelter. I need inspiration as the mind can and will become complacent. Fight for Kṛṣṇa, for Śrīla Prabhupāda,

for Lord Caitanya, for Truth. Fight to overcome egoism and lethargy. All glories to Kṛṣṇa's words in *Bhagavad-gītā*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 24 Italy/Torino

Śuddha-bhakata-caraṇa-reṇu. The dust of the feet of the devotees is my four kinds of foodstuff. Please, Śrīla Prabhupāda, place your feet dust on my head and relieve me of this desire to enjoy sense gratification, which is like an epidemic pushing upon my mind and soul. O merciful Guru, your mercy is everything I ever aspire for. It is the wealth of the world. Śrīla Prabhupāda Ki-Jay. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 25 Italy/Torino – Switzerland/Zurich

Dear Lord, please allow me the shelter of Your lotus feet. Praying to be accepted as Your servant eternally. Fallen and full of false pride, prestige and lust, always angry, never satisfied, this is my condition. It is obviously my character. But Your mercy is powerful and easily available. Please, send a bunch of it my way. If I can always remember my Guru Maharaja's kindness upon the world then I will feel hope. Not knowing where else to go I run to his lotus feet and will never leave even for a moment. Śrīla Prabhupāda Ki-Jay. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 26 Switzerland/Zurich

Raṅga taraṅgiṇī – accepting the accolades of *bhakti* as *bhakti*. Purification of the heart is the process. Whatever may come as gifts let it come, but let me always endeavor to develop the qualities of a devotee. Chanting with devotion, attention, reading and hearing with an intense desire to learn and apply. Associating as a means to serve and assist others. Appreciation for the process of *bhakti* and eagerness for improvement. Careful control of the tongue and a watchful intelligence over the mind. Honoring with full attention and love Śrīla Prabhupāda and always repeating his words. Generosity with material possessions and deep appreciation for the association and service of other Vaiṣṇavas. Eagerness to associate with those more advanced and a humility that is born of true knowledge and a desire to always remember Bala Nitāi, Nityānanda Balarama, and intelligence that knows how to use material resources for Kṛṣṇa's service. And enthusiasm to dance to the sweet sound of:

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

Gaura-bhakta-vṛnda Ki-Jay. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 28 Switzerland/Zurich – London/BV Manor

Somehow I missed last night. Spaced out. Zurich was a real test unlike Italy, which was more like a heavenly planet. Sickness plagued today, travel is unpredictable. Learning the hard way, what to do and what not to – seems like every situation warrants careful discretion. Kings Cross program. Wonderful, nice group. Giridhari Prabhu is a real saint. Africano preaching, potentially dangerous place, unpredictable. These devotees are receiving the sincere blessings of Śrīla Prabhupāda to preach where one literally is risking one's life. All glories to these great souls. Śrīla Prabhupāda's mercy has entered deep within their lives. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 29 London/BV Manor

On this day of my birthday and all the wonderful events that came in loving association with the devotees, I humbly beg to offer my obeisance at the lotus feet of my two glorious and wonderful spiritual masters and guides. To His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda, who so mercifully picked me up from the grand ocean of illusion and gave me life at the lotus feet of my eternal lover Śrī Kṛṣṇa and to my sweet and caring *śikṣā* guru His Holiness Shripad Radhanath Maharaja for continuously guiding me and instructing me in understanding the proper mood of a Vaiṣṇava. His association has brought me closer to the lotus feet of Śrīla Prabhupāda and is helping me to learn how to appreciate and serve others. I am his eternal servant. And all glories with devotion and a heart full of attraction for the sweet lotus feet of Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gokulānanda, Sītā Rāma Lakṣmaṇa and Hanumān, and with special love to the most magnanimous and amazing Śrī Śrī Gaura-Nitāi. All glories to Their unlimited and unfathomable mercy. Śrīla Prabhupāda Ki-Jay. Gaura Premānande. Hari Haribol! Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 30 London/BV Manor

All glories to Kṛṣṇa's holy names, which cause one to go mad. Spiritual madness, life is to become mad – mad for Kṛṣṇa. Kṛṣṇa, we cannot live another moment without feeling Your divine presence. Please, do not allow me to forget You for even a moment. By remembering You always we can live with You. Śrīla Prabhupāda Ki-Jay. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 1 London/Soho – BV Manor

Śrī Kṛṣṇa is keeping me busy by preaching and associating with other devotees, etc. This will change when I return to Chicago, then again the need for regeneration and rejuvenation with emphasis on reading and catching up on other paper work, etc. In any and all cases, situations, *Yena tena prakāreṇa manaḥ kṛṣṇe niveśayet*. Let me always remember You, most dearest of all, the most beautiful and lovable, the complete and perfect happiness – Your lotus feet. All glories to those who make You

their only goal in life and all glories to those whose life is solely dedicated to pleasing You by bringing lost souls to Your lotus feet. May we always remember and meditate on Śrīla Prabhupāda's instructions. Śrīla Prabhupāda, the savior of the whole world. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 2 London/BV Manor – Chicago

A 30-hour day. Flight across the Atlantic. Times have changed. Now it is routine, many years ago it was a colossal feat. But despite all the materialistic progress people are frustrated, frivolous, miserable and always inconvenienced. Without the center the edges become very rough, without Kṛṣṇa (God) it is only a useless waste of time, energy and resources and ultimately life itself. All credit and glories to those individuals who understand life's essence and organize to propagate it. Śrīla Prabhupāda, when will this foolish society realize they are on the path toward destruction. Emotionally, physically, aesthetically, spiritually and even socially. May Lord Caitanya's mercy enter their hearts and awaken their good fortune – the path of love. May we be an instrument to their good fortune. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. We take full shelter and direction at his sweet lotus feet. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 3 Chicago

Getting adjusted is proven to be somewhat slow and uncertain. In time we'll adjust by the mercy of the Lord. I only pray to be able to have clear and continuous remembrance of the Supreme Lord. This is my desire. Please, Lord, always help me to remember You with deep love and appreciation. Your lotus feet are my only goal in life. Śrīla Prabhupāda is the perfect designer of the sweet process of reaching those lotus feet. May we always love and serve him. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 4 Chicago

Fighting with the deficiencies of weakened health. Real health is multidimensional with spiritual wellbeing leading the rest. Chant Kṛṣṇa's holy names and be healthy and happy. Śrīla Prabhupāda quotes *sarve sukhino bhavantu*. Let everyone become happy. AKA surrender to Kṛṣṇa. Surrender is moment to moment. Real surrender never requires a reminder, it is ready to surrender more. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 5 Chicago

Glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda and anyone who has taken to Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 6 Chicago – Ekādaśī

Determination in chanting. The mind can be extremely restless and very difficult to control. The hearing process is foremost and the recommended means, but the

stubborn restless mind refuses to allow one to hear constantly, always diverting attention to other thoughts. When the senses are wild the mind is wilder. One must, with strong and resolute determination, destroy inattention with the spirit of detachment from sense objects and constant practice of remembering Kṛṣṇa. No other process will work. How to avoid mechanically performing remembrance? Śrīla Prabhupāda has stated one cannot remember Kṛṣṇa unless there is some love. Kṛṣṇa is all-attractive and the most lovable of all. And He is playing His flute, increasing His power of attraction. All-attractive Kṛṣṇa. Śrī Śrī Kīśore Kīśorī, the all-attractive Rādhā Kṛṣṇa of my heart. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 7 Chicago

The youth of ISKCON are moving up, developing a strong taste for kirtan, *bhajan*. This gives hope and the realization of the success of Lord Caitanya's prophecy. All glories to the youth of ISKCON, may they continue to move forward and take responsibility for spreading the glories of *harināma-saṅkīrtana*. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, many persons are asking for blessings, mercy, qualifications. All I know is that you are the full embodiment of Śrī Nityānanda's *kṛpā* so readily available. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, give them your merciful blessings. Thank you very much. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 8 Chicago

All glories to Śrī Nityānanda Rāma. His mercy is inconceivable even by the greatest estimators of mercy. Jagāi and Mādhāi, the lowest of the low, attained pure devotion by His mercy and compassion. Now He has appeared to me in His own form of bliss and knowledge. May I always keep His lotus feet firmly on my heart and His memory firmly in my heart of hearts. I humbly bow with complete humility and devotion at His lotus feet and to the embodiment of His full mercy, my eternal master and savior His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda. All glories to his intense pure devotion and compassion on the fallen souls. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 9 Chicago

The Holy Names chanted with devotion attracts the mind, the heart becomes free from all heaviness, the feet dance, the arms move in various ways. One is lost to anything but the sweet sound of Kṛṣṇa's holy name. This is perfection. That great and loving saint amongst all saints, His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda, inaugurated this chanting in every town and village of the world and gradually it is spreading and will eventually capture the entire planet. Kṛṣṇa is glorified, His name is the means. All glories to those whose only happiness is the chanting of Hare Kṛṣṇa. We take shelter at their lotus feet and beg to become their servant and the servant of the chanting of the Holy Name. Śrīla Prabhupāda Ki-Jay. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 10 Chicago

There is a saying: “It is a weakness to speak when it is a time to listen and it is a weakness to remain silent when one should speak.” Much is gained by listening, hearing, and much is given and gained by speaking. Dear Lord, please help me to have the wisdom of discrimination which is perfected when one acts solely for Your pleasure and the pleasure of the spiritual master. Śrīla Prabhupāda said everything, it can be understood by reading his books. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 11 Chicago

What can be said that has already not been said? The holy name of Kṛṣṇa is everything. Love is what it’s all about. Chanting the Holy Name is the epitome of loving devotion. Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī only knows Kṛṣṇa. Her love is perfect or rather – perfection. Śrīla Prabhupāda is the embodiment of Śrī Nityānanda Rāya’s mercy, Bṛhaspati’s intellect, Brahmā’s intelligence and Haridāsa Ṭhākura’s tolerance, Vāsudeva Datta’s compassion, Sanātana Gosvāmī’s humility, Rūpa Gosvāmī’s literary genius and Jīva Gosvāmī’s knowledge of scripture. All glories to the greatest saint ever, without a doubt. When one evaluates, Śrīla Prabhupāda is above everyone. We are supremely blessed to have his merciful shelter. Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 12 Chicago

Easy life and Kṛṣṇa consciousness go ill together. Śrīla Prabhupāda underwent continuous hardships before his movement of Kṛṣṇa consciousness in the West developed. One has only to want to become fully Kṛṣṇa conscious, that will bring about the necessary austerities. Always remember Kṛṣṇa, never forget Him, 24 hours. Impossible! Yes, for a disbeliever. Faith in the power and mercy of Kṛṣṇa is all that is required, but that is not a small thing. Fight for Kṛṣṇa, the enemy lies within. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 13 Chicago

Preaching to college students. Enlivening seeing them coming forward and on some level opening up to Kṛṣṇa’s mercy. Śrīla Prabhupāda in Columbus Ohio in 1969 remarked how receptive the youth are to our message. Yes, youth is the time for adventure, experiment. If they come forward, then their lives are blessed. Preaching is the essence. Purity the force. Keep pure by always chanting Hare Kṛṣṇa. All glories to Kṛṣṇa’s holy name. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 14 Chicago

Kiśorī is so attractive. She is Bhakti Devī, the gateway to pure devotional service. Let us always remember Her merciful kindness on us and aspire to become one of Her assistants in Her loving pastimes with Kiśore. Śrīla Prabhupāda is making tasteful arrangements for the Divine Couple to enjoy each other. That is the perfection of life. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 15 Chicago – Oswego/Chicago SW

Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, please bestow your merciful blessings on my determination. Give me the determination to successfully absorb myself in this project of compiling relevant material for the IPM book. You know how prone I am to deviations. Your merciful blessings is the success I seek. All glories unto your lotus feet. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 16 Oswego/Chicago SW

Śrī Śrī Rādhā Śyāmasundara are very sweet and beautiful. So are Gaura-Nitāi, Jagannātha, Lord Nṛsiṃhadeva, Śrīla Prabhupāda. Everyone is most attractive. Śrīla Prabhupāda's mercy on Subuddhi Kṛṣṇa Prabhu and his good wife. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 17 Oswego/Chicago SW

Śrī Śrī Rādhā Śyāmasundara continue to reveal Their mercy. Gaura-Nitāi is very prominent and Jagannātha, Baladeva and Subhadrā Devī have forced my eyes to become continuously focused on Their transcendental forms. The *prasādam* is very nice and the area is quiet, free from cars and people. Hoping to get more work accomplished towards this IPM project. Only by the mercy of Lord Nityānanda and Śrīla Prabhupāda will I be able to maintain and hopefully increase my determination. Praying for protection from Māyā and for absorption in devotional service. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 18 Oswego/Chicago SW

I came here with the objective in mind to compile material for the upcoming book on prison preaching. Some more time is required, but most of the work got done by the mercy of Lord Nityānanda. All glory always to His lotus feet, which is constantly gracing my life. Meager on the qualities of a Vaiṣṇava, I desperately take shelter of Śrī Nityānanda Rāma knowing Jagāi and Mādhāi were before me. Yes, there is no one more merciful nor will there ever be one as Śrī Nityānanda Rāma. And Śrīla Prabhupāda is His mercy fully imbibed. Śrīla Prabhupāda Ki-Jay. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 19 Oswego/Chicago SW – Chicago Temple

A *sannyāsī* cannot be attached to anything except Kṛṣṇa and serving Kṛṣṇa – that's all. We feel at times in order to make others happy we appreciate their service and kindness, which we do, but we are not dependent on it. A *sannyāsī* who depends on

others loses Kṛṣṇa's favor and mercy. Dear Lord, give me the understanding of what it is to be only dependent on You and yet reciprocate to others' service. Actually, it is clear we only have to be honest. Śrīla Prabhupāda's success is based strongly on this principle. Although he took assistance from others and verbally acknowledged their kindness, he was never dependent on it. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 20 Chicago

Rāma-vijayotsava! All glories to Lord Rāma. His deeds and heroic acts cannot be recorded even by Lord Ananta. The Lord in a most righteous, moral, compassionate manifestation of His unlimited qualities. All glories to Sītā, Rāma, Lakṣmaṇa, Hanumānji. Their deeds bring great joy and tremendous spiritual power. May we again find the time in our life to dive deeply into this great ocean of devotion and happily swim in its cooling waves of mercy. Śrī Rāma Jay Rāma, Jay Jay Rāma. Tomorrow is the day. All glories to lasting goodness, may it soon prevail throughout the three worlds. Lord Rāma has reappeared as Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya Mahāprabhu. Jay Jay Sītā, Rāma, Lakṣmaṇa and Hanumān. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 21 Chicago – Dassera/Rāma-vijayotsava

We must take shelter of Śrī Rāma in order to destroy the Rāvaṇa within. He appears to go away at times, yet without expectation he reappears. Very ugly sometimes. Dear Lord, You know all my weaknesses better than I do, please therefore give me constant shelter at Your lotus feet and the desire to serve Śrīla Prabhupāda more and better. I don't know how to perform devotional service and I am always prone to wasting time. Please, correct my faults and allow me the sweet *darśana* of Your lotus feet. Thank You very much. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 22 Chicago – Ekādaśī

Sometimes my life seems so upside down, right side down and many other ways except normal. Things don't flow like they have in the past. Perhaps it is due to a lack of strong enthusiasm. I more or less take things as they come, not being careful to avoid getting caught up in activities that direct my attention from my service. Temple life can be distracting and yet edifying. It is the residence of Śrī Śrī Kīśore Kīśorī. It is the spiritual world, although at times, quite frequently, it is very unkept. Perhaps I haven't yet come to the understanding that everyone is sincere, yet many are lacking what it takes to be a temple devotee or manager. Simply to find fault is not going to change anything, a system must be in place to rectify and adjust things and upgrade them. This system is lacking or is at best very nebulous. Therefore, the only recourse is to pray that things improve. It is up to You, dear Lord Kṛṣṇa, please

help us to serve You better and with more devotion. All glories to His Divine Grace, whose instructions we seek to understand and apply accordingly. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 23 Chicago

I need much more kirtan. I am drying up. Please, continuously sprinkle the Holy Name upon this thirsty *jīva*. Longing for the sweet flavorful aroma of Your perfect lotus feet. All glories to those whose only goal in life is to continuously serve Your lotus feet by serving Your holy names. Śrīla Prabhupāda gave us everything, starting with and culminating in chanting:

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

Gaura Premānande. Hari Haribol!

October 24 Chicago

As much as possible read, chant and preach. This is life. Simply to maintain this body doesn't mean one is living, it is simply a display of movement. Movement is not life, the wind moves also. Life is devotion to Kṛṣṇa and it is nourished by hearing and chanting His glories. Śrīla Prabhupāda, I am trying to focus exclusively on that so I can live and teach others what is real life. All glories to Kṛṣṇa's holy name. The life that lives. Thank you, Niranjana Maharaja, your association has brought increased happiness to my life. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 25 Chicago

The pastimes of the Lord are simultaneously sweet and bitter. To a person with jaundice they are bitter. The jaundice patient still may find happiness in relishing other literatures and for him they are sweet. This is an understanding of how Kṛṣṇa *līlā* is seen by some. But for one who has, by the mercy of the Lord, tasted its sweetness one can never forget. And even though he is chewing the chewed in the form of literatures that glorify karma and *jñāna* over *bhakti* or eliminate any trace of *bhakti*, he cannot forget completely the sweetness of Kṛṣṇa or Gaura *līlā*. A little exposure will once again revive that experience and take one further on the path towards transcendental happiness. Therefore, we pray that by the mercy of the Lord people will begin to appreciate the value of this treasure house of *bhakti* and bask in the warmth of its knowledge and joy. All glories to Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam, it is none other than Kṛṣṇa in sound vibration. Śrīla Prabhupāda's greatest gift to humanity's spiritual progress. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 26 Chicago

Determination is the feature that distinguishes man from animal. It is the second important principle of spiritual practice followed by enthusiasm. Determination sustains and increases enthusiasm which crushes all obstacles and *anarthas* when connected with the proper activity and mood in devotion. This science of *bhakti* is deep and very hard to execute in Kali Yuga. Most fortunately we are blessed with the mercy of Lord Caitanya coming through the *ācāryas*, foremost His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda. Let us always remember his instructions, pray for his mercy and think of Kṛṣṇa. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 27 Chicago

Struggling with change in schedule. Can't seem to find how best to reduce, renounce. Śrīla Prabhupāda, it is Kartik but I am so fallen and cannot see how to become unfallen. Your mercy and guidance is needed. Śrī Dāmodara is so nice. Jay Śrī Śrī Rādhā Dāmodara. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 28 Chicago

Kṛṣṇa is very merciful, especially in this holy month of Kartik. All glories to Śrī Śrī Rādhā Dāmodara, as They unfold Their transcendental *līlā* that fills our mind and sweetens our heart. May I be able to always remember Their pastimes, chant Their holy names and please my beloved Guru Maharaj by my service and attitude. Śrīla Prabhupāda, we love you completely. Please continue to guide and correct me. Thank you. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 29 Chicago

Śrīla Prabhupāda, it is really difficult to stay regulated and even to know what is regulation. Being in one place for a given time seems harder in a day to day regulation than when traveling. I submit my head at your lotus feet and pray to become a better servant and not to remain a nonsense. All glories to Śrī Kṛṣṇa *saṅkīrtana*. All glories to those Vaiṣṇavas that know only devotional service and always from the core of their heart chant Your holy name. I am fed up with being an external devotee. I need some real *bhakti* to manifest in my life. Praying for your guidance, Śrīla Prabhupāda. Where else is there success. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 30 Chicago

Only when I sufficiently absorb myself in reading *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam* and other related writings do I find a sense of fulfillment. These transcendental literatures are full of spiritual potency as Śrīla Prabhupāda has invested his full time, energy and pure devotion in bringing this message to the world with great enthusiasm and determination. All glories to His Divine Grace. His mercy is overflowing like an

unstoppable river of ambrosial nectar which is full of numerous gorgeous lotus flowers. Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 31 Chicago

The Holy Name remains tops, always everlasting. *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam* is the greatest of the great scriptures. *Prasādam* is the best food and always nourishing in many ways. The Deity is always the most available for all. Lord Śiva is the dancer of all dancers, he even surprises himself in his artistic display. Lord Caitanya is never surpassed in humor and Lord Nityānanda has taken kindness and mercy to levels never before conceivable. And Śrīla Prabhupāda is the greatest person to disseminate transcendental knowledge since Jīva Gosvāmī. And although all these personalities are readily displaying their mercy, I remain fallen and unable to take advantage. Thus as mercy cases I am the neediest. Kṛṣṇa, save me. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 1 Chicago

One of the 64 arts that Kṛṣṇa and Balarāma learned from Their teacher Sāndīpani Muni is looking at pictures. Today we did that in order to organize the collection. Seeing what was there was enlivening. Kṛṣṇa has unlimited varieties of forms and with each variety there is more variety. This is a meditation in itself seeing Kṛṣṇa in His wonderful and dynamic forms of bliss and knowledge. Similarly, Śrīla Prabhupāda has numerous expressions and moods. Soon a publication will appear displaying many of the best of the best of Śrīla Prabhupāda. Kṛṣṇa is very wonderful. His pure devotee is very wonderful. All glories to spiritual variegatedness. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 2 Chicago

All glories to Śambhu Śiva, the greatest Vaiṣṇava and simultaneously the second Supersoul along with Yamarāja. Śiva's devotion is very difficult to understand in that He simultaneously receives worship as the Lord and serves the Lord with perfect love and expertize. He is not enamored by anyone's worship of Himself. Readily He takes their worship and offers with prayers to Lord Rāma. He is the greatest dancer and is easily pleased simply by obedience and devotion. All glories to Lord Śiva, as the scriptures say and is confirmed by Śrīla Prabhupāda. The difference between Śiva and Kṛṣṇa is the difference between yogurt and milk. Both are milk and yet one is not. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda for introducing us to Bhagavan Śambhu. Hare Kṛṣṇa. Hare Rāma.

November 3 Chicago

Spiritual life is like a razor's edge, don't be inattentive, it will cost. Inattention comes when we act on the bodily level and thereby become vulnerable to Māyā. Śrīla

Prabhupāda, only by your mercy can we always remember the Lord, therefore our concern is to always be eligible to receive your mercy. This is our fervent prayer. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 4 Chicago

Still in Chicago struggling to become Kṛṣṇa conscious. It is not by austerity but by devotion, which I am poor of. Please, place my mind firmly at the lotus feet of Kīśore and allow me to serve Kīśore Kīśorī wherever I am and to constantly absorb my hearing at the lotus feet of the words of my eternal spiritual master. Always to hear his voice, purifying, correcting, inspiring me in my feeble attempt to be Kṛṣṇa conscious. All glories to the Holy Name. Please give me Your shelter.

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

November 5 Chicago – Ekādaśī

Śrī Rādhā's mercy! Chanting the Holy Name. Begging, pleading, crying for the sweet taste of Kṛṣṇa's name. Śrīla Prabhupāda, when you are pleased then everything is wonderful. Keep us enthusiastic in our chanting. Beginning, middle, end. Everything. All glories to Kṛṣṇa's holy name. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 6 Chicago

Śrīla Prabhupāda has entered my room in a most wonderful way. Today Balaram Govinda Prabhu and myself engaged 4 hours in placing Śrīla Prabhupāda's magnificent pictures on my room wall. The room has become Śrīla Prabhupāda Bhavan, an oasis of His Divine Grace's presence. Let us now take this advantage to increase our service and devotion during this auspicious month of Kartik. All glories to Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 7 Chicago

Keeping busy in a variety of ways. Trying to organize much of my paperwork, notes, etc. Getting up earlier allows more quality time for chanting the Holy Names. Eliminating breakfast helps me to overcome a type of morning slowness. Kartik is Śrī Rādhā's month. Her *darśana* today greatly deepened my experience of Her transcendental attractiveness and forced me to realize how unqualified I am to be in Her divine presence. The Prabhupāda wall has helped me greatly to remember His Divine Grace more and more. Preaching is the essence. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 8 Chicago

Restless mind, come back, be firmly and only situated at Kṛṣṇa's lotus feet. A lotus – symbol of beauty, purity, peace, happiness. Śrīla Rūpa Gosvāmī prays for his bee-like mind to enter in the stem of Kṛṣṇa's lotus feet. That is only where the honey can be found. Why would anyone want anything other than Kṛṣṇa. To be fully Kṛṣṇa conscious is our only desire. Śrīla Prabhupāda has brought the rare treasure of Divine love in His most wonderful feature – Śrī Kṛṣṇa of Vṛndāvana. O Rādhā, please, bring me to Your Vṛndāvana, I am lost anywhere else. Jay Jay Rādhē Śyām. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 9 Chicago

The Lord seemed to be pleased. That is our only desire, never mind whatever is required as long as pleasure of Kṛṣṇa is the result. Śrī Nityānanda and Śrī Gaurāṅga of Ekacakra have departed my care and I sincerely hope They will receive much better care. I feel confident about the move and Śrī Nitāi has given indication He is pleased. They are now known as Nitāi Navadvīpa Candra. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, his mercy is unlimited. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 10 Chicago – Śrī Govardhana Pūjā

Temple was overflowing. Unable to feel comfortable prior to my talk. Praying, dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, please make my words suitable. The situation was one of desperation. Even my faith that it would be acceptable was weak and subjected to uncertainty. People liked the talk, if they only knew it was your words and your empowerment, everything, all credit belongs to you, Śrīla Prabhupāda. I learned to see the power of your mercy. Thank you for teaching me this principle more than the actual success of the talk. Success means to totally depend on you. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 11 Chicago

Tonight I decided to glorify Śrīla Prabhupāda. The perfect subject, his glories, life and the Holy Name. These subjects are delightful and necessary. Tomorrow traveling. Not really ready, let's see how it unfolds. Karmis in close proximity. Always chant the Holy Names and think of Gaura-Nitāi, then one is in the best association. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 12 Chicago – New Talavan

On the trail once again. *Sannyāsa-dharma*. Traveling and preaching. Śrīla Prabhupāda, we are suffering because you are not satisfied with our service. Therefore we are only satisfied if you are satisfied. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 13 New Talavan – Śrīla Prabhupāda's Disappearance Day

Nice program. Śrīla Prabhupāda is the principle of unity within ISKCON and also for the world. His instructions are our means for meditation. His life's example is

the epitome of compassion and determination. His books allow us his personal association. His deity allows us to worship him personally and his Disappearance Day causes us to reevaluate and renew our relationship with him. All glories to the greatest of all saints. Savior of the whole world. Śrīla Prabhupāda Ki-Jay. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 14 New Talavan

Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 15 New Talavan

All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 16 New Talavan

Classes morning and evening. Intense schedule. Health is improving, could be better. Very little reading, forgot its importance. Māyā is moving in trying to take up residence. Chant Hare Kṛṣṇa more and more. Serve Vaiṣṇavas. The devotees are nice. Tomorrow 3 classes scheduled. Kṛṣṇa, help! Prabhupāda, your mercy is greatly needed. Balance. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 17 New Talavan

It reoccurs constantly that wherever I visit to preach, the desire and need to return there develops. This is not possible in all situations. Devotees here are very nice and eager to hear. Good person in charge, compassionate, tolerant, generous, fair-minded. Yogendra Vandana Prabhu sincerely and seriously tries to serve in the best way. Always enthusiastic, attends the functions and works hard throughout the day. Śrīla Prabhupāda, how will this movement go on? Through intelligence and organization. We offer our humble prayers for the spiritual progress of New Talavan, whose Lordships Śrī Śrī Gaura-Nitāi and Śrī Śrī Rādhā Rādhā-Kānta are a festival for one's eyes. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 18 New Talavan – Hartford

No one raises his own reputation by lowering another's. In other words, a devotee is not trying to present himself as great or advanced or qualified or anything. He is just endeavoring to become the humble servant of the Lord and His devotees. That's all. Śrīla Prabhupāda, with folded hands and a heavy heart I pray for your mercy and the intelligence in order to serve in a pleasing way. Please, keep me always in the corner of your precious lotus feet. Devotional service. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 19 Hartford

When in devotional service, if one gets the mindset that he is OK, doing good, going on nicely, then this is certainly an indication he needs some correction from that mode of thinking. The more one makes advancement, the more one realizes how fallen and unqualified he is. Real humility is to always depend on Kṛṣṇa. Śrī Kṛṣṇa, You are my only shelter, please remove my desire for honor and distinction. I am low and always full of pretention, trying to hide my lack of spiritual progress with the mask of pretense. The lotus feet of Lord Nityānanda are my only hope and success. May He be merciful upon this fool. Struggling to maintain, my false ego refusing to let go. Humility comes hard. Your mercy is my success. All glories to the Holy Name. I look forward to chanting on tomorrow's Ekādaśī. I take shelter of Kṛṣṇa's name and the instructions of Śrīla Prabhupāda. Chant. Chant. Chant. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 20 Hartford – Ekādaśī

Test of humility. It is always part of our everyday activities, but more so now that Niranjana Maharaj, who is humility personified, has given me his association. Let's pray I can serve nicely and go deeper into *bhakti*. All glories to Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī, who is Bhakti Devī, the highest realm of pure love. Who She is no one will ever understand, nor the quality of Her love for Kṛṣṇa. May Her representative Śrīla Prabhupāda continue to guide me despite my inability to change. There is hope even for me. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 21 Hartford – Boston

Amazing to see the philosophy in action when it applies to association with great souls. How transformed the atmosphere becomes when Kṛṣṇa's fully surrendered devotee serves in pure love and devotion. All glories to HH Niranjana Maharaj, in whose association I am finding complete fulfillment and happiness. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, whose mercy has transformed many into greatly exalted, fully surrendered Vaiṣṇavas. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 22 Boston – Hartford

The great fault is to imagine you have none. So there is always something to work on. Perfecting *japa*, a lifetime endeavor. Catch the wandering mind and place it at the feet of the Supreme Lord. To always remember Kṛṣṇa and never forget Him. Thank you, dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, for giving me the association of HH Niranjana Maharaj. Such a special soul. I pray I can serve him throughout this life as the Lord directs. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 23 Hartford – Chicago

Back to Chicago for a week, then off for 6 months. Life on the road. It is now normal and less adventurous. Learning to accept it and adjust accordingly. Biggest austerity for me is the interaction with the materialistic people. A pot of poison, place for passing stool, maggot country. Just try to give them respect, Kṛṣṇa is in the heart of even the cockroach. They know nothing about the purpose of life, although they present themselves as knowledgeable. Śrīla Prabhupāda saved us from this hell, now we must try to save them despite the fact that they are not interested in their own best interest which remains hidden from them although it is right in their front. Preach. Preach. Preach – the results are in the hands of the Lord. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 24 Chicago

Śrīla Prabhupāda, we are begging, praying for your mercy. Please save us from ourselves. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 25 Chicago

O Holy Name, the tips of Your lotus-like toenails are shining brightly. We are trying to catch a small glimmer of that bright effulgence that is illuminating the entire existence, which has found a place securely in the hearts of Your unalloyed devotees. Please, bless me in that same way, I am begging for Your mercy as I struggle hard to overcome my attachments to sense gratification and false pride. Fortunately I have found shelter at the divine feet of your Senapati Bhakta, His Divine Grace, my spiritual master, guide and source of all inspiration, A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda. All glories unto Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 26 Chicago

Despite the unwillingness of the conditioned souls and their mental void of what is actually their supreme best interest, the preacher must continue to remain vigilant and concerned to serve the preaching mission. Thankless task, yes, still we seek not any remuneration or acknowledgement. Today it came from one who is also doing the same, even more so. Others will see it as one's own desire. Twice clarification was required. Anyway, if Kṛṣṇa is pleased and if His pure representative Śrīla Prabhupāda is pleased, then that is perfection and that is all that is sought after. Please, Śrīla Prabhupāda, destroy any and all self-interest and laziness that is obstructing my complete surrender in devotional service. All glories to Lord Caitanya's mercy on the world. Jay Nitāi. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 27 Chicago

Formerly I planned to leave America today, so now I would be 38,000 ft. in the air, but due to Kṛṣṇa's intelligence or something else I am only 35 ft. in the air, quite a difference. Anyway, the thought of travel brings ambivalence. Preaching and kirtans with fixed-up devotees, but coupled with the austerity of travel in winter at least for

a week, tempers my enthusiasm. But higher than all this rhetoric is the order of Śrīla Prabhupāda to travel and preach. That remains my focus and my only source of inspiration. So become the humble servant of Guru Maharaja's desire to assist in spreading this Kṛṣṇa consciousness as far and wide as possible. May Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu bless me with His mercy and may Śrī Nityānanda Rāma guide me. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 28 Chicago

Always lazy, full of false pride, prone to anger and fault finding, enjoy hearing about others' misfortune and never satisfied – these are my ornaments and yet I consider myself advanced spiritually. O, how amazing is the illusionary energy. Her bewilderment is the Supreme magician's magic. Unless one is meek and humble, advancement in spiritual life is very difficult. That is my prayer, to be able to sincerely realize my true position. Fully dependent at all times on the kindness and mercy coming from Śrīla Prabhupāda. No one can understand the glories of the unlimited Lord, even Brahmā, after his perfected meditation for 1,000 celestial years, could only conclude that the glories of the Lord are inestimable. We can rightly say that the glories of Śrīla Prabhupāda are also beyond anyone's ability to estimate. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. He is the most glorious person who is always glorifying the most glorious person – Śrī Kṛṣṇa of Vraja. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 29 Chicago

Carefully observing our motives, reflecting on why and how we do what we do, constantly thinking of Kṛṣṇa in a mood of loving devotion, always trying to serve in the right consciousness. Free from fruitive desire and the numerous forms of gross or subtle sense desire. Detached from the results but eager to please. Not overly concerned with the present state of the body but careful in our habits. Constantly praying to become the humble servant of Śrīla Prabhupāda and the predecessor ācāryas. And eagerness in all circumstances to chant the *mahā-mantra*.

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

November 30 Chicago – London/BV Manor

Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, only by your mercy and my being attentive to receive it will this upcoming travel into the world of preaching bear the fruit of Kṛṣṇa consciousness. We humbly and desperately take shelter unto your sweet lotus feet. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 1 London/BV Manor

If we allow ourselves to become weakened spiritually, then what is normally a challenge becomes a source of disturbance and a greater challenge causing one to exhibit some materialistic tendencies. In other words, do not let yourself become weakened. Good rounds, regulated reading of *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam* and other services that delineate the Lord's pastimes and qualities. Give consideration to all and act to bring Kṛṣṇa consciousness into everything. All glories to Kṛṣṇa's holy name, the only shelter for those who are well versed in spiritual truth. May Śrīla Prabhupāda bless us with his mercy. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 2 London/BV Manor

Praying to develop enthusiasm for serving, chanting and time for reading. Unless I have a balance of essential Kṛṣṇa conscious activities, I always feel no matter how much I am serving there is always some lack. I love to read, study and preach. Without regular and quality contact with Śrīla Prabhupāda's books, the spiritual balance is missing. All glories to *grantha-rāja*, *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam*, to Śrīla Prabhupāda's transcendental purports. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 3 London/BV Manor – Soho

Hare Kṛṣṇa. The lotus feet of Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu are my life, soul, existence, protection, happiness, source of inspiration, treasure, and focus in life. All glories to Śrī Gaurāṅga Mahāprabhu. May His glories reach all people. Let me conclude by offering Śrīla Prabhupāda's mercy to all by chanting Kṛṣṇa's name, and pray that all those who sincerely approached me for help may not be disappointed. All glories to Kṛṣṇa's holy name. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 4 London/Soho

Tat te 'nukampām su-samīkṣamāṇo. All glories to the Supreme Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa, whose mercy comes in a variety of ways but is always beneficial to help one achieve the goal of life – Kṛṣṇa *prema*. Tomorrow is Ekādaśī and 36 rounds on beads is the goal. May Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī bless us with success and may Śrīla Prabhupāda bless us with the necessary intelligence and time. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 5 London/Soho – BV Manor – Ekādaśī

What a day. 3 lectures. 36 rounds and a lot of Matajis. Kṛṣṇa help! My service is primarily to serve the Vaiṣṇavas and Vaiṣṇavis. Somehow I have been given the desire to help others at least to some small degree. Many that seek shelter and guidance and just general association are those in female bodies. The warning is: be very careful in association with the opposite sex, it is potentially spiritually dangerous. I refuse to turn away anyone who comes for help, but I am not so spiritually strong to deal with a constant stream of female energy. Therefore, Śrīla

Prabhupāda, help me to see clearly how best to serve and rid myself of all unwanted, unnecessary habits and attachments. I humbly and fervently take shelter of Kṛṣṇa in His beautifully powerful Holy Name. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 7 Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopinātha Mandir

I didn't make much of an effort – knowing I will be in transit – to write an entry yesterday. Anyway, I am not sure how to relate to everyone and anyone. Hopefully I will be able to sincerely develop the mood of humble service. Always remembering You is the goal, we really don't concern ourselves with other thoughts, at least that is ideal. Now we have entered into a very special place. We will see how Śrī Kṛṣṇa and Śrīla Prabhupāda will guide our services. Tomorrow we will be asked to glorify Radhanath Maharaj. What will I say? I pray deeply to be able to offer something appropriate and noteworthy, with devotion and enthusiasm. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 8 Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopinātha Mandir

Haribol. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 9 Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopinātha Mandir

Humility, detachment from all forms of sense gratification, fixed on the lotus feet of Kṛṣṇa and always chanting Hare Kṛṣṇa. By the mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda the blind are seeing, the lame are walking and the dumb are speaking on scripture. May that mercy move me forward to become a genuine Vaiṣṇava. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 10 Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopinātha Mandir

This movement is being driven by the desire of Lord Caitanya fueled by the deep intelligence of Śrīla Prabhupāda. Stop wasting time and focus on where you need to make a difference. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 11 Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopinātha Mandir

All glories to *Śrīmad Bhagavad-gītā* with Bhaktivedanta Swami purports. Śrīla Prabhupāda's clear, concise, spiritually astute explanation of the present state of affairs which, since its writing 35 years ago, has proven to be more and more accurate as time passes. Along with narrations of truly deep devotional understanding of Śrī Kṛṣṇa, and His *līlās*, which give ultimate satisfaction to the mind, stimulation to the intelligence and happiness to the heart. Begging to remain fixed on the lotus pages of each and every part of this great literature and preach its contents to the world. Dear Nityānanda, make me a better instrument in Your service and mission. All glories to Your amazingly sweet lotus feet. Śrī Nityānanda Rāma Ki-Jay. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 12 Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopinātha Mandir

Class on the “old days” of New Vrindaban helped me to remember and appreciate the simplicity of devotional life. Those were the formative years filled with much enthusiasm, eagerness, service and a lot of mistakes, but all done with a desire to serve properly. History teaches us how to go forward in a better and more complete way. Śrīla Prabhupāda’s mercy is always available and perfect. Let us fully fix our minds on Śrī Kṛṣṇa and detach ourselves from all that is opposed to the principles of *bhakti* and the mood of full surrender. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 13 Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopinātha Mandir

The panacea for all problems is to always remember Kṛṣṇa and never forget Him. That is stressed continually in Śrīla Prabhupāda’s writings and teachings. My dearest Lord, the Lord of my life eternally, how is it possible for me, a tiny squeaking insect, to always remember You when I am always trying to protect my false ego. I’m begging at Śrīla Prabhupāda’s lotus feet for the intelligence to always remember You with devotion. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 14 Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopinātha Mandir

Today, by a little causeless mercy, I was able to remember Śrī Kṛṣṇa more, so please increase it more and more and more. Praying for this mercy, to always be fixed on the remembrance of Your lotus feet. Nītāi’s lotus feet are very cool and soothing like moon rays on a hot summer night. Śrīla Prabhupāda is the embodiment of Nītāi’s mercy. We are begging for that shelter. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 15 Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopinātha Mandir

All glories to Śrī Kṛṣṇa, the Lord of Vṛndāvana – Śrī Vṛndāvanātha. May we sing His sweet pastimes and glories constantly. May the songs of Śrīla Bhaktivinoda Ṭhākura and Śrīla Narottama Dāsa Ṭhākura resonate their melodies of divine love on my mind and in my heart. And may Śrīla Prabhupāda teach me the science of *bhakti* completely and perfectly and may Śrī Nityānanda Rāma accept my most humble obeisance at His lotus feet and allow me to continue to dance for His and Śrī Gaurasundara’s pleasure. All glories to Lord Caitanya, who was always present when Nītāi danced. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 16 Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopinātha Mandir

All glories and humble obeisance unto the feet of the Russian devotees, all of them are worthy of worship. Risking their very lives to distribute Śrīla Prabhupāda’s books, they have shown the assembly of Vaiṣṇavas what is truly a Vaiṣṇava. Their lives are glorious and with our limited ability we pray that they receive the full mercy of the Lord, the assembled Vaiṣṇavas and the *ācāryas*. All glories to the Russian

devotees and all glories to Sarvabhavana Prabhu and Sacisuta Prabhu, whose sacrifice has helped so many persons to take to Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Śrīla Prabhupāda is pleased and very proud of your service and full surrender. Please, accept my most humble obeisance. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 17 Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopinātha Mandir

Anyone who reads the book *Salted Bread* will undoubtedly come away with a much deeper appreciation of Kṛṣṇa consciousness and will understand actually what is deep devotion and the make-up of a genuine devotee. This book should be read by everyone to gain an appreciation of the mercy we have been given and the need to immediately give it to others. What these devotees in Russia had to endure in order to spread Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Their faith, dedication, and ability to see everything as Kṛṣṇa's mercy is truly a devotional monument of colossal dimensions. May Śrīla Prabhupāda personally come and greet them and take them to Kṛṣṇa-loka. All glories to the Russian Vaiṣṇavas and Vaiṣṇavis. You have given us so much. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 18 Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopinātha Mandir

I have completed the reading of *Salted Bread* and all I can think of is how totally insignificant my devotion is to these true and fully faithful followers of Śrīla Prabhupāda. The greatness of Śrīla Prabhupāda is in how he has inspired such devotion and dedication into the hearts and minds of others. It is truly amazing. All glories to these Russian devotees, Sacisuta Prabhu, Sarvabhavana Prabhu and many others. I can only thank them for their sacrifice and hope to be able to imbibe a portion of their dedication of spreading Kṛṣṇa consciousness. I offer my most humble obeisance at their lotus feet. My life has been changed by reading of their sacrifice and devotion. All glories to the Russian devotees. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 19 Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopinātha Mandir – Mangalore

On the way to Tan May Goswami's Ayurvedic Clinic. Let's see what can be achieved. A better understanding on how to maintain and increase health and energy. Not doing so much preaching these days, but feeling the need to increase. To loose enthusiasm for preaching, that is considered a casualty. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, increase my desire to preach, it is on low flame. All glories to the preachers. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 20 Mangalore – Udupi/TMGAH – Gītā Jayantī

Entering a different phase of life. Treatment at Tan May Goswami's Ayurvedic Hospital. I can understand it is Kṛṣṇa's arrangement to improve my health and increase my ability to serve. Hopefully there are some major *anarthas* that are stuck

and need a boast or blast to loosen them. One is my attachment to sense gratification and related objects. Another is my false sense of pride that is coming with my service. Another is my lack of enthusiasm in my service. Another is the inability to chant attentively. Another is my carelessness in using time properly, wisely. There is a long list. Ultimately, there is not enough of a mood of devotion toward Śrī Kṛṣṇa, and the list goes on and on. Keep trying, but try in the right way. Accept favorable, avoid unfavorable. Kṛṣṇa is our maintainer, provider, shelter. Cultivate humility. All glories to pure devotional service and to Śrīla Prabhupāda, whose *Gītā* purports are literally astounding. Gītā Jayantī Ki-Jay. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 21 Udupi – TMGAH

My brain needed cooling down. It seems like my chanting of the Holy Name is unable to do it. Such is my case. Anyway, I never loose hope. My only problem is I think I can do it. Let go, let God. Let go of ‘I am the doer, the enjoyer’, and let God guide you into His service. My hope is an increase of Śrīla Prabhupāda’s mercy, therefore with folded hands and a begging mentality I pray to become Kṛṣṇa conscious. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 22 Udupi – TMGAH

Kṛṣṇa, help. Śrīla Prabhupāda, help. Free me from Māyā’s clutches. My prayer. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 23 Udupi – TMGAH

Battling to adjust and to purify life. Bad habits can stick around a long time. Sometimes they require a major operation to remove. Whatever it takes to become pure. To preach Kṛṣṇa consciousness means to fight. And when there is a fight there are inevitably casualties. I may be wounded at times, but I know victory depends on perseverance. Theistic conduct, scriptural guidance, perseverance in practice. Śrī Kṛṣṇa’s words to Lord Brahmā. Faith that no matter what I will never loose hope. But the path is mined with many booby traps, many. Never for a second forget Kṛṣṇa. Impossible! What about sleep? Everything is included when one practices and is attached to always remembering Śrī Kṛṣṇa. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, please increase my attraction for Śrī Kṛṣṇa by giving me His attractive mercy. Thank you. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 24 Udupi TMGAH

This evening some local *paṇḍitas* did a *yajña* for Sudarśana-cakra. It was done very nicely, at least the atmosphere was transformed, my consciousness also. All glories to Kṛṣṇa’s weapon Śrī Sudarśana-cakra, who lights up the path of darkness by destroying the inauspiciousness which has saturated the world. May he light up my

life by bringing me closer to Śrī Kṛṣṇa's lotus feet. May Śrīla Prabhupāda bless me with the appreciation of all of the Lord's great and personal servants and assistants. Śrī Sudarśana-cakra is one of the chiefs. Ambarīṣa Mahārāja has offered beautiful prayers at His lotus feet. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 25 Udupi – TMGAH

Although it is Christmas it seems like just another day. For me it is all the same. Going through a different period in life. Struggling just to maintain some Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Not sure how next I will goof up. Relying on Kṛṣṇa's mercy is more theoretical than practical, although it shouldn't be. Learning how to take shelter is an art and a constant meditation. For me it's being slower and more thoughtful in giving up sense gratification. Śrīla Prabhupāda, my strong desire is to return to the battlefield of preaching. I need your mercy to keep this desire and increase it. What is the use of living without fully giving yourself to spread Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Presently I'm in an interim period of physical rejuvenation and spiritual reflection. Please give me the enthusiasm, determination and patience to endure correctly, properly and to always remember Kṛṣṇa. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 26 Udupi – TMGAH

A significant decrease in *prasādam* intake and I feel fine. The ghee treatment results in good energy, initially it knocks you out. The biggest struggle is to keep the mind and senses fixed on Kṛṣṇa and devotional activity. Chanting more rounds has given me greater enthusiasm and a goal to achieve. The problem exists how to incorporate other activities. Giving programs, meeting devotees, visiting holy places, etc. For now I must focus on this treatment. This is required and essential. Gradually other activities will be easily incorporated. That's it. Depend fully on Kṛṣṇa and Śrīla Prabhupāda. Each situation we encounter has immense opportunities for growth and advancement. But real consciousness is to always, in all times and all situations, remember Śrī Kṛṣṇa with devotion. Śrī Kṛṣṇa is so nice. Why would we want to think of other things. Therefore dear Lord, just please help me to remember you always with devotion. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 27 Udupi – TMGAH – Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta's Disapp. Day

The doctor recommended not to speak, I did anyway. Somehow by Śrīla Prabhupāda's mercy I got through in one piece and the devotees seemed pleased. This is one of my favorite topics: The life of Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Mahārāja. Eager to learn more about this great *paramahansa* Vaiṣṇava. He has brought Lord Caitanya's mission to the world. In every town and village. Not a cinema but the real substance. Śrī *harināma saṅkīrtana* Ki-Jay. All glories to Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī Mahārāja. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 29 Udupi – TMGAH

Missed yesterday's entry. No reason or excuse. Each day is like a rollercoaster, i.e. up-down. Today was a struggle due to my puffed up nature coming out. Kṛṣṇa blocks one's intelligence when pride manifests or self assurance based on the mind's dictates. Anyway, today ended nicely. Preached to two young college students. They both seemed to take it in. What did I learn today? That one can practice spontaneous devotional service accordingly following carefully Śrīla Prabhupāda's and the previous *ācāryas'* directions. I am so much absorbed in the philosophical that I am not taking needed edification in the area of *līlā*. That is deeply wanted. I require the blessings and permission of Śrīla Prabhupāda in order to practice to remember Śrī Kṛṣṇa's and Lord Caitanya's pastimes. My dearest Lord, please help me to remember You more. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 30 Udupi – TMGAH

It is very difficult to do all this bodily stuff and remain Kṛṣṇa conscious. Practice is required, but yet Kṛṣṇa consciousness teaches to detach oneself as much as possible from the body and its requirements. Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu would take care of His daily duties simply out of habit while His consciousness was always in Śrī Kṛṣṇa. All success depends on the mercy of the Lord and the mercy of the Lord comes mainly through chanting His holy names and cultivating a submissive attitude of service. Kṛṣṇa consciousness is simple for the simple. But Māyā is very strong. Success requires great determination and exclusive dependence on the mercy of the Lord coming through Śrīla Prabhupāda. May his lotus feet become the feature of my meditation. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 31 Udupi – TMGAH

Last day of 2007. What will the upcoming year be like? Everything depends on Śrī Kṛṣṇa's mercy. Will there be greater challenges? Victories? Setbacks? More devotees coming forward? Greater determination? Greater physical and spiritual strength? "Fight for the sake of fighting. Never consider happiness or distress, honor or dishonor, victory or defeat." Fight for Kṛṣṇa. The greatest enemies lie within one's own heart and mind. The formidable disease is laziness, lethargy and false egoism. Kick these out with the weapon of Śrīla Prabhupāda's merciful boot of determination. *Yena tena prakāreṇa manah kṛṣṇe niveśayet*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 1 Udupi – TMGAH

I didn't fully anticipate the difficulties that would come in my spiritual practice by undergoing this health regime. All I can say is that these difficulties, challenges, setbacks, austerities will hopefully bring me to a more developed state of service and surrender. Today I dreamt I was leaving here and feeling good about it in the dream. My soul wants to go, no doubt. But my intuition is saying stick it out. I hope my intuition is correct, if not then get me out of here as soon as possible. If you lose your money, nothing lost, if you lose your health, obviously you lose something of value, but if you lose your Kṛṣṇa consciousness then everything is lost. I am chanting and reading more, yet still my mind is unsettled, not dissatisfied, yet not properly engaged. Alright, let me try harder and see where Kṛṣṇa brings me. I am hoping improved health will increase my service and ability to travel. It is all in Your hands, dear Lord, Śrīla Prabhupāda. My prayer is only to please You. Whatever it takes. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 2 Udupi – TMGAH

Yaśomatī-nandana braja-baro-nāgara. All glories to that beautiful boy of Śrī Vṛndāvana Dhāma – Śrī Kṛṣṇa. The beautiful son of Mother Śacī who has reappeared in the Kali Yuga as Śrī Gaurasundara. Performing His own pastimes on the banks of the Gaṅga, surrounded by His associates and others, He glorifies Himself by congregational chanting of Hare Kṛṣṇa. May that beloved son of Mother Śacī always remain on the pathway of my mind. Today I had a momentary dream of Śrīla Prabhupāda. Something that hardly ever happens. It was sweet, as we were able to offer our love and appreciation to him in complete devotion. May Śrīla Prabhupāda along with Gaura-Nitāi always ride on the pathway of my heart and mind. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 3 Udupi – TMGAH

Beautiful *darśana* of the most enchanting Lord Śrī Udupi Kṛṣṇa. Both Balarāma and Kṛṣṇa bestowed mercy. This is all due to the mercy of Govinda Prabhu, who is preaching nicely and became very determined in his service. May Śrīla Prabhupāda bless him with all success in Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 4 Udupi – TMGAH – Ekādaśī

A lot of chanting *japa* and reading, a spiritual retreat, only with little devotee association. Each day is very different. Only by the special mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda in the form of intelligence will I be able to last spiritually. I take full shelter of Kṛṣṇa's holy name. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 5 Udupi – TMGAH

Please, Śrīla Prabhupāda, increase my attachment for Lord Caitanya. His form, qualities, pastimes and innumerable glorious names filled with His beautiful qualities. All glories to the moon of Navadvīpa, Navadvīpacandra. Why is there anything else to consider. It is only out of duty that any other activity is preformed. Gaurāṅga, Nityānanda, Advaita. May Śrī Advaita Ācārya bless me with His mercy and mood of devotion. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 6 Udupi – TMGAH

Today, by the mercy of the great souls, I associated more with other devotees. Tejiyas Prabhu cooked a nice meal and an opportunity to preach came in the evening. But I am not satisfied with my devotional life because I cannot fix my mind at the lotus feet of the Lord in devotional service. Kṛṣṇa is all-attractive, but my stupid mind is still chasing the illusions of this world. Kṛṣṇacandra has become Gauracandra and has increased His attractive powers. Fortunately, I do have some hope that I can increase my attraction for Gaura-Nitāi. Only by Their mercy and the causeless mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda am I able to continue on with some hope. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 7 Udupi – TMGAH

Full steam ahead. It is practically a reality. A lot of steam lately. The body is getting freed from impurities. Hopefully my mind can follow. It is getting intense now. Please, Śrīla Prabhupāda, I require the Kṛṣṇa conscious strength to get through this and move on to the preaching field again. Your mercy is our strength and desire to push on. Besides that, I would like to read more about Kṛṣṇa's and Lord Caitanya's pastimes. This is our real life and the only way to live. All glories to Gaura *līlā*, the gateway to Kṛṣṇa *līlā*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 8 Udupi – TMGAH

By the mercy of 2 devotees I received Lord Jagannātha's *prasādam*. That is enough to call the entire day a grand success. The Lord is extremely kind and merciful, and it is understood that He gives His mercy to all. The real value of His mercy is the desire to engage wholeheartedly in His service. Factually, I am starting to feel separation from kīrtan. It is the be-all and end-all of Lord Caitanya's process. It sustains, nourishes and gives us life. How is it possible for me to continue for almost 2 more weeks in this state. Only by Śrīla Prabhupāda's blessings can I remain fixed in this necessary but unusual *vrata*. So much time devoted to care and cleansing the material body. My soul longs for *harināma saṅkīrtana*. Now I will begin to truly appreciate this glorious mercy. Śrī Kṛṣṇa *saṅkīrtana* Ki-Jay. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 9 Udupi – TMGAH

Solid day of service. Especially the reading of *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam*. Śrīla Prabhupāda's explanations on the verses are literally astounding. I am beginning to understand a small fraction of the immense glories of this phenomenal work of priceless devotion. May my mind constantly be attracted to this great literature and may Śrīla Prabhupāda bless me with a deeper understanding of this great work of *prema-bhakti*. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda's presentation of *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 10 Udupi – TMGAH

My mind does not want to behave; it is either lamenting, proud, illusioned or just useless. Please, Śrī Nityānanda Rāma, place Your lotus feet directly on my head and allow me to experience the great joy of being in Your presence. You are an ocean of mercy and always compassionate to fools like me. All glories to Śrī Nityānanda Balarāma, whose pure representative is my beloved spiritual master, the savior of the souls in Kali Yuga and the giver of bliss to everyone. May his words constantly echo in my mind and heart. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 11 Udupi – TMGAH

Jay Śrīla Prabhupāda! What can I say? This period of balancing doshas and trying to be Kṛṣṇa conscious is a very big challenge. Challenges are good provided we accept them and depend on Kṛṣṇa. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 12 Udupi – TMGAH

The knowledge of Ayurveda comes with the treatment. Tan May Goswami, interesting person, well versed in his profession as it appears to a layman like me. My spiritual life is up and down, swinging high and low, a challenge to remain steady. Missing the morning program, this I must say is the longest that I can remember. Separation will increase the happiness of meeting. What else can I say. Praying that His Divine Grace is pleased with me, although I know I can improve. The Holy Name is my life and soul and *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam* is my nourishment. All glories to Lord Caitanya and Lord Nityānanda, the only refuge in this dark Age of Kali. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 13 Udupi – TMGAH

I am feeling that the desire to leave here is becoming more and more intense. Missing kirtans and association with devotees, morning program and group *japa*. But I still have a week to go. I have to finish, although I don't want to. It is becoming too much on the bodily platform. Anyway, at this point I can only pray for the strength to tolerate and try to benefit so my preaching service will be strengthened. Please, Lord

Caitanya, don't let me forget Your lotus feet. Please, Lord Kṛṣṇa, attract me to Your pastimes. And please, Śrīla Prabhupāda, I need your mercy to behave like a Vaiṣṇava through all this stuff. All glories to the Holy Name of Gaurāṅga Mahāprabhu. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 14 Udupi – TMGAH

By the sweet and direct mercy of Udupi Kṛṣṇa I was able to have His most sweet and amazing *darśana*. For this I am very thankful and grateful. I developed a deeper attachment and appreciation for Kṛṣṇa. May Rohiṇī Devī bless me with her love. On another subject, not so pleasant, or rather a fact of life is that as one makes spiritual advancement especially with making formidable in-roads in bringing souls to Kṛṣṇa, Māyā will become more retaliatory. Actually, Śrīla Prabhupāda said in a lecture the devotees have no fear of Māyā. She is actually our friend, but because of the demons, she is working. Anyway, Kṛṣṇa consciousness is powerful and the real demons know the power of Lord Caitanya's movement in that their existence is threatened. We have no fear, only the fear of forgetting Kṛṣṇa. That is the greatest danger. As the *Viṣṇu Purāṇa* states, "One moment forgetfulness of the Lord is the greatest illusion, anomaly and mistake." Please, Śrīla Prabhupāda, continue to show your mercy by allowing me to always understand how fallen I am and to constantly seek the Lord's shelter and remembrance. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. All glories to Udupi Kṛṣṇa. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 15 Udupi – TMGAH – Makara Saṅkrānti

On this day Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya Mahāprabhu accepted the renounced order. The supreme compassion amongst all types of compassion. Why does God have to renounce? He doesn't, but to show us fallen souls how to serve in this *aśrama* and to spread the *saṅkīrtana* movement the Supreme Lord accepts hardships. He is worshipped in Vaikuṇṭha by unlimited opulences, yet He is always detached being full in Himself. This pastime of compassion is extremely difficult to comprehend as there are both external and internal reasons. The internal reasons are directly connected to His pastimes of Vṛndāvana as Śrī Kṛṣṇa and are related to His departure from Vṛndāvana and Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī's mood of separation while Kṛṣṇa was gone. What can I say, I am only a noisy insect with no knowledge and a lot of false pride. My prayer is to someday be situated in service wherein the Lord and Śrīla Prabhupāda are smiling upon me. If they are pleased, what else is there left to achieve. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 16 Udupi – TMGAH

Tomorrow here in Udupi is the Parijaya, the festival of honor and changing of the heads of the Maṭhas of the Brahma Madhva *sampradāya* of which we Gauḍīyas are

part of. Their worshipable Lord is Śrī Kṛṣṇa. His brilliant Bala form is worshipped daily with great devotion and viewed by thousands. He is known to all as Udupi Kṛṣṇa. Discovered and installed by Śrī Mādhavācārya himself. Despite the great tradition of devotion, tension surrounds the upcoming festival, a tension that may erupt into violence. How is it possible? Kali Yuga is an ocean of bad qualities that is inundating the world. By the mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda, guided by the mercy of Śrī Caitanya, Kṛṣṇa Himself, the ISKCON boat is afloat on this horribly turbulent ocean. We pray it will reach the shore of world dominance in giving mercy to all. May Śrī Caitanya's mercy spill over and rectify any difficulties in the upcoming Parijaya. After all, Kṛṣṇa is Kṛṣṇa and wherever He appears it is meant only to bring auspiciousness. That is brought forth by the mercy of Gaura-Nitāi. All glories to Their lotus feet. May real devotion prevail. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 17 Udupi – TMGAH

Countdown, the end of this episode of my life is nearing. The 20th will bring me to Mangalore and then a return to Bombay. To reflect on this experience is not at all noteworthy, but the opportunity it afforded for quality time in hearing, chanting, reading, study and correspondence was a significant increase. For this I am grateful along with the treatment, although I felt that for one that is trying to detach oneself from bodily activities there was a volume of activities that seem to accentuate bodily needs and focus. All success is achieved only when Kṛṣṇa and Śrīla Prabhupāda are pleased. We hope that in some small way an effort was made to please them. May the January 1st increase in *japa* be the trend throughout the year and beyond. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, who has helped me see Kṛṣṇa consciousness deeply through his amazing *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam* purports. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 18 Udupi – TMGAH – Ekādaśī

Kirtan, all glories to the Holy Name. Udupi Kṛṣṇa heard His glories being nicely chanted. 1½ day left. Hope I can stick it out. 36 rounds 3rd Ekādaśī I have been here. Śrīla Prabhupāda and Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī glorify the Lord fully. All glories to Kṛṣṇa's holy names. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 19 Udupi – TMGAH

Another episode concluded, one that has been a highlight from different angles. A lot of bodily concern. A visit to a place that I have been wanting to visit for many years. A great opportunity to study, reflect and chant *japa*. Meeting many new people. A chance to reflect on my service and where to put the emphasis in the upcoming days. Life is full when we keep Kṛṣṇa foremost and devotional principles our only *modus operandi*. Now to re-assimilate back into the preaching fire. It may not be as smooth as it appears. Therefore, with all humility at my command and with

a desire to become more and more absorbed in thinking about Kṛṣṇa and Lord Caitanya, I beg for guidance and the remembrance of Śrīla Prabhupāda's instructions, which are my only light in this dark, dark Age of Kali. Dear Lord, on another side, for what it is worth, please give Your mercy to Sunil Madhava Prabhu. He is about to be thrown into something that may break his life apart. Whatever You desire for him let that happen. My obeisance humbly at the lotus feet of Śrī Śrī Gaura-Nitāi and all Their eternal associates. Hare Kṛṣṇa. Udupi Kṛṣṇa Bhagavan Ki-Jay. Candramaulīśvara Śiva Ki-Jay. Haribol.

January 20 Udupi – TMGAH – Mangalore

If we are as a society so spiritually advanced, how is it possible that we are so disunited – apparently. Today I learned there are 4 “ISKCON” temples here in Mangalore, all having allegiance to Śrīla Prabhupāda, but all disunited from one another. How to answer that apparent dichotomy? The answer is, there are different opinions on how best to serve Śrīla Prabhupāda and all are trying to serve so there is unity in purpose. Only when enmity enters then that is not at all ISKCON. Who is the real ISKCON? The answer, the one that is serving the order of Śrīla Prabhupāda. To claim allegiance and to act contrary is not service, in fact it is a disservice. And as Śrīla Prabhupāda has stated, the GBC is the supreme managerial authority for our society. The dissolution of the potent preaching of the Gauḍīya Maṭha was due to not following Śrīla Bhaktisiddhanta Mahārāja instruction to elect a GBC. Anyone can adopt a name and claim allegiance, but the Guru's instructions are the indicator of what is genuine following and what is pretention. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda and his Governing Body Commission. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 21 Mangalore – Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

All glories to HH Radhanath Swami Maharaja, whose purity of devotion is ornamented with kindness, care and compassion for all. Decorated with other delightful characteristics everyone feels that time spent with him is the best use of it. His witty and surprisingly intelligent humor causes one to laugh heartedly without reservation. All glories to this special soul who has descended to assist Śrīla Prabhupāda in making the whole world Kṛṣṇa conscious by giving it a significant push in achieving His Divine Grace's dream. May we always, no matter what, appreciate his presence and accept his corrections as coming from Kṛṣṇa as purification. What great fortune to have his association and friendship. May we never commit offences knowingly or otherwise. Thank you, Maharaj, for helping so many on the path of devotion to Lord Kṛṣṇa. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 22 Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

Struggling again with the aftermath of travel. Looking for a regulated life that never comes. O well, perhaps my steadiness is the way I deal with the constant change. Timings are helpful but benefit is yet to come. All obstacles are the mercy of Kṛṣṇa. Śrīla Prabhupāda crossed the ocean at 70 on a steam-liner and experienced two heart attacks. We can offer something as it is proper and desirable to reciprocate with the mercy of the spiritual master. Praying to be a better servant. A better everything, that is desirable for Kṛṣṇa's service. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 23 Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

Sing – *Śrī rādhā vallabha vṛndāvana naṭa-vara, govinda mādharma navanita-taskara, sundara nanda gopāla*. All glories to the attractive features of the beautiful boy of Śrī Vṛndāvana Dhāma, may we always think of Him only. I am sure Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu will be pleased and Śrī Nityānanda Balarāma will be very happy and our spiritual master His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda will continue to reveal to us more and more of the nectar of our eternal loving relationship with Vṛndāvana Candra. All glories to Kṛṣṇa's holy name. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 24 Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir – Pune Yatra

It started in a very sweet way. Chanting and dancing with the Holy Name leading us into various transcendental feelings. Our humble prayer is to become more and more situated in humble service to the Vaiṣṇavas. That is our aspiration. Because Kṛṣṇa is everything – when one remembers Kṛṣṇa then he is situated in Vṛndāvana. Vṛndāvana is a state of consciousness. To remember Kṛṣṇa means to reside in Vṛndāvana. Śrīla Prabhupāda, please give us your mercy. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 25 Pune Yatra

Beautiful *yatra*. Dancing and chanting is increasing. We are blessed with so many wonderful devotees who are very enthusiastic to serve and to participate in the program. HH Radhanath Maharaj leads us in chanting and dancing, heading up the department of enthusiasm. Please, Śrīla Prabhupāda, give me the strength to control my mind and senses and focus it exclusively on the lotus feet of Kṛṣṇa. Jay Śrī Śrī Rādhā Kuñjabihārīji. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 26 Pune Yatra

The presence of HH Niranjana Maharaj has raised the ecstasy level. His kirtans are simply sources of great happiness and a impetus for me to dance, dance, dance. Taking shelter of the lotus feet of my beloved spiritual master His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda, we offer a humble prayer to develop a greater dedication to the mission of giving this mercy to others. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 27 Pune Yatra – Pune Temple

Very nice program. All glories to the enthusiastic devotees. Looking forward to return to reading *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam*, my favorite devotional activity. Śrīla Prabhupāda's mercy is not possible to comprehend, it is Nityānanda's mercy being carried by His Divine Grace into the hearts of those whose devotion is fully developed in love. Therefore, with great appreciation we offer our obeisance to HH Radhanath Swami Maharaja for the great service of spreading Kṛṣṇa consciousness far and wide in such a pleasing and natural way. *Sāmaveda bhakta vṛnda* Ki-Jay. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 28 Pune Temple

Will I ever become Kṛṣṇa conscious. If I mistakenly assume that one's material wellbeing is an indication of whether one is Kṛṣṇa conscious or not, then what is the meaning of transcendence. Despite the situation, remember Kṛṣṇa, that's all. But just remembering Him for me is insufficient. I want to remember Him as the beautiful darling lovable irresistible attraction of the land of Vṛndāvana as Gopīnātha, Gopāla or Govinda, playing in the groves of Vṛndāvana or dancing the dance of love with His eternal associates. Therefore, I end this with a hope that I can keep my mind fixed on the lotus feet of Kṛṣṇa, read *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam*, chant attentively and simultaneously travel and preach. An impossible task. *Mūkaṁ karoti vācālaṁ...* With your mercy, Śrīla Prabhupāda, the impossible becomes simply routine. All glories to His Divine Grace. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 29 Pune Temple – Satara

Back in the fire of preaching. Everything becomes more of a focus with regards to how to effectively preach. Humility is everything. All else that is required will be provided. Challenges are there, but easily dealt with when one sees oneself simply as the servant of the previous *ācāryas* and his Guru. Because it is their mission, they will provide everything. When we block their mercy with the false ego then the hand of unlimited mercy becomes obscured. Śrīla Prabhupāda, please keep me at your lotus feet, free from false ego and attraction for anything material. The goal is to go back to Godhead and take as many as possible. That's all. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 30 Satara – Kohlapur

Slowed by sickness. False ego is blocking my progress, my service. Māyā can trap one by success. False pride, the enemy of the endeavoring Vaiṣṇava. Remain detached. The results are only Kṛṣṇa's mercy. Your input is minimal. Kohlapur, the residence in Bhūmi of Mahālakṣmī. Good time of the year for Her *darśana*. Let's remain enthusiastic despite illness. Pace is effected. For a devotee everything is

working for his upliftment. Śrīla Prabhupāda’s protection is greatly wanted. Today we were fortunate to chant the *maṅgala-ārati*. Something rare these days when traveling. OK! Let’s push on. The body is necessary, the soul is always free from all material touch. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

January 31 Kohlapur

Special, special mercy after years of wanting to witness Lord Nārāyaṇa visit to His beloved Lakṣmī Devī, today my desire was fulfilled beyond expectation. A most beautiful and memorable *darśana*. Thank You, Mother Mahalakṣmī and thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda. Jay Śrī Śrī Lakṣmī Nṛsiṃha Bhagavan Ki-Jay. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 1 Kohlapur

We have realized that one must always act for the interest of the Lord. Or whatever is favorable for Kṛṣṇa consciousness must be accepted, whatever is unfavorable must be rejected. When faced with a myriad of choices, one must pray for guidance. “How best to serve You my Lord?” Nothing selfish is allowed, on either side of the choice. Accept for Kṛṣṇa, renounce for Kṛṣṇa. Both are the same, it is for Kṛṣṇa and His service. We must teach this by our example and our words. It is the highest principle of motivation. Therefore, shelter at Śrīla Prabhupāda’s lotus feet is our focus. That is perfection. Śrīla Prabhupāda, save me each day. Thank you. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 3 Belgaum – Ekādaśī

Missed last night’s entry. We celebrated Lord Jagannātha’s Ratha-yātrā. Today is the Ekādaśī day, and being a day of full activity, I was sure my vow of 36 rounds was going to fall short, yet, only by Śrī Radha’s mercy, it came out successful. The mercy of the Lord is our only source of success in everything we do. Bilvamaṅgala Ṭhākura prays: “My dear Lord, without Your mercy what is the use of others.” Somehow we are able to serve only because of Your mercy coming to us through His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda. The thief who wanted to steal from the Lord, but was purified instead. We in this world are all thieves trying to usurp Your property and simultaneously rejecting You. Please bring our devotion up to where we can always see You in everything and everything in You with full surrender and love. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 4 Belgaum

Those who propagate the teachings of spiritual life always emphasize hearing and chanting the glories of the Lord. Naturally, they are always doing that also. Therefore, to hear from Śrīla Prabhupāda and to read his books is the best way to teach this principle. All glories to the philosophy of *sanātana-dharma*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 5 Pune

Wonderful preaching! Radhe Shyam Prabhu has created a gigantic mountain of diversified preaching. May Śrīla Prabhupāda continue to bestow his mercy on this project. Amazing, simply amazing. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 6 Pune

Mother Theresa's secret letters reveal her deep love for Christ and her dedication to his service. Quite beautiful, her life, her devotion, her aversion to pride born out of exposure to the public. Devotion to Kṛṣṇa is the true beauty and glory of the living being. How it manifests in life reflects the mood of that loving devotion. Śrīla Prabhupāda taught us how to bring it out for the benefit of all. Praying at the lotus feet of my beloved spiritual master to help me to be a better devotee, more loving, more concerned for others and more eager to sacrifice and to chant His holy name. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 7 Pune

Lord Caitanya and Lord Nityānanda reveal Their desire to perform kirtan. It was truly amazing to witness. Śrīla Prabhupāda gave his full mercy and allowed me to speak, inspiring the talk with what was needed to be heard. We are only Their instruments and we remain fixed and happy in that role. All glories to Śrī Kṛṣṇa *saṅkīrtana*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 8 Pune

It is a special feature of Kṛṣṇa's mercy to be able to have the association of senior Godbrothers. Humility becomes easier to access and maintain. Will the disciples of Śrīla Prabhupāda's disciples develop to the level of commitment in preaching as their Guru's? Time will reveal all. Many are exemplary and other are sincerely trying. Lord Caitanya will empower this movement forward despite all our calculations. So our prayer is to become a more sincere and humble servant, an inspiration and example for others. Precept is subordinate to example. All glories to the assembled Vaiṣṇavas. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 9 Pune

Health is becoming disturbed. Body refuses to adapt. Digestion is slow. Headache. Slowing down to recuperate. Soon back to Mumbai. Trying to remember Kṛṣṇa and serve the Vaiṣṇavas. Māyā is becoming stronger. Kṛṣṇa is testing me. I am sure. Please, accept my humble obeisance with love and devotion, dear Kṛṣṇa. Please make me remember You throughout. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda and all love to Śrī Baladeva, His form is the embodiment of all-attractive sweetness. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 10 Pune – Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

Nice, sweet, spiritually satisfying association of HH Radhanath Swami Maharaja. Going back to the early days, New Vṛndāvana. An adventure. Trying to learn from the past, focus on the present and plan for the future. Going back to Kṛṣṇa's abode, Śrī Vṛndāvana Dhāma. Śrīla Prabhupāda's mercy. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 11 Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir – Vasanta Pañcamī

Very auspicious occassion. Puṇḍarīka Vidyānidhi, Raghunandana Ṭhākura, Raghunātha Dāsa Gosvāmī, Viśvanātha Cakravartī Ṭhākura, Viṣṇu Priyā, Sarasvatī Pūjā. For some this day brings weddings, for me a remembrance of Tamal Krishna Goswami, along with many others auspicious occurrences. Anything not done with love and affection is practically useless. Śrīla Prabhupāda's words in the 9th chapter of the 3rd canto of *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam* emphasize dealings in love. What is the use of anything less. That is a Vaiṣṇava. He loves Kṛṣṇa, obeys and serves his spiritual master with affection and is compassionate and kind to all others. He knows that his success in rendering loving service comes by the grace of the Lord and his remembrance is fueled by his desire for loving perfection. Śrīla Prabhupāda has given the topmost principles of a life of love to the Lord. It is based only on desire. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 12 Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

Preaching is our life, love is our goal, compassion our motivation, determination our strength, association our inspiration, humility our happiness, thoughtfulness our expertise, knowledge our weapon, activity our freedom, Kṛṣṇa our meditation, Śrīla Prabhupāda our enthusiasm, *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam* our best friend. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 13 Bombay/Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir – Advaita Ācārya App.

Today is a very auspicious day. Mahā Viṣṇu, a limb of Mahā Viṣṇu has appeared as that most merciful incarnation of the Supreme Lord endowed with the mood of intense compassion for the suffering souls who are illusioned by the material energy. Following in that mood of compassion, His Divine Grace did the same. Advaita Ācārya called the Lord to come to this material world to enact His most merciful mission of uplifting the suffering *jīvas*. Gaurāṅga Mahāprabhu concentrated His mission in one area of the world. A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda brought the Supreme Lord to all parts of the globe demonstrating the mood of Advaita Ācārya in bringing the Lord to the *jīvas*. As a youth, Śrīla Prabhupāda acted in a drama in the role of Advaita Ācārya, causing the audience to cry in happiness. Similarly, the role Advaita Ācārya has come onto the stage of this earth planet, causing the conditioned souls to give up their material crying and cry in joy due to being touched by the mercy of Śrī Śrī Gaura-Nitāi. This is all due to Advaita

Ācārya's mercy manifested through Śrīla Prabhupāda. Now that mercy is spreading far and wide and soon it will capture all lands. We simply beg to have a small role in this great drama and assist the Lord in His mission of compassion. All glories to Śrī Advaita Ācārya Īśvara. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. And all glories to that very simple but fully devoted soul known as Stoka Krishna Prabhu, who left the world 2 years ago on this divinely auspicious occasion. May we follow in his footsteps. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 14 Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir – Ujjain

Nice association, interesting subject. I pray I can do something to contribute, to learn. HH Radhanath Swami Maharaj has given me a suggestion with regards to service. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, generally I always accept his words as coming from you. This is a difficult one to accept, but if this is your will, please reveal it to me and if not, please help me to understand everything clearly. I am seriously and sincerely praying for guidance in this matter. I have full faith I will know what to do by your mercy. Thank you. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 15 Ujjain

Second day of seminars completed. Very good association. The best. Śrīla Prabhupāda is here in a wonderful way. What can I write. Better I take rest. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 16 Ujjain

HH Radhanath Maharaj returned to Bombay because of health. I am feeling unhappy that he has left, but I know it is better for him, therefore there is a sense of acceptance, although difficult. HH Devamrta Maharaj also for the same reason departed. Those who are close to me are leaving our association. Still I must go on and hope to get their association again very soon. *Sādhū-saṅga*, so sweet, so nice. Ujjain has given it nicely. Fulfillment of Śrīla Prabhupāda's desire for devotees to associate in a Kṛṣṇa conscious friendly manner. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 17 Ujjain

It was wonderful to be in kirtan with Srila Bhakti Charu Maharaj. So wonderful. An exemplary Vaiṣṇava. All good qualities. Śrīla Prabhupāda's army of *sannyāsīs* have many outstanding personalities. These days in Ujjain are meant to help each of us to understand how to be exemplary and what things we should avoid as devotees of ISKCON. I hope I can benefit from these discussions after all. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda and to all the *ācāryas* in the Brahma Madhva Gauḍīya *sampradāya*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 18 Ujjain

I feel the need to eat simpler. Although the *prasādam* here is of the finest quality, still I think I can do better spiritually and health wise with a more simple diet. If this is better for my spiritual growth, dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, let it happen, otherwise I will continue to renounce the desire for satisfaction of the senses and be content on what the Lord provides. Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda, for listening to this request. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 19 Ujjain – Śrī Nityānanda Trayodaśī

The day started off in bad consciousness. No taste for anything. Death seemed like a good option. Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī's loving kindness blessed me and therefore Lord Nityānanda gave me His mercy. Kṛṣṇa consciousness is like a razor's edge. I am tired of getting cut and falling into a state of mundane consciousness. Please, Śrīla Prabhupāda, give me the necessary intelligence to defend myself against the onslaught of material nature. If you are kind to me then Śrī Kṛṣṇa will take me to His lotus feet, which is the only goal of life. Śrī Nityānanda Rāma Ki-Jay. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 20 Ujjain – Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

All I can do is pray to remember to pray and know by prayer and endeavoring with devotion, that is a suitable offering. Time moves us along, the end of this body is inevitable but foolish persons attached to their petty material desires forget to do what is important. They only see their attachments and not Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa, the only Attachment that can fulfill their desires for happiness and love. Śrīla Prabhupāda, may we be a better instrument to save these crazy fools. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 21 Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, because you are fixed in pure devotional service to Śrī Kṛṣṇa and because you have fully realized your transcendental position, you are fully aware of the needs and services of your disciples. Therefore, with folded hands and in a mood of complete surrender with only a desire to please you and Śrī Kṛṣṇa by service, I beg for you to reveal to me how best to serve when I return to Chicago. The mind cannot be trusted until it is fully purified. Please help me to understand how best to serve you and Lord Kṛṣṇa. Thank you for hearing my prayer. All glories unto your lotus feet. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 22 Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

My day to day association continually changes. People move around quick these days, me also. The temple is again under renovation, thereby making Kṛṣṇa conscious activity a little less spectacular with less opportunity to see Śrī Śrī Rādhā

Gopīnātha. Whatever Kṛṣṇa wants we also want or accept. This is the category of acceptance. We want to see Him and serve Him. Śrī Rādhā Gopīnātha and Their associates are truly a festival for the eyes, mind and soul. Devotees know how to adjust. Śrīla Prabhupāda gave us Kṛṣṇa consciousness and austerity. Austerity really means to please Kṛṣṇa. That is our only desire. May our service and attitude be pleasing and bring auspiciousness. Bolo!

*Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare
Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare.*

February 23 Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

Perhaps by taking a little milk my mind will reveal the best way to serve in the upcoming month. Milk is the miracle food for babies and old man. Perhaps I fit into the latter group. Whatever the situation, it's the intelligence that maintains the soul connection. The ability to understand how best to serve can be understood by a sincere desire and humble prayer to Śrīla Prabhupāda, our eternal well-wisher. Māyā's weapons are innumerable and very often undetectable until they capture someone. Continuous remembrance with love of God is our ornament of ornaments. All glories to Lord Caitanya and Lord Nityānanda, the inaugurators of the *saṅkīrtana* movement. Chant and be happy. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 24 Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

Decisions, decisions on how best to serve. Everything is understood by sincere prayer and Kṛṣṇa's mercy. Kṛṣṇa's mercy is received through our loving father Śrīla Prabhupāda. Therefore we owe everything to him. How can one even begin to estimate the value of eternal life over a life of darkness punctuated by the acrobatics of frustrated animals. One can please the spiritual master by humble service. May our efforts to serve contain the focus of loving service and submission coupled with intelligence. All glories to Kṛṣṇa's holy name, which reveals everything just as sunlight reveals everything in the daytime. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 25 Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

Today is the solar day of the appearance of Srila Bhakti Tirtha Maharaja. A great personality. His compassion must be highlighted as one of genuine concern for the spiritual welfare of all. A truly Kṛṣṇa conscious preacher cannot accept the suffering of others without intensely trying to perform acts to relieve it. We are remembering Bhakti Tirtha Swami and Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī Mahārāja, whose appearance day is tomorrow, leaving me once again with the amazing good fortune to have the opportunity to try to say something in his glorification. A truly ongoing feature of his kindness, as each year the opportunity somehow presents itself. Śrīla

Prabhupāda's Guru Maharaj is very dear to all the disciples of His Divine Grace. Today we are remembering both of these personalities as oceans of compassion. All glories to these two great souls. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 26 Bombay/Śrī Rādhā Gopīnātha – App. Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta

All glories to his brilliant lotus feet, the source of the highest transcendental knowledge. My good fortune continues as Sarasvatī Gosvāmī Mahārāja bestows his unlimited kindness upon this struggling soul. Speaking about him awakens a strong sense of service to him, hearing and reading about him increases my understanding of deeper Vaiṣṇava principles. Such an exalted *paramahansa* Vaiṣṇava whose glories are inestimable. His Vaiṣṇava qualities of humility, generosity and kindness have awakened my attachment to serving him. His depth of spiritual realization brings the truth of Kṛṣṇa consciousness philosophy alive in the heart. Only to please my spiritual master, His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda, do I attempt to render service to his beloved Guru Maharaj. If he is pleased then there is no limit to our happiness. Śrīla Prabhupāda has presented Sarasvatī Mahārāja's teachings in a palatable way for the English speaking world. There is no difference. This is rightly concluded by careful study of the nature of both. On this most auspicious day we humbly pray for his mercy so we can become a better devotee to his son, a most beloved disciple, our dear Śrīla Prabhupāda. Their words are my prime source of nourishment. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 27 Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

Time, the inconceivable, imperceptible destroyer of everything material. The hand of Śrī Kṛṣṇa for complete obedience. No one, not even Lord Brahmā, can escape time's influence. The foolish atheists are fast asleep to reality. All glories to *Śrīmad Bhagavad-gītā*, which has opened our eyes to the truth of eternal life. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, who is guiding us out of this illusionary darkness of material existence. May we constantly sing of his unlimited glories. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 28 Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

I went to the farm today. Very nice land, devotees are working steadily to develop it. Śrīla Prabhupāda's desire for simple living. Kṛṣṇa conscious. We pray we will be able to visit again and often. Hare Kṛṣṇa. Lord Caitanya and Lord Nityānanda reside here as the presiding Deities. The same Lords whom I formerly worshipped in Cincinnati, Ohio, and traveled with. Happy to see Them again. May They continue to be a part of my Kṛṣṇa conscious life. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

February 29 Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

Full and complete dependence on You is our desire. Why can't we understand this. Your mercy and association is all that is ever desired. As Bilvamaṅgala Ṭhākura prays: "Dear Lord, with Your mercy what is the use of others." We want to aspire for that. I am not happy within myself because of my complacency and egoistic attitude. Dear Kṛṣṇa, I am lost and don't know where to go to find You. All I can do is to try and chant Your Name and serve Your devotees. Perhaps that will gain Your attention if I sincerely do it out of devotion and love. Śrīla Prabhupāda, please destroy my six faults and the un-ruling desire to be known as great. Greatness belongs to you and those who have developed real humility and devotion. If you are pleased, that is my satisfaction. I am trying but I always make mistakes by following decisions based on what satisfies me. Only you can correct my waywardness. All glories to Kṛṣṇa's holy name. We are begging for its mercy. Thank you. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 1 Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir – Nasik

A return to a very holy place – Śrī Rāma's pastime place. Śūrpaṇakhā lost her nose here by the grace and mercy of Śrī Lakṣmaṇā. By the mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda we are able to appreciate these pastimes. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 2 Nasik

We humbly apologize for any transgression of kirtan etiquette we might have entered into. Kirtan is for the glorification of the Lord and the pleasure of the devotees. Tonight, by the mercy of Gaura-Nitāi, there was an ecstatic kirtan. It was great. I regret at times my mind drifted away, yet by the supreme mercy and kindness of the devotees it quickly returned to Kṛṣṇa's holy name. All glories to the sound of Kṛṣṇa's name. We humbly but eagerly pray for the name of Kṛṣṇa to resound throughout the universe purifying all the *jīva* souls suffering in this ocean of material illusion. The light in this dense darkness of Kali Yuga is Kṛṣṇa's holy name. May that light spread its love everywhere and take everyone back to their original position of loving service to the Supreme Personality of Godhead. Only then will the *ācārya's* be satisfied. That is their desire. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, who is expertly fulfilling the desire of Lord Caitanya Mahāprabhu. He is the embodiment of the full mercy of Lord Nityānanda. Śrīla Prabhupāda Ki-Jay. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 3 Nasik – Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

Travel is sometimes really difficult. Perhaps always. Praying for the intelligence to remain fixed on Your lotus feet despite all of the difficulties. My faith is strong, my tolerance is always being tested. I hope I can pass these tests. "All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda" is really being understood more and more as we reflect on the difficulties he underwent to begin and expand the movement. It is totally

unbelievable, the quality of his devotion, intelligence and surrender. May we develop just a slight trace of these amazing qualities. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 4 Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir – Śrīdhāma Māyāpur

Entrance into the Holy Dhāma, not a small thing. Śrīla Prabhupāda, please prepare my consciousness in order to be worthy to reside and serve in this most Holy of all Dhāmas. Early to bed, early to rise is a determined goal with all energy concentrated on this schedule. There will be many challenges, but let us remain determined. All glories to Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya Mahāprabhu. Hare Kṛṣṇa. Gaura Premānande! Hari Haribol!

March 5 Śrīdhāma Māyāpur

Book distribution. Multi-temples in one city. Educate about and glorify Śrīla Prabhupāda to others, juniors, disciples of disciples. The GBC is looking good, better than ever. Let us all united go forward to push on Śrīla Prabhupāda's movement. The bundle of sticks are unbreakable. *Nāma-ruci, vaiṣṇava-sevā, jīva-doyā*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 6 Śrīdhāma Māyāpur

Śrīla Prabhupāda said we can sit down and simply chant Hare Kṛṣṇa. We are satisfied. No need for anything else. In Māyāpur chant Hare Kṛṣṇa all day and take *prasādam*. Hare Kṛṣṇa. A complete program for spiritual realization. Haribol.

March 7 Śrīdhāma Māyāpur

Such an amazing place, this special gift established by Śrīla Prabhupāda. The hard work of Srila Tamal Krishna Goswami Maharaja to purchase the land. Lord Caitanya's place of appearance is being represented in a grand way. We offer our heartfelt gratitude to those devotees who fulfilled the dream of Śrīla Prabhupāda up to this point and are continuing to make Śrīla Prabhupāda's dream a reality. The new temple will begin next year and is proposed to be finished in 5 years. We pray to all the divine beings to shower their blessings on this endeavor, and especially Mother Gaṅgādevī. All glories to Śrī Kṛṣṇa *saṅkīrtana*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 8 Śrīdhāma Māyāpur

Days are becoming full. Śrīla Prabhupāda is fulfilling my request for service. Only thing, the quality is a little low due to less sleep. This Kṛṣṇa consciousness movement is most important and the only hope for humanity. We must try with greater intelligence to serve more and more. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 9 Śrīdhāma Māyāpur

Lord Caitanya Mahāprabhu is extremely merciful. My prayer is that the remainder of my stay in Māyāpur be directed on how best to serve Śrīla Prabhupāda and the devotees. His guidance is my only hope. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 10 Śrīdhāma Māyāpur

Of all the Lord's forms Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya is especially merciful. Devotees take full shelter of Gaurāṅga Mahāprabhu and pray for pure devotional service, to chant attentively, purely and serve the mission of Lord Caitanya Mahāprabhu under the expert guidance of Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 11 Śrīdhāma Māyāpur

Giving the ŚB class in Śrī Māyāpur Dhāma with so many devotees in attendance, many of them senior, is very difficult. Only by the mercy and continuous guidance of His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda is it possible. I am grateful, extremely grateful, for the opportunity. Please, never let me take my service lightly or for granted, and the same for the association of Vaiṣṇavas. This Māyāpur Dhāma is the spiritual world, let me constantly be aware of the Dhāma's exclusive position. We humbly and eagerly pray for the mercy of Śrī Śrī Gaura-Nitāi, Śrī Pañca Tattva and beg to become attracted to Their transcendental pastimes. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 12 Śrīdhāma Māyāpur

I want to associate more with advanced devotees. Tonight the association of Sivarama Maharaj was truly inspiring and uplifting. As you associate you become like that. Śrīla Prabhupāda emphasizes devotee association. Associate with Kṛṣṇa through His most holy name. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 13 Śrīdhāma Māyāpur

I desire to chant more and better rounds. Let's keep trying, praying and always taking shelter of Śrīla Prabhupāda's mercy. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 14 Śrīdhāma Māyāpur

Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda, my prayer was readily answered. The Holy Name returned with greater relish. Please, continue to guide me at every second. I am so foolish and ignorant, not being able to carry out even the simplest of activities. What is always constant is that I never know what to do and what not to do. Your mercy is greatly needed, for my desire to attain full shelter at the lotus feet of Śrī Kṛṣṇa is my life's goal. It must always be given priority. Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 15 Śrīdhāma Māyāpur

Lord Jagannātha of Rajpur in Sīmantadvīpa, so merciful, so beautiful, so much present in His transcendental form. He is our object of love and devotional service. His pleasure is our only thought. All glories to Lord Jagannātha, Subhadrā Devī and Lord Baladeva. May They remain constantly in my mind. Tomorrow is a very, very important day. May it be all auspicious. Śrīla Prabhupāda Ki-Jay. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 16 Śrīdhāma Māyāpur

Although I am here in the Holy Dhāma, Śrīdhāma Māyāpur, it is only when I hear from Śrīla Prabhupāda that I feel I am using my time wisely. *Guru-mukha-padma-vākya, cittete koriyā aikya, ān nā koriho mane āśā*. The purification of all activities is to hear truth spoken by a fully self-realized soul. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 17 Śrīdhāma Māyāpur – Ekādaśī

Nice day. Ekādaśī, 36+ rounds. Śrīla Prabhupāda's encouragement, Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī's mercy. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 18 Śrīdhāma Māyāpur

Nityānanda's mercy, Śrīla Prabhupāda's kindness. Hare Kṛṣṇa.



March 19 Ekacakra Dhāma

By the mercy of Lord Nityānanda, we were allowed to visit His birthplace. The mercy flowed. Service to Vaiṣṇavas must be done in a mood of pleasing them. Glorifying the Lord is the perfection of all activity. Visiting His Dhāma is the perfection of all travel. Taking the dust of the Dhāma is the perfection of its mercy. Eating sanctified food in the Dhāma is the joy of life. Kṛṣṇa kīrtan is the perfection of worship and taking *darśana* of His transcendental forms fulfills the purpose of having eyes. All glories to Nitāi, the personification of the mercy within this Age. May we constantly chant His unlimited glories. That mercy was perfectly distributed by His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda, the supreme Guru of this dark Age of Kali. He is distributing the bright light of Nityānanda's mercy. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 20 Śrīdhāma Māyāpur

Today we took bath in Mother Gaṅga. This day one young boy gave up his body in Mother Gaṅga. The ways of the Lord are mysterious, but always perfect. Śrīla Prabhupāda, tomorrow we are eager to honor the appearance of Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya Mahāprabhu. Oh most worshipable Lord, may our heart and mind be in the mood of glorification. All glories to Mahāprabhu. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 21 Śrīdhāma Māyāpur – Gaura Pūrṇimā

After 22 years I again celebrated Gaura Pūrṇimā in Śrī Māyāpur Dhāma. A wonderful experience. Śrīla Prabhupāda has given us so much, and service in the mood of preaching Kṛṣṇa consciousness is the greatest gift. Association with Vaiṣṇavas, chanting the glories of the Lord and taxing one's brain on how to capture the lost souls and bring them to Gaura-Nitāi's lotus feet. So much mercy. We can only try to reciprocate by becoming more and more committed to preaching Kṛṣṇa consciousness around the world. All glories to that most merciful, magnanimous Personality, the son of Śrī Śacīdevī who along with His brother Nitāi have given light and hope to this very dark Age of Kali. Jay Śacīnandana-Gaurahari. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 22 Śrīdhāma Māyāpur – travel – Noida

My erratic patterns caught up with me today. Headache, nausea, fatigue, no appetite. Travel can do it, it did. But now I am in my preaching element. Let's see how I do. Enthusiasm is the key. Desire to make it the best of the best. Always striving for improvement, quality. Focus on the service. Śrīla Prabhupāda's mercy is everything. May we receive a good portion. Thank you. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 23 Noida

Health is down. Your mercy that can continue my service is essential. Śrīla Prabhupāda Ki-Jay. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 24 Noida

Health remains a serious problem. Service is going on. Praying for Your kind mercy to regain my health if You so desire. Thank You. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Jay Śrī Śrī Rādhā Śyām. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 25 Noida – Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

Returned to Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir a day early. Śrī Kṛṣṇa's mercy, Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī's arrangement. No doubt. Thank You, Lord. May all good and best wishes be upon HH Radhanath Maharaja. Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir is a bright light, amongst many, that is reflected everywhere. We know assuredly that Śrīla Prabhupāda is greatly pleased and happy. All glories to HH Radhanath Maharaja. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 26 Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

Tat te 'nukampāṁ su-samīkṣamāṇo. Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda, for giving this knowledge, for without it spiritual life is too difficult. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 27 Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

My most humble and complete obeisances at the divine lotus feet of Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī, by whose mercy I continue on in my attempt to serve in the dust of Her lotus feet. She is the most kind and caring, always ready to give Her divine compassion. She is the dearest to Kṛṣṇa and always expert in Her service. May I strive always to please Her and aspire to become Her maidservant. Śrīla Prabhupāda, I am your sold-out servant. Please engage me in preaching Lord Caitanya's mission with enthusiasm and determination. Thank you very much. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 28 Bombay/Rādhā Gopīnātha – London/Radha Vinode's

Return to the West. Humbly praying for the mercy of the Lord and Śrīla Prabhupāda. Please, protect me from the trappings of the material energy and give me the intelligence to serve nicely, pleasingly. May Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī's mercy and memory continue to guide my every action. All glories to Śrī Vṛndāvana Dhāma, the land of unlimited and unending love for Śrī Kṛṣṇa. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 29 London/Radha Vinode's Home

We offer this deep prayer at Your lotus feet. My dear Lord, if You so desire, please make Your devotees happy by giving good health to HH Bhakti Charu Maharaja. Please give me the humility to worship You with unalloyed love. Seeing Śrīla

Prabhupāda sitting on his *vyāsāsana* brings great satisfaction and joy to the heart. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 30 London/Radha Vinode's Home

Short of energy, tried to dance, fell out of breath. Health is not getting any better, nor any worst. Accepted as the Supreme Lord's mercy. We are helpless. *Tat te 'nukampāṁ su-samīkṣamāṇo*. All glories to Kṛṣṇa's holy names. Hare Kṛṣṇa. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda's kindness for making Lord Kṛṣṇa so easily available through His most auspicious and glorious holy name. Jay Jay Śrī Rādheee Śyām. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

March 31 London/Radha Vinode's Home – Slovenia/Ljubljana

Another preaching adventure. I will only be ready if I can attend the morning program. Having been away frequently, the effect is being felt. Śrīla Prabhupāda has given the daily process and the morning program as foundational. All glories to *maṅgala-ārati*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 1 Slovenia/Ljubljana

Moving into a routine of *sādhana* and service. It seems like eternity since I once was organized in both areas. Praying to become a better servant, able to imbibe the qualities that are truly Vaiṣṇava. Only by the mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda, although it is available, we are begging to be worthy recipient. Tomorrow is a good opportunity to move forward with much *sādhana*. All glories to Mother of Devotion, Śrī Ekādaśī. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 2 Slovenia/Ljubljana – Ekādaśī

Concentrating on improving the quality of my *japa* is what appears to be the need of the time. HH Sacinandana Maharaja's book *Nāma Rahasya* has increased my interest in *japa*. Kṛṣṇa's holy name is so wonderful and fully potent to fulfill all of one's spiritual desires. Let me again renew my enthusiasm for chanting more and more. I am very fearful of Māyā. That's good, but let that not be a feature of un-surrender. Protection is Kṛṣṇa and it is most available through the Holy Name. Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda, for the precious gift of devotional service and especially for Kṛṣṇa's holy name. It is by your mercy we are chanting. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 3 Slovenia/Ljubljana

Push, push and crash. Same scenario. Śrīla Prabhupāda, help me. Thank you. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 4 Slovenia/Ljubljana

Feeling the effects of your mercy. I am thankful. How is it possible for me to do this service. Only by your causeless mercy and kindness. Śrīla Prabhupāda help me to always remember you with great love and gratitude. Unlike many others, I never had the benefits of your *vapuh*, but I know deeply that you are always guiding me, correcting me... Please, continue. I am very slow to learn, to change. My only happiness is your pleasure. I am certain you are very pleased that many *Gītās* were sold tonight at the public program. Continue to inspire me in every way to distribute your books. Hare Kṛṣṇa. Śrī Kṛṣṇa *saṅkīrtana* Ki-Jay.

April 5 Slovenia/Ljubljana

Govinda's nicely organized, clean, well lit, sweet music played softly, friendly devotees. A successful start. Our prayer is that it becomes a significant factor in bringing more and more persons to the lotus feet of Lord Caitanya and His associates. May Śrīla Prabhupāda bestow his blessings on Govinda's Ljubljana. *Prasādam*, the secret weapon. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 6 Slovenia/Ljubljana

Great kirtan. The nectar of the Holy Name. This is our life, it is our love, it is Kṛṣṇa consciousness. May Śrīla Prabhupāda be pleased with our attempt to engage in *saṅkīrtana* and may he correct any fault on our part. All glories to Śrī Kṛṣṇa *saṅkīrtana*. Lord Nṛsiṁhadeva's mercy was extremely potent today. May we always remember His kind lotus feet. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 7 Slovenia/Ljubljana – London/Rupa Manohara's

A sweet dream with Bhakti Charu Maharaja. Śrīla Prabhupāda's kind mercy. I am such a low creature, no good qualities. Bad behavior, always critical and never satisfied. Simply a barking dog. Somehow Śrīla Prabhupāda, I have received your mercy. Please continue to give it, for it is my only hope. Thank you very much. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 8 London travel Chicago

Return to Chicago. Let's see what I can do. Surrender is the only way. Preaching is our life and the life of ISKCON. Śrīla Prabhupāda's mercy is able to change American ISKCON to something wonderful. Let's see what Lord Kṛṣṇa has in store. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 9 Chicago

First day, getting adjusted. We must stay very close to the process of hearing and chanting. The happiness of devotee association is less available here. Time to go more internal and complete the uncompleted projects. Praying to always remember

Śrīla Prabhupāda and his causeless mercy, the embodiment of the full mercy of Śrī Nityānanda Rāma. All glories to Śrī Guru and Śrī Gaurāṅga. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 10 Chicago

Struggling, trying to adapt to a more secluded schedule. The Holy Name keeps me going in all circumstances. It is life itself, Śrī Kṛṣṇa in a beautiful and joyful manifestation of Himself. All glories to Kṛṣṇa's holy name, may we always remember Śrīla Prabhupāda's mercy upon us. Begging to become a sincere servant of the Holy Name. Hare Kṛṣṇa. Hare Rāma. Jay Śrī Rāma.

April 11 Chicago

Śrīla Prabhupāda Ki-Jay. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 12 Chicago – Bloomington Il.

Preaching is the essence. Lord Rāma's appearance day tomorrow. Let us worship the Supreme Personality of Godhead Śrī Rāmacandra with full attention, intelligence and great enthusiasm. His pastimes are the supreme joy of life. All glories to Sītā Rāma Lakṣmaṇa Hanumān. May Their mercy continuously flow into our life. Śrīla Prabhupāda is our Rāma and we are his monkeys. Let us fight as did the best of monkeys for Rāma. The world is full of little Rāvaṇas that are harassing the population. May Śrī Rāma appear in our life and completely destroy the demon of lust. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 13 Bloomington Il. – Chicago – Śrī Rāmacandra Appearance Day

Pushing, but that's Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Always striving to move forward. Quality and quantity. Kṛṣṇa's mercy is available for those who are eager for it. Chanting and serving Vaiṣṇavas, that is the process of perfection. Śrīla Prabhupāda's books are our guide and our intellectual fulfillment. All glories to *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 14 Chicago

It proves to be difficult when put in to a situation where we are asked to approve or not approve of the activities of another. Senior devotee, respected as one of the best, yet incidents that surround the image change everything. Śrīla Prabhupāda knows his disciples well. Their ins and outs. Compassion and love permeate his vision of us. Where do I stand without the causeless mercy of His Divine Grace. He gave us Kṛṣṇa, why are we hanging on to the grey-like illusion of images not real. Chant and be happy. It works. Why not the essence. It is human, above the best. It is Kṛṣṇa conscious. All glories to Kṛṣṇa's holy name. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 15 Chicago

Śrīla Prabhupāda, help me to become more enthusiastic in my *sādhana* and service. Due to my unsteady mind my service has become the same. Praying to become more enthusiastic to chant, to serve, to read and associate. Thank you very much. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 16 Chicago

Discussing the glories of Lord Kṛṣṇa and those great souls related to His service is *amṛta*, nectar. Simply satisfying and full of joy. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, keep my speech chaste and pure. Always chanting Kṛṣṇa's name and His glories and the glories to His devotees. May the propensity to find fault in others fly away to a far distance place and die. All glories to Kṛṣṇa *kathā*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 17 Chicago

By the mercy of Krishna Smarana Prabhu I am attending evening program and it is helping to remember Śrī Kṛṣṇa more. Whatever mercy you can bestow on me, Śrīla Prabhupāda, I will eagerly accept. Some strong tests will come my way. By the power of remembering Śrī Kṛṣṇa's lotus feet and your mercy victory will attend. Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī Mahārāja has said, "Only those who attend the kirtan of the Lord can withstand the tests and trials of the world." All glories to Śrī Kṛṣṇa *saṅkīrtana*. All glories to those whose life and soul are kirtan. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 18 Chicago

Stretching the string, praying it doesn't break. Always chant Hare Kṛṣṇa and serve Lord Kṛṣṇa for His pleasure. Develop tolerance like a tree and pridelessness in all successes. Don't waste time, it is precious and is a tool for service and surrender. Respect others, serve others and care for those who are bereft of Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Speak with intelligence and use humor for edification not egoism. Worship Lord Caitanya and dance in great happiness and regularly read *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam*. Pray for Śrīla Prabhupāda's mercy and the ability to always please him. Develop firm attachment to his lotus feet and preach his glories to others. Thank Lord Kṛṣṇa for whatever happens and expect to be criticized even if it is wrongly given. Most important, always chant Kṛṣṇa's holy names. Hare Kṛṣṇa. Jay Śrī Rāma.

April 19 Chicago

Vaiṣṇava relations – the best topic. Nice attendance, good questions. Tomorrow one more session – Loving Exchanges. Śrīla Prabhupāda's purports in *Upadeśāmṛta* are giants in devotion. Let the mercy be accepted, this is the essence of the essence. Vaiṣṇava *sevā* – everyone likes to and everyone needs to hear this topic. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 20 Chicago

No doubt, one of the busiest weekends ever. Śrīla Prabhupāda's mercy. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 21 Chicago

All glories to Lord Kṛṣṇa in the form of His name, which when heard from great devotees whose life and soul is Śrī Kṛṣṇa's name we are able to get a tiny glimpse of the unlimited nectar of *harināma-saṅkīrtana*. Śrīla Prabhupāda, please keep me fixed on hearing and chanting Śrī Kṛṣṇa's wonderful holy names. The Name of the "game" is only the Name. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 22 Chicago – New York/Japa Retreat – Menlo Retreat Ct.

Inspiring, a real chance to improve my *japa* and devotee relations. We must always be in the mood of receiving not achieving. Śrīla Prabhupāda is working to inspire us in the way we need. The essence of the essence is chanting the Hare Kṛṣṇa *mahā-mantra*. Please allow us to go deeper into Śrī Kṛṣṇa's name. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 23 New York/Japa Retreat – Menlo Retreat Ct.

Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, I can understand that I have no good qualities and no devotion except for my own concocted ideas. Therefore I am praying for your mercy to save me and situate me nicely at the feet of Kṛṣṇa's holy name. This is my great hope and prayer. All glories to Kṛṣṇa's holy name. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 24 New York/Japa Retreat – Menlo Retreat Ct.

70 rounds of *japa* today. I feel we should do this every day, at least 64 rounds. The quality was fair to good, could have been better, we are only beggars, what Śrī Kṛṣṇa sends is our allotment. He is giving according to what is best. Śrīla Prabhupāda, I am trying my best just to serve the devotees. But whatever way you can guide me to that end I am grateful. All glories to Lord Kṛṣṇa's holy names. There is nothing in existence that can equal Lord Kṛṣṇa's holy name – nothing. It is far above all categories of excellence. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 25 New York/Japa Retreat – Menlo Retreat Ct.

My dear Lord, what is the perfect prayer for tomorrow's activity. Actually it is the same as every other day. My dear Lord Kṛṣṇa, O Holy Mother Rādhā, please engage me in Your devotional service. Like every day we pray for humble, pleasing devotional service. But if You like, my precious Lord Śrī Śrī Kīśore Kīśorī, may I be graced with Your presence in Your name. A bold request, but all I actually have is You and all I really want is You. Yet, by the mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda, we are blessed by the association of many wonderful Vaiṣṇavas. All glories to the devotees. Śrīla Prabhupāda Ki-Jay. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 26 New York/Japa Retreat – Menlo Retreat Ct.

72 rounds, all glories to Kṛṣṇa's holy name. Śrīla Prabhupāda, you are so merciful and I am so fallen. How fallen, well, far down the ladder. But I am convinced that the only hope is to keep chanting with enthusiasm and try to serve the Vaiṣṇavas and take this message to others. The Holy Name is the light that is required in this deep dark Age of Kali. All glories to Śrī Nāma. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 27 New York/Japa Retreat – Albany/Ram Vijaya's home

Interesting week, focusing on *japa*, nice association, excellent *prasādam*, healthy, ideal atmosphere. As with most events in America the women are very prominent and even dominant. But that is the American scene. In one sense, it shows how our ladies are coming forward to play a more leadership role, a more active role, yet it can overshadow a mood of austerity and careful controlling of the mind and senses. The enjoying mood increases. All in all, it is beneficial and more devotees should take advantage of this knowledge and association. Śrīla Prabhupāda wanted us to progress in our chanting, as a society we are slow in this area. These meetings are good and should be continued. Ideally we as ISKCON should have our own retreat area. The Holy Name. The Holy Name. The Holy Name – is surely all that be. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 28 Albany/Ram Vijaya's home – Chicago

We should be very careful not to take anything for granted, neither time nor Kṛṣṇa's mercy. Be diligent, use these things wisely for the service of the Lord and His devotees. Śrīla Prabhupāda has given everything, now we must use it wisely. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 29 Chicago

Please, Śrīla Prabhupāda, do not allow me to forget even for a moment the importance of always remembering Śrī Kṛṣṇa and His holy name and to maintain the eagerness recently acquired to want to chant and perfect chanting more and more. I look forward to reading about and remembering Kṛṣṇa *līlā* and praying to very soon cultivate that mood of Kṛṣṇa consciousness. All glories to Kṛṣṇa's holy names. The name of Śrī Hari is surely all that be. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

April 30 Chicago

In all cases, situations, victories, defeats, reverses, the unexpected, the expected, always depend on Me, is the voice of Victory. Lord Kṛṣṇa is the Supreme Controller and only when we align ourselves with His control are we safe and happy. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, I have made this prayer over and over because it is the only need. Dear Lord, please help me to always remember You with devotion. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 1 Chicago – Ekādaśī

36 rounds, Rādhikā-rāṇī's mercy. That's always the success in *japa*. Śrīla Prabhupāda has given the formula: "You are unqualified, I have created your qualifications." To move further along on the path of realized knowledge, you must become a beggar. Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī is very kind and soft-hearted. She doesn't like to see anyone suffering. Her mercy is cooling, soothing, pleasing and very powerful. Her shelter is always desired. Her pleasure is our focus. All glories to Bhaktidevī. Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī Ki-Jay. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 2 Chicago

A lot of service and not enough time. Probably it will always be that way. Śrī Kṛṣṇa's mercy. We try to keep a balance between *sādhana* and service and reach *sādhya*, otherwise it is useless. The goal is to serve Śrī Kṛṣṇa with love and devotion completely dedicated to Śrīla Prabhupāda's orders. Tomorrow is a day of preaching. I hope I can become fixed on Lord Kṛṣṇa's lotus feet. They are my source of pleasure and safety. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 3 Chicago

O Kṛṣṇa, I am lost, completely, unable to give up sense gratification yet still trying having received tons of instructions and much great Vaiṣṇava association. Trying to become the enjoyer, I don't want it any more I just want to be Your humble loving sold-out to Your lotus feet servant. Unable to find shelter anywhere I remain lost. Śrīla Prabhupāda, please save me from myself. We have found the enemy and it is us. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 4 Chicago

Some people live only to make money and spend it. They agree money is the honey. But like honey it is surrounded by bees. Stinging bees. Money is Lakṣmī. She is the Goddess of fortune. She only serves Her eternal beloved Śrī Nārāyaṇa. Those who want Lakṣmī without Nārāyaṇa are trying to enjoy another's wife, therefore they are sinful and will die untimely and miserably. Rāvana is the example. We want Lakṣmī with Nārāyaṇa or rather we want to engage Lakṣmī by assisting Her in Her eternal service to Nārāyaṇa. Therefore, the Divine Couple are guests in our life that deserve our full attention. Thus we are happy to serve Lord Nārāyaṇa with the assistance of Mother Lakṣmī. So please give us the intelligence to become dutiful and expert in the service of the Divine Couple for that is the perfection of life. Śrīla Prabhupāda is the best of all example. Lakṣmī came in abundance and Lord Nārāyaṇa was and still is, by his mercy, served nicely. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, the best servant of Śrī Lakṣmī Nārāyaṇa, Śrī Śrī Rādhā Kṛṣṇa. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 5 Chicago – Gadādhara Paṇḍita’s Appearance Day

Today is Śrī Gadādhara Paṇḍita’s appearance day. It was with firm conviction and a desire to please Lord Caitanya that we spoke on this day. Thank You, dear Lord Caitanya Mahāprabhu, it is with the mercy of Lord Nityānanda that we can continue to be engaged in *harināma saṅkīrtana*. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, the embodiment of Nitāi’s mercy. We can only feel safe, happy and enthusiastic when we take shelter, full shelter, of Śrī Śrī Śrī Gaura-Nitāi. May we always desire Their mercy in the form of *harināma saṅkīrtana*. Haribol! Hare Kṛṣṇa! Gaura Premānande!

May 6 Chicago

Normally during the time of the evening writing I am tired and eager to rest. Yet, by Śrīla Prabhupāda’s kindness, tolerance and compassion, I am able to write. I hope and sincerely pray that soon I will be able to have time to once again read, reflect, write and complete my duties toward Śrīla Prabhupāda’s books. They are my happiness and my life. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 7 Chicago

Visited Harun. Today was the first time we met in years. Although physically paralyzed, his consciousness is better than it has ever been; at least he is more peaceful. His sister is a very nice person and takes care of him nicely. This material world is a horrible place and very soon I start my flight to Pittsburgh. I pray I can tolerate the non-devotees and maybe even help them if possible. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 8 Chicago – New Vrndaban

Your mercy is all I am made of. The New Vrndavan challenge. Humility, intelligence and friendliness. Śrī Śrī Rādhā Vṛndāvana Candra so lovely, so transcendently sweet. So kind, so merciful, so very lovable. All glories to Their Lordships. The glories of Śrīla Prabhupāda are very important and essential to hear. Please, allow me to keep Śrīla Prabhupāda in the forefront of my presentation. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 9 New Vrndaban

I am constantly amazed how Śrīla Prabhupāda can clearly present truth in a simple, yet easily understandable manner. In one purport in the 7th Canto, Prahlāda Mahārāja’s instructions, Śrīla Prabhupāda states to go to hell, one has to work hard to create the structure for sin. But if one wants to become Kṛṣṇa conscious, then it is

easy as sitting down and chanting the Lord's name and that's all. All glories to Lord Caitanya's perfect and sublime process. All glories to the Holy Name. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 10 New Vrndaban

All glories to the sweet lovely *darśana* of Śrī Śrī Rādhā Vṛndāvana Candra and Śrī Śrī Rādhā Dāmodara. Their beautiful inviting smiles, assuring sidelong glance, charm the mind and awakens feelings within the heart. Śrīla Prabhupāda's patient, merciful presence evokes great enthusiasm in wanting to glorify him again and again. Vaiṣṇavas are oceans of kindness, especially when they chant Hare Kṛṣṇa and inspire others to do the same. All glories to *nāmā-saṅkīrtana*, the worth of all that exists. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 11 New Vrndaban

Gaurāṅga! Gaurāṅga! Gaurāṅga! All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Nice festival. All the devotees were very friendly, the mood was very nice. Classes were inspiring. The Holy Name is everything. All glories to Śrī Kṛṣṇa's holy name.

*Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare
Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare*

May 12 New Vrndaban

Not much preaching but nice association. I desperately need to carefully read *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam*. A lot of my required activities get neglected in the torrents of travel and change. Anyway, I must know clearly, convincingly that I am fallen, not great. My mind tries to allude to the false ego of life destroying my chances to take full shelter of You and Your holy names. Śrīla Prabhupāda is saving me, but it is really quite difficult to immediately adjust to constant changes. I must and will become determined to regularly read no matter what. Please, Śrīla Prabhupāda, help me to attain the lotus feet of your books once again. Thank you. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 13 New Vrndaban – Pittsburgh

Farewell to New Vrndaban until next month. Hello to the North East, Boston, Hartford etc. On the road or rather in the air. How Śrīla Prabhupāda did it is one of the wonders of great achievements. Only one who is fully sheltered by Lord Kṛṣṇa can continue on in this mode of life. It is for Śrī Kṛṣṇa only to preach as Śrīla Prabhupāda did and instructed. My dear Lord, the difficulties I encounter in Your service, these are my ecstasies. These are the words of Śrīla Bhaktivinoda Ṭhākura, words that inspire us to continue on. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 14 Pittsburgh – Hartford

7½hrs simply for travel. Read *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam*, and prayers to Lord Nṛsiṃhadeva from different kinds of living entities, perhaps that was the best part, making it all worth it. I experienced a short but nice dream while in Hartford just after my lecture on Vaiṣṇava relationships. Such an important topic. It very much helps to put in practice what we are teaching. To teach means to learn. In the dream HH Radhanath Maharaja appeared and was talking nicely to me, I think he is pleased I spoke on that subject. Perhaps it was something else. But whatever the reason, his presence either in waking or dream is a great benediction. I hope I can always remember that. Śrīla Prabhupāda looked pleased as I lead the kirtan after the lecture. To please Śrīla Prabhupāda is my desire in Kṛṣṇa consciousness and that is enough to inspire me onward. Let's see how I can serve this next week and a half. No doubt a challenge, but I am starting to realize how to develop a better use time. That is wanted. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 15 Hartford

Never consider yourself safe from Māyā. Her tactic is to lay low for a while and then strike when least expected. A devotee is a fighter for Lord Kṛṣṇa and wants to mainly fight the enemies within. Śrī Prahlāda Mahārāja subdued all his lusty desires by being of steady intelligence and determination. Here is the formula. We must continuously fix our mind and intelligence on You, dear Lord, and remain fixed in our service never giving the senses a chance to act independently. Determination to succeed should not replace a loving heart or make the heart hard. We know it is your mercy, Śrīla Prabhupāda, that is pushing us on despite our capabilities to practice properly. Your mercy is our success. Happiness is to chant Hare Kṛṣṇa, satisfaction is the pleasure that comes when you are pleased. All glories to your lotus feet. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 16 Hartford – Boston

Devotees seem to like hearing about and learning more about chanting *japa*. It is the essence. In happiness, in distress, continue to chant the Holy Name. It is the process. All glories to the merciful Lord who has so kindly descended in His most munificent incarnation, Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu, to distribute the ultimate mercy *harināma-saṅkīrtana*. Therefore let our desire be increased to chant more and more and beg at the feet of Śrīla Prabhupāda to push us on in our attempt to be Kṛṣṇa conscious. *Guru-mukha-padma-vākya, cittete koriyā aikya, ān nā koriho mane āśā*. That is the way of success. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 17 Boston

Feeling like I am going to leave my body – weakness, sluggishness, talkativeness. Material world is uncertain. We need to take care of health. We can burn out or try

to go the route. Śrī Kṛṣṇa wants His devotees to be instruments for His mercy. We are trying, but pride and egoism destroy our endeavors. To be always conscious of how one is acting and always remember Śrī Kṛṣṇa. Śrīla Prabhupāda is extremely kind and always available for guidance. Never consider yourself alright. Keep the mind and intelligence focused on Lord Kṛṣṇa and don't think about anything else. Praying for the mercy of Lord Nṛsiṃhadeva, who will make His Divine Appearance tomorrow. Śrī Nṛsiṃha Jay Nṛsiṃha. All glories to Lord Nṛsiṃhadeva. All glories to Śrī Prahlāda Mahārāja. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 18 Boston – Lord Nṛsiṃhadeva's Appearance Day

The verse by Śrī Prahlāda Mahārāja from *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam*, 5.18.8. Today is Lord Nṛsiṃhadeva appearance, it is 5.18.08 on the calendar. All glories to Lord Nṛsiṃhadeva, the protector of the devotees. Śrīla Prabhupāda Ki-Jay. Śrī Nṛsiṃha Jay Nṛsiṃha Jay Jay Śrī Nṛsiṃha. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 19 Boston

Sometimes we mistakenly think we are detached from everything sensual and then Śrī Kṛṣṇa teaches us we are not. If we are to become more detached in the matter of sensual activities, we must consider ourselves helpless and pray and cry for the mercy of the Lord. We are small and are always prone to be bewildered by the illusory energy. Some pride has entered. Kick it out by taking shelter of the mercy stick of Śrīla Prabhupāda. Please, Śrīla Prabhupāda, never allow me to take success as other than a feature of your causeless mercy. Yesterday, Lord Nṛsiṃhadeva gave great blessings to all and gave me credit. I am only an insignificant particle of dust aspiring to serve His servants. His kindness is our happiness. His mercy our good fortune. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, the lion-like Swami in the face of the mundane wranglers. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 20 Boston

If I have intentionally or unintentionally offended any living entity I humbly and eagerly ask forgiveness. I must become a little more sensitive to others present situation and carefully, lovingly, but determinedly encourage them to take more to Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Whatever a person is or is offering, that is appreciated, accepted, along with the necessity to move forward. Śrīla Prabhupāda is kind and tolerant but also merciful. Prepare the mercy stick of the Holy Name and distribute it widely. Everyone should get a chance to improve their life. Śrīla Prabhupāda is the embodiment of the full mercy of Śrī Nityānanda Rāma. All glories to his compassion upon us fallen souls of Kali Yuga. May we continue his mission with the same spirit. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 21 Boston

Struggle is a feature of spiritual life, it is intrinsic. Tiredness isn't. Too much sleep is an indication something is not right. We must be enthusiastic, able to overcome bodily needs. Not that they increase. Decrease. Slow down on eating means reducing sleep. Boston temple has a very weak morning program because of a lack of devotees and even then a lack of participation. Kṛṣṇa consciousness is enthusiasm at every moment. Why so lazy. Wasting time. Śrīla Prabhupāda quotes Cāṇakya on time. It can't be recycled. It's gone. Use time wisely, every moment is precious. Always think of Me. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 22 Boston

I like to take this opportunity to offer a prayer to Śrīla Prabhupāda for *bhakta* Michael in Soho London. Please, Śrīla Prabhupāda, give him your mercy, he is struggling and without your mercy he has little chance of staying in devotional life. Thank you. Plans changed, leaving tomorrow. Association with HH Niranjana Maharaja, may I always be in the right consciousness – Kṛṣṇa consciousness. The more I listen to Śrīla Prabhupāda, the more it increases my understanding that only devotional service, Lord Caitanya's movement, can save humanity. People are becoming more and more lost, especially in Western countries. Chanting Hare Kṛṣṇa, is the medicine for the Age of Kali. *Kali-yuga-pāavana, kali-bhaya-nāśana, śrī śacī-nandana gāo*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 23 Boston – Parsippany NJ – Santosh & Syamila's home

It is wonderful to be in the association of Niranjana Maharaj. I pray I can be of some useful service to him and to others. Śrīla Prabhupāda has created this ISKCON society in order to facilitate loving exchanges between Vaiṣṇavas, and when we receive wonderful association then more than ever it indicates the pleasure of the Lord and His mercy. Thank you. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 24 Parsippany NJ – Santosh & Syamila's home

Kirtan Ras alive at the Raval's. Nice group of devotees mostly from New York and New Jersey. I'm thinking how I can offer better service towards others, and become a better instrument in spreading Kṛṣṇa consciousness. All glories to Kṛṣṇa's holy names. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, our very life. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 25 Parsippany NJ – Santosh & Syamila's home

Getting a little careless with eating. Some extra health care is the need, be careful, exercise, proper diet. Śrīla Prabhupāda gave health a prime importance for a devotee's life. When health is good it allows one to serve Śrī Kṛṣṇa more fully,

happily. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Amidst many great qualities, he is the best of all physicians. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 26 Parsippany NJ – Santosh & Syamila’s home – Philadelphia

Long day, much accomplished. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa

May 27 Philadelphia – Chicago

With careful planning and organization of time all activity will naturally fall into an acceptable routine schedule. No need to feel overwhelmed or uninterested. Just careful and conscious planning. See it as a challenge rather than as austerity or chore. Reading is essential. Śrīla Prabhupāda’s *Bhāgavatam* is foremost. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 28 Chicago

Chugging along. Let’s see if I can keep a regulated schedule. It is a challenge. Easy things become difficult when one forgets Lord Caitanya and difficult things are easily accomplished by remembering Gaurāṅga Mahāprabhu. Very merciful in Atlanta in 1975, Śrīla Prabhupāda exhibited emotions just thinking about how kind is Śrī Śrī Gaura-Nitāi. All glories to Nitāi Gaurāṅga Candra. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 29 Chicago

The glories of Kṛṣṇa’s holy name is amazing to behold. No one in any sphere of existence can describe its glory and mercy. We remain thirsty beggars pleading for a drop which alone can fully satisfy the soul. Waves of nectar inundate the mind of the pure chanter and His sweet Lord allows His mercy to be tasted, felt and experienced. Śrīla Prabhupāda’s success in spreading Kṛṣṇa consciousness is described in many ways. Foremost is the success of establishing *harināma*’s prominence. All glories to the sweet of the sweetest, Śrī Kṛṣṇa in the form of His name. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 30 Chicago

From a travel schedule to a temple schedule and back. Śrī Kṛṣṇa, please help me to always remember You with love. Without Gaurāṅga and Nitāi’s mercy how is anything spiritually possible in this horrible age of Kali. Their lotus feet are everything and more. Śrīla Prabhupāda is the carrier of that mercy fully equipped and eager to distribute. Always chant *harināma* and always seek ways to associate with and serve great souls. All glories to Śrī Kṛṣṇa *saṅkīrtana*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

May 31 Chicago – Ekādaśī

By Śrīmatī Rādhikā's grace, kindness and intelligence I was able to fulfill my Ekādaśī vow, although it was definitely a little more sporadic. The Holy Name is everything, yet I still somewhat lack the proper mood and patience when chanting. I can see my *anarthas*, but yet still am controlled by them. Guru's mercy is everything when it comes to practicing the process. Śrīla Prabhupāda, I am very fallen and don't know how to get up. I can only beg, please save me from my own mental speculation. Your kindness is our hope for improvement. All glories to Kṛṣṇa's holy name. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 1 Chicago

Śrīla Prabhupāda, please help me to understand how to become more effective in reaching others with Kṛṣṇa consciousness. We want to help these people and therefore assist you in the best way possible. Thank you for this opportunity. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 2 Chicago

As we engage fully in devotional service we experience a great sense of satisfaction, even if the service is difficult or troublesome. There cannot be any activity anywhere at any time that compares to the satisfaction and happiness that is achieved by rendering even the simplest of service done out of a desire to serve without expectation. Śrīla Prabhupāda's words are our life. We want to continuously go on hearing and hearing. All glories to His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda, the best of the best. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 3 Chicago

Preaching is our life, preach to live, live to preach. Chanting is our happiness, chant and experience real happiness – *japa*, kirtan. Books are our spiritual guides, read to see, vision is meant for reading the transcendental message. Eat to maintain the body, maintenance of the body is required to serve fully. Glorify the Lord and His pure devotee Śrīla Prabhupāda, glorification soothes the soul, heart and mind. Please, Lord, help me to develop real humility. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 4 Chicago

This date 9 years ago was one of the most spiritually devastating, yet it left me with a powerful lesson which I desire to remember always. The power of Māyā should and must never be underestimated nor one's inability to remain free from her effects. Yes, always distrust the mind are the profound words of His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda repeating the *ācāryas* of yore. Spiritual life is the most valuable and precious commodity, protect it with great diligence and always pray for mercy and spiritual strength coming from the Lord and His pure devotees. I take full shelter of

Your holy name, dear Kṛṣṇa, and chant in desperation and with hope of achieving the full shelter of Your lotus feet. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 5 Chicago

Adhering to the temple schedule is becoming a great challenge. A lot of energy is needed and now we have the threat of biting bugs. Anyway, I am at Sri Guru's and Vraja Mohan's tonight. What will tomorrow bring? My prayer is that Balarama Govinda Prabhu and company have a safe journey tomorrow. May Śrīla Prabhupāda bestow his mercy on them. Thank you. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 6 Chicago

On the road again. Let's see how long I can do it. It is only by the grace of Śrīla Prabhupāda and Śrī Kṛṣṇa I am able to continue this frantic pace. The "I don't know" mantra may be what I will be forced to adopt. Today was special, the association of HH Radhanath Swami Maharaj. Sweet and instructive, as always. All glories to HH Radhanath Swami Maharaja, by whose presence 1,000s of souls are getting Śrī Kṛṣṇa's mercy. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 7 Chicago – Cleveland

Ratha-yātrā Cleveland style. Jagannātha is always the Lord of the Universe. The people of Edgewater Park today received *ajñāta sukṛti*. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, whose mercy cannot be understood by those under the grip of material attraction. Preaching is the essence, the difficulty is in encounter with its diversified characteristics. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 8 Cleveland – Washington D.C. – Madhvacarya and Kunti's home

It seems like I have embarked on a difficult travel schedule. I hope I can keep a nice service attitude, good health and the intelligence required. It is only your mercy Śrīla Prabhupāda coming through others. All glories to the holy name of Lord Kṛṣṇa. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 9 Washington D.C. – Madhvacarya and Kunti's home

After reading a little of the life of the great saint Mother Theresa, I am exposed as a pretender, gross sense gratifier, a materialist disguised as a spiritualist. Her devotion, humility and self-sacrifice are unimaginable. She is truly a great saint in that her love for Jesus Christ was pure and perfect. Śrīla Prabhupāda has taught us both by precept and example the qualities of one who is truly in love with the Lord. What is preventing us from total self-surrender? Let it become exposed and destroyed. Freedom is nothing less than pure devotion to the Lord. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 10 Wash. D.C./Madhvacarya & Kuntī's home – Lokadraksya's home
Gaurāṅga. Nityānanda. Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya Prabhu Nityānanda Śrī Advaita
Gadādhara Śrīvāsa Ādī Gaura Bhakta Vṛnda.

Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare
Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare.

All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 11 Wash. D.C. – Lokadraksya's home - Gita Nagari

Don't bug me! That's the mantra now for the next 2 days. Every time I come to Gita Nagari I am subjected to one of the *kleśas*. *Adhibautika* is very prominent. No sense in complaining just stating the fact. Tolerate and go on with service. Thinking that things on the travel level will get better. Anyway, chant Hare Kṛṣṇa and become transcendental. Śrīla Prabhupāda is very much here in Gita Nagari. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 14 New York/Ratha-yātrā – N.J./Devakinandana's home

It is very rare – I forgot to write for 2 consecutive days. The focus was on health. Kṛṣṇa's kindness, it is improving. Thank you, Lord, for saving me from Māyā. Śrī Śrī Gaura-Nitāi Ki-Jay. Wonderful Ratha-yātrā. Śrīla Prabhupāda's merciful presence is everywhere, especially New York Ratha-yātrā. Many nice devotees. Rains came and put a halt on the festivities. Everything has a higher purpose. Our perception is very limited. All glories to Lord Jagannātha Lord Baladeva, Subhadrā Devī. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 15 N.J./Devakinandana's home – Toronto

A real test! Can I always see it as Your mercy, dear Lord. Śrīla Prabhupāda is our father, spiritual father – that's reality. Now I got to get some rest. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 16 Toronto

Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya Mahāprabhu and His associates have descended in 5 forms to instruct the impersonalist Māyāvāda speculators that the Absolute is not a person, He is 5 persons as the Supreme Truth. *Pañca-tattvātmakam kṛṣṇam bhakta-rūpa-svarūpakam bhaktāvatāram bhaktākhyam namāmi bhakta-śaktikam*. All glories to Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu, Śrī Nityānanda Rāma, Śrī Advaita Ācārya, Śrī Gadādhara Paṇḍita and Śrīvāsa Ṭhākura and all Their transcendental associates. Kṛṣṇa's holy name and all its attributes are revealed only by Them. Therefore I take full shelter of Śrī Pañca-tattva. Gaura Premānande! Hari Haribol! Śrīla Prabhupāda Ki-Jay! Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 17 Toronto

People can only be pleased with our service when it is conducted with the guidance and mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda. All glories to His Divine Grace. Hare Kṛṣṇa. Tired, mentally.

June 18 Toronto

It is becoming a little more difficult to keep fixed on service as the mind is restless, turbulent and very strong, O Kṛṣṇa. But with the mercy of the original spiritual master Śrī Baladeva coming through Śrīla Prabhupāda one can emerge Kṛṣṇa conscious. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 19 Toronto

Nice young Vaiṣṇavas and Vaiṣṇavīs. Enthusiastic, especially the ladies. Good attitude and they work nicely to preach. Kṛṣṇa consciousness is planting the solid seeds of *bhakti*, and when materialistic society crumbles these seeds will be able to offer a life to many. Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu's plan for spreading Kṛṣṇa consciousness is mysterious, yet obvious. It is a mystery how it will look, yet it is obvious it will happen. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, who is saving the entire world. May his glories and deeds spread to all. Please allow us to be an instrument in the best way possible. Thank you very much. Gaurāṅga Mahāprabhu Ki-Jay. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 20 Toronto – New Vrndaban

Śrī Kṛṣṇa's mercy is the association of His dear devotees. Sivarama Maharaja and I traveled to Pittsburg together. Now it is New Vrndaban and the 24h kirtan with Madhava Prabhu. A gathering of Vaiṣṇavas world-wide, the focus – Kṛṣṇa's holy name. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, whose mercy is felt in so many wonderful ways. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 21 New Vrndaban

The Holy Name, the Holy Name, the Holy Name. Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 22 New Vrndaban – Columbus

Powerful weekend. The Holy Name has shown its glory in a wonderful way. May that mood become constant. Chanting, dancing, feasting, philosophy. Madhava Prabhu's kirtan brought a sweet flavor to the chanting. Humility, begging and eagerness is a necessary pre-requisite for obtaining entrance into the chanting of the Holy Names. May New Vrndaban become more of what it is proposed to be by the mercy of Śrī *harināma saṅkīrtana*. Śrīla Prabhupāda is waiting. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 23 Columbus

Śrī Kṛṣṇa's holy name is like unto our mind a brilliant lamp upon a dark place. It makes visible what is necessary. It reveals our present situation and helps us to take an honest look at what is needed. It acts as both the diagnosis of the disease and the cure, never subjected to expiration. May the mercy of the best of all doctors become the feature of our life to push back the disease of ignorance. May Śrīla Prabhupāda be allowed to enter into our life fully. All glories to Kṛṣṇa's holy name. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 24 Columbus – Chicago

Became victimized by anger and other bad qualities. It happens. It is not an excuse, but a sign of needing to analyze the underlying cause. Much travel, weak *sādhana*, with a determined attitude of not being crushed by Māyā. *Prasādam* must be taken in quietude. This chatter while honoring the Lord's mercy is offensive. It can lead to other difficulties. Let me become more careful in this respect. Every time I speak about Śrīla Prabhupāda I experience it's one of the most important topics. Please allow me, dear Lord, to go deeper into the unfathomable glories of His Divine Grace. They are an ocean of sweet ambrosial nectar. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 25 Chicago

Hare Kṛṣṇa. It was nice working with the children, young Vaiṣṇavas and Vaiṣṇavīs. These young people are the future that will spread Lord Caitanya's mission everywhere. It is amazing to see how natural they take to Kṛṣṇa consciousness. His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda must certainly be pleased with our younger devotees. All glories to the future of Kṛṣṇa consciousness, as it is gradually overtaking the world-wide *māyic* influences. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 26 Chicago

Heat of summer has arrived, it may stay, Kali Yuga means erratic weather. Earth dangers are way ahead of schedule. Disease seems to follow my return to Chicago. Itches are always present. Other difficulties are reaching a stage of concern. This body, for one trying to reach the spiritual platform, can be a burden. Take shelter of Kṛṣṇa in all situations. It works. Śrīla Prabhupāda is very merciful. His presence is always being felt, sometimes very strongly. Chant Hare Kṛṣṇa and go back to the spiritual world. This place stinks. Haribol. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 27 Chicago

Today is the anniversary of the disappearance of Srila Bhakti Tirtha Swami Maharaja. Although it has been 3 years, his memory lives on in our minds and hearts. Great souls never leave; they just leave our mortal vision. May we completely and

fully someday understand the greatness of this most compassionate Vaiṣṇava. Śrīla Prabhupāda said to Maharaja: “Your life is perfect.” All glories to Srila Bhakti Tirtha Swami Maharaja. May we meet again. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 28 Chicago

Man proposes, God disposes. Fortunately this is true. But what to propose so God, Kṛṣṇa, will be favorably disposed. Remain always in thought of Him. That is the essence of all religious practice. To always remember with devotion – Kṛṣṇa. Tomorrow it will be impossible to forget Him as He appears in His most lovable form of Śrī Jagannātha Deva. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, who will ride on the cart of Subhadrā Devī. That is special. Jagannātha, Baladeva, Subhadrā Mahārāṇī Ki-Jay. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 29 Chicago/Ratha-yātrā

Lord Jagannātha’s mercy was very pleasing. Nice weather for the parade. Śrīla Prabhupāda has given us the best of all religious and spiritual festivals. Dancing and chanting in front of the Lord of the Universe. Śrī Jagannātha Deva. All glories to those devotees who make *harinām saṅkīrtana* the main business. Gaurāṅga Mahāprabhu Ki-Jay. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

June 30 Chicago

I pray to develop some genuine attraction for Lord Kṛṣṇa. His attractive nature is perfection. How can anyone not be attracted to Him, I am one of those unfortunate persons whose heart has yet to awaken to the attractiveness of Śrī Kṛṣṇa. I can only hope and pray one day I will truly be attracted to Him. Śrīla Prabhupāda, please don’t give up on me although there is every reason to. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 1 Chicago

Taking on more service than one can execute nicely, easily, may cause one to fall down, as one neglects the devotional mood and it becomes “the get it done mood”. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, help me to understand how to execute Kṛṣṇa consciousness properly. All glories to Kṛṣṇa’s holy name. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 2 Chicago

Such a simple prayer. *Kabe ha’be bolo se-dina āmār*. Yes, when will that day be mine. Lust, anger, intolerance towards others, pride and illusion are my ornaments. Huge, gigantic weights on my mind pulling me lower and lower into body consciousness. Chanting the Holy Name without offenses is not attainable as long as these heavy weights of sense disturbances continue to plague my life. O great devotees of the Lord headed by my beloved Guru Maharaj, please be merciful to me

and show me the way out of this prison. Only then will I attain auspiciousness and can be a true friend to all others. I surround myself with so many objects of spiritual life, yet I remain in material consciousness. Therefore, I am forced to take up the noble occupation of a beggar and beg for my spiritual livelihood. Please, Śrīla Prabhupāda, guide me to the shade of your lotus feet, the only place I can find success. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 3 Chicago

Let my mind and senses find satisfaction in You alone, dear Kṛṣṇa. Allow me to be satisfied only with service to You and Your devotees. Anxiety for oneself is simply material. In health or sickness, happiness, distress, may my mind be attracted only to You. O Kṛṣṇa, help me to realize that everything I do must have Your pleasure foremost. Put my fantasies on hold and destroy them with the sword of perfect knowledge. Śrīla Prabhupāda has come to this world to give pure loving devotion to the Supreme based on the most pure and perfect knowledge. Let's not accept anything less so not to disturb the status quo. Preach accordingly but live perfectly in true knowledge. Śrī Kṛṣṇa is our only goal, nothing else. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 4 Chicago – Oswego/Subuddhi Kṛṣṇa's home

Sickness, hitting hard. Not able to eat, digest. Other symptoms. We're getting the reality of material life face to face, a living philosophy. Disease, one of the 4 miseries. As long as I can remember You, dear Lord, then there is no discomfort, merely superficial. Remembrance of You in love. May Śrīla Prabhupāda continue to give me his mercy in the form of preaching. Yes, we would like to have the honor of dying on the preaching field. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 5 Oswego/Subuddhi Kṛṣṇa's home

For a materialist his mind is a burden, for a spiritualist his body is a burden. Kṛṣṇa, help! I need Your mercy and guidance. I am surrendered unto Your sweet lotus feet, but my present understanding of devotional service seems clouded. Struggling to serve, body is becoming a great load. *Tat te 'nukampāṁ su-samīkṣamāṇo*. That should be the prayer. Help me to make it. Śrīla Prabhupāda, how best can I serve you, please guide me. Faith is my ornament. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 6 Oswego/Subuddhi Kṛṣṇa's home – Chicago

The Holy Name. There is nothing else. Kṛṣṇa's holy name. May we increase our taste more and more for chanting Kṛṣṇa's holy name. *Kṛṣṇa-prāpti hoy jāhā ha'te*. Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 7 Chicago

Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda, for bringing Kṛṣṇa's mercy in the form of the sweet association of Srila Radhanath Maharaj. Such a special son of Your Divine Grace. Always the well-wisher of all others. May he continue to bless us with his presence. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 10 London/BV Manor

Missed entries for 2 days. Travel and laziness. The pace is increasing, late night, sporadic *japa*. Be careful. Do the needful and pray to Lord Kṛṣṇa to continue with service. Use intelligent discrimination, be conscious of time and be reasonable about one's capability. It is a great privilege to be able to serve by preaching Kṛṣṇa consciousness. It is purely Śrīla Prabhupāda's mercy. All glories to His Divine Grace. Wonderful program in association with Rupa Vilas Prabhu and his nice wife Mother Sarad Bihari. Nice devotee association makes all the austerities pleasing and joyful. All glories to my Godbrothers, may I meet them regularly. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 11 London/BV Manor

Struggling to control the mind and senses. Hearing of the glorious service of many of the Manor devotees brings great happiness and a strong sense of honor when being in the atmosphere of such dedicated Vaiṣṇavas. The Manor is an outstanding example of successful preaching and dedicated devotees. Śrīla Prabhupāda is undoubtedly very pleased. May I be able to serve these devotees more and more and have the wonderful opportunity of their association. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 12 London/BV Manor – Croatian camp

An opportunity to serve, associate and share Kṛṣṇa consciousness with many wonderful devotees. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, I humbly and sincerely pray I can be an instrument for your mercy. Please guide me and free me from any self-centeredness. It can be difficult, but by your mercy it becomes easy and natural. All glories to the devotees. Hare Kṛṣṇa. Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya Mahāprabhu Ki-Jay. Jai Nitāi.

July 13 Croatian camp

“The Demons of Vṛndāvana – Removing the Anarthas”. Please, Śrīla Prabhupāda, it's appearing difficult to make this presentation interesting for the devotees' attention and benefit. Your special mercy is required. Thank you very much. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 14 Croatian camp

Śrī Kṛṣṇa, Your sweet form of Śrī Śrī Rādhā Kuṅjabihari graces the multi-variegated deity altar at camp. Śrī Kṛṣṇa's beautiful lotus eyes and graceful bending form holding a flute with fingers posed in a loving mudra is the perfection of meditation.

May my mind continue to gravitate feelings of love for You. This is Śrīla Prabhupāda's sweet mercy. Thank you. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 15 Croatian camp

Be careful, old eating habits are returning. It is both good and not good. Careful discrimination with complete detachment will overcome any obstacle. Śrī Śrī Rādhā Kuñjabihari, very enchanting, Śrī Kṛṣṇa is sweet with large beautiful dark eyes. Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī is sweet, petit and compassionate. Please, Śrīla Prabhupāda, allow me to serve the Vaiṣṇavas and also have enough time for reading and rest. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 16 Croatian camp

The mornings are full, sweet with steady service. Tomorrow never comes, today is the only day. Live in the moment. Dear Kṛṣṇa! Please, I am trying to love You, but material conditioning is deep-seated. I need Your mercy. Śrīla Prabhupāda, how can we serve you better. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 17 Croatian camp

Whatever good qualities others see in me is simply Śrīla Prabhupāda's kindness. I have loads of false ego, always lusty, pretentious, finding fault in the mind with something or someone. Lazy, spaced out in chanting, falsely considering myself advanced. Praying that I can develop some genuine humility and some day be successful in helping to spread Lord Caitanya's movement. Only by Your mercy dear Lord, can I do anything, so please allow me to offer my love to You with genuine feelings of devotion. I need Your mercy and the mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda. Thank you. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 18 Croatian camp

Yes, it is the Holy Name that nourishes and enlivens the soul and makes the mind and the lusty senses dance. All glories to Kṛṣṇa's holy name. May we always be in the association of devotees who love to chant the Hare Kṛṣṇa *mahā-mantra* and are eager to offer their chanting for the benefit of others. Śrīla Prabhupāda, please allow me to serve you more and more and meditate on your glories. So much is happening in ISKCON that is not attractive. Let me always be absorbed in pleasing you and be tolerant of others. Hare Kṛṣṇa.



July 19 Croatian camp – Rijeka/Ratha-yātrā – Karlovac

Lord Jagannātha's mercy. Wonderful festival. All glories to Kṛṣṇa's holy name. Struggling with health, tired, digestion stops when there is not enough activity and little rest. Śrīla Prabhupāda has blessed the world, if people could only open up to his mercy. That is our endeavor. Open up people's lives to Lord Kṛṣṇa. All glories to Lord Jagannātha, Lord Baladeva, Subhadrā Devī. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 20 Karlovac/New Santipur

All I can think of is how wonderful and merciful is Śrī Kṛṣṇa in His holy name. Kṛṣṇa's glories are unimaginable but Nāma's mercy is truly amazing. We can understand that it is coming from Śrī Śrī Gaura-Nitāi. There is no other explanation. How is it possible for the Holy Name to be so merciful. Śrīla Prabhupāda is the full embodiment of Gaura-Nitāi's mercy. No doubt. To hear the glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda and to chant them is *mahā* kīrtan. All glories to that person who brought Kṛṣṇa's holy name into our lives and into our hearts. Śrīla Prabhupāda, you are so wonderful. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 21 Karlovac/New Santipur

Self-sufficiency. Śrīla Prabhupāda's desire for ISKCON's development. The more I think of it and speak of it, the more I am convinced that it is the need of the time. Book distribution, farm communities. Two solid programs. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 22 Karlovac/New Santipur

Śrīla Prabhupāda, help! I am starting to feel the pangs of the material energy. Māyā is strong, we are simply dependent on your mercy. *Ha ha prabhu koro doya, deho more pada-chaya*. We are beggars, needy beggars. We are at your lotus feet praying, please protect us from Māyā. Your mercy is all we are made of. Please give us your mercy. Thank you. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 23 Karlovac/New Santipur

Fast pace or maybe not fast enough. Kṛṣṇa's holy name, begging for the mercy. Kirtan *rasa* is our life and soul. All glories to Śrī Kṛṣṇa *saṅkīrtana*. May Śrīla Prabhupāda be pleased with our devotional service and give us enthusiasm and determination to push on. Tonight Gopal came. Wonderful! May Śrīla Prabhupāda bless him over and over. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 24 Karlovac/New Santipur

Tomorrow we move on to Zurich, Switzerland. Kṛṣṇa consciousness provides a lifestyle of variety, travel, places and experiences in devotional service. I pray I can keep up the pace. At times I just want to stay in one place for an extended period. Life is balance. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, help me understand how best I can serve and to be able to remain enthusiastic in your service. All glories to Your Divine Grace. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 25 Karlovac/New Santipur – Zurich

Traveling 9 hours, 2 flights, distance which could have been done by car in the same amount of time. Anyway, things are always rectified when one accepts everything as the mercy of the Lord and remembers the Lord. With Your mercy, dear Balarāma, what is the use of others and without Your mercy, dear Balarāma, what is the use of others. Balarāma's mercy comes by way of Śrīla Prabhupāda. All glories to His Divine Grace, who taught us the goal of life and the means to reach it. He is guiding and correcting as we fledglingly trod our way towards perfection in devotion. All glories to that Senapati Bhakta, Śrīla Prabhupāda, who is a pure representative of Nityānanda Balarāma. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 26 Zurich – Fatima House/Swiss Camp

A new group of devotees, most I never met, hardly any in fact. But a chance to meet many others. I am so puffed up, unable to feel any devotion or love. Zero. Afflicted

with material pains and always impatient. Mind and body growing older. Only hope – humble prayer at Śrīla Prabhupāda’s lotus feet. Please, Śrīla Prabhupāda, save me from my false ego. It is a towering giant. May your mercy guide me to true humility in service. Thank you. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 27 Swiss Camp

Whatever I can do that pleases the devotees and helps to spread Kṛṣṇa consciousness is simply Your mercy, dear Lord, coming through Śrīla Prabhupāda. We are totally, completely insignificant and always remain so. But Your mercy is so great and inconceivable that even an animal can go back to Godhead. Śrī Śrī Gaura-Nitāi have broken open the storehouse of love of Godhead and are freely distributing the contents even to the untouchables. May we always deeply appreciate Their mercy and become an instrument to give it to everyone. *Param vijayate śrī kṛṣṇa saṅkīrtanam*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 28 Swiss Camp

Time moves on, like a herdsman that moves its sheep from pasture to pasture. Time moves us closer to the end of this body. Each second we are leaving this world. When it does occur, the Supreme Lord remains our only shelter in life, in death, in eternal life, Śrī Kṛṣṇa Nanda Dulal. He is our object and only goal of life. Whatever time it takes, let’s keep always on the path back to Śrī Vṛndāvana Dhāma. All glories to the Vrajavāsīs, headed by that greatest of all, Śrīla A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami. May we always serve him now and eternally. Giri-vara-dhārī Gopāla. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 29 Swiss Camp

The appearance of HH Jayapataka Maharaja and HH Kadamba Kanana Maharaja makes everything more wonderful and auspicious. Let’s see how Lord Kṛṣṇa and Śrīla Prabhupāda allow me to serve. Always ready, always eager. Service to the Lord and His devotees. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 30 Swiss Camp

Moving along, each day an adventure. Careful in speech, especially with the ladies. Māyā is always looking for a way in. Don’t give it. A devotee is conscious and cautious. Kṛṣṇa conscious, Māyā cautious. Śrīla Prabhupāda, please teach us more and help us to remember what we have already been taught. Thank you. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

July 31 Swiss Camp

Feeling the desire to move on. One more day. Be fully aware of service and remembrance of Lord Kṛṣṇa at every moment. We’ll leave when it is time. The mind should not leave before then. Śrīla Prabhupāda came to Switzerland to a place called

St. Helena. Śrīla Prabhupāda called it Saint Hell – it was frozen over with much snow. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 1 Swiss Camp – Ananda Caitanya’s Home

Devotees at the camp were very nice, extremely enthusiastic for kirtan and friendly. Most I met for the first time. Very nice program. Śrīla Prabhupāda has built a house the whole world can live in and it is steadily filling up. Lord Caitanya will be honored and glorified as the best of all in the history of God’s appearances. Most magnanimous, most kind and most mysterious. Rādhā’s love in the world of Names. All glories to Śrī Śrī Gaura-Nitāi.

*Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare
Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Hare Hare.*

Gaura Premānande.

August 2 Ananda Caitanya’s – Bern/Ratha-yātrā

Lord Baladeva’s mercy. HH Sacinandana Swami’s sweet kirtans take us to the feet of Lord Jagannātha. Serve the Vaiṣṇavas. Śrīla Prabhupāda has shown us everything. His movement is irresistible, but people are so entrenched in Māyā. It’s very difficult, impossible for them to change. Anyway, let’s spread the Holy Name and serve as much as possible, it is glorious and it pleases Śrīla Prabhupāda very much. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 3 Bern temple – Gaur Madhava’s Italy/Villa Vrndaban

A day of mostly travelling by car, 7 hours on the road. Very kind of the devotees to sacrifice their time, money and energy to drive me. Now at Villa Vṛndāvana – Italy’s spiritual treasure. Best land in the best part of Italy with a monumental temple complex. As always, I pray I can become the servant of the servant and serve pleasingly, beneficially. Śrīla Prabhupāda, please allow me some time to read and study *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam*, your gift to the world of great literature. It is actually without a doubt a monumental work of spiritual philosophy that dwarfs all others of its class and beyond. May we take shelter of *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 4 Italy/Villa Vrndaban – Florence

My *japa* is becoming poorer. Lackadaisical when it comes to increasing attention, a relapse into past bad habits. Chanting alone in a room for many days has made it more difficult to wax attention. A wandering restless mind. Some determination is required to get back on track. It is only Your mercy, Lord, coming through Śrīla

Prabhupāda, that will pull us out and up. Chant with attention and devotion, this is the need of the hour. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 5 Villa Vrndaban – Florence/Pandava Sena Retreat

The program is in full swing. Allow me to understand how best to serve. Intelligence is higher than physical strength. Determination depends on enthusiasm. Patience is a glorious virtue. Gratefulness allows one to always be satisfied. Humility is the ornament of success. Tolerance is strength of character and simplicity is Kṛṣṇa consciousness in practice. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, whose personal presence on the *vyasāsāna* is very, very powerful. Be careful of Italian *prasādam*, very healthy but be careful of the amount. Too much will make everything very difficult. Śrīla Prabhupāda's corrective mercy. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 6 Villa Vrndaban – Florence/Pandava Sena Retreat

All glories to Kṛṣṇa's holy name. All glories with loving gratitude to Śrīla Prabhupāda for delivering this mercy.

*Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare
Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare.*

August 7 Villa Vrndaban – Florence/Pandava Sena Retreat

It seems I am in Māyā. Although I am doing everything I normally do and more. What is that Māyā? – A lack of real humility. Not enough rest. Too much sense gratification. Poor rounds. Śrīla Prabhupāda, please show me the Māyā I am in and how to get out. Your mercy is all I am made of. Lord Nityānanda is sooo wonderful, I can only be amazed by His kind mercy. I pray to please Him always because He is surely my worshipable Lord Śrī Balarāma. All glories to Śrī Śrī Gaura-Nitāi. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 8 Villa Vrndaban – Florence/Pandava Sena Retreat

Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda, you again have shown me that my *prasādam* intake is too much. I was born and raised without any cultural training. My habits are horrendous. My prayer now is not to become falsely proud or critical of others. As lust is reduced, false pride may rear its ugly head. The remedy – which is the panacea of all *anarthas* – is to always remember Śrī Kṛṣṇa with love. May Lord Kṛṣṇa awaken me to His all-pervading presence. All glories to Śrī Kṛṣṇa's holy name. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 9 Villa Vrndaban – Florence/Pandava Sena Retreat

Mind is a big rascal today jumping to some very stupid thoughts. It can get very restless. Anyway, I need to work on attentive *japa*. That again is the need. All glories to Kṛṣṇa's holy names and all glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, who has made Lord Kṛṣṇa's mercy easily available. Lord Kṛṣṇa means Mahāprabhu. His mercy is the medicine suitable for the diseases running rampant in this Age of Kali. Save us from Kali. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 10 Villa Vrndaban – Florence/Pandava Sena Retreat

Thank you, Pandava Sena devotees, a wonderful opportunity to meet all of you and to render some service on behalf of Śrīla Prabhupāda, who is the embodiment of Lord Nityānanda's full mercy. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 11 Villa Vrndaban – Slovenian Camp

Travel makes life difficult. Travel can free one from attachments. Travel can make one ill. Travel brings one into new association. Travel makes a man grow old. Travel helps us to understand the temporary nature of the material world. Travel and *sannyāsā* are intimately connected. Travel can please Śrīla Prabhupāda and Lord Kṛṣṇa. Śrīla Prabhupāda traveled for us, so at least we can do it for him. All glories to traveling and preaching. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 12 Slovenian Camp

I have an outstanding *anartha* which manifest itself on occasion. The desire for attention. But not really, it only seems like it. It formerly was very prominent, now it is practically gone. I really don't want to be worshipped or known as an advanced devotee. I just like to have fun and play around. A kind of mischievousness and playfulness that's part of youth, but I am not a youth. Perhaps it is the soul. But then that is speculation. Anyway, kirtan as I know can be variegated. Lord Caitanya's devotees held some wild kirtans. Anyway, I try to be a good boy but occasionally something else comes. Anyway, my humble prayer is to be an instrument to serve and inspire Vaiṣṇavas and chant the Holy Names. May Śrīla Prabhupāda bless me with some intelligence. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 13 Slovenian Camp

Mind is a rascal. Or is it my desire for adoration. Not good. Śrīla Prabhupāda, you, and you alone can destroy all effects of Māyā. Your spiritual potency is powerful and complete. Therefore, dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, destroy these subtle desires that are rooted in sex life. Give me the clarity of intelligence to take shelter of your lotus feet in every and all situations. Your mercy is our only source of success and progress on the path back to Lord Kṛṣṇa. Śrīla Prabhupāda Ki-Jay. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 14 Slovenian Camp

Totally mad kirtan. Never saw anything like it. Genuine happiness gone wild. Śrī Kṛṣṇa's holy name when it descends from the spiritual sky and enters the heart and mind of the sincere chanter, it causes one to experience a variety of devotional emotions. Love of Śrī Kṛṣṇa is the mood of a sincere kirtaniya. Chant Lord Kṛṣṇa's name and take His merciful *prasādam*, a process given with no restrictions by the great Mahāprabhu. May Śrīla Prabhupāda continue to bless us and keep us carefully at his lotus feet. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 15 Slovenian Camp

Dear Lord, tomorrow I will act on behalf of Śrīla Prabhupāda by offering *dīkṣā* initiation to 3 candidates. Only Your causeless mercy can act to allow this event to be a suitable offering to You and to my beloved spiritual master, Śrīla Prabhupāda. Please, give me Your mercy, I am not qualified, please give me the intelligence to choose suitable names for these persons. All glories to Lord Balarāma. He is sooo kind to this unworthy soul. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 16 Slovenian Camp – Balarāma's App./Initiations – Ljubljana

By the causeless mercy of Lord Balarāma the day went very well. Not possible otherwise. That wonderful Supreme Personality of Godhead, Śrī Baladeva, has appeared in our hearts and has conquered all our doubts and corrected our miscalculations. May His pastimes reign and control our lives. May He help us to deeply understand the glory of His great devotee Śrīla Prabhupāda, whose life has changed the direction in the lives of the world's population for centuries to come. Śrīla Prabhupāda, the perfect representative of Śrī Nityānanda Balarāma. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 17 Slovenia/Ljubljana

Śrīla Prabhupāda, by your mercy the devotees are having a wonderful kirtan. All glories to Śrī Kṛṣṇa's holy name. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 18 Slovenia/Ljubljana

Appreciation for all that is so kindly given by Śrīla Prabhupāda and Lord Caitanya. The Holy Name, association of devotees, Śrīla Prabhupāda's books, deities worldwide, Kṛṣṇa *prasādam* and the opportunity to preach Kṛṣṇa consciousness. All rare gifts of kindness and mercy. Although Kṛṣṇa consciousness is our birth-right, still it comes by way of the causeless mercy from the Lord and His pure representatives. The mercy is also established by the sacrifice of those who gave everything to preach Kṛṣṇa consciousness. It is a rare and precious gift. Appreciation is best exemplified by trying to serve to the best of our capacity, being grateful for

the mercy and to give it to others. All glories to those great souls who have sacrificed their lives to spread Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 19 Slovenia/ Ljubljana

Carefulness and consciousness. Careful not to commit offenses, conscious of Śrī Kṛṣṇa. In the category of *aparādhas*, one can commit them even when one has attained the level of *prema*. Not likely, but possible. What to speak of the lower levels of attainment. Razor's edge, be careful, the more one is making advancement the subtler Māyā's attacks. Free from all envy trying to serve and remember the Lord with devotion. If I have committed any offenses, knowingly or unknowingly, I beg for pardon and the desire not to commit further ones. Please, Lord, help me to become aware and to make amends. Kṛṣṇa consciousness is the jewel of jewels and one is always very careful to keep it from being lost or stolen or damaged. All glories to Kṛṣṇa's holy name, the gift of Śrīla Prabhupāda upon the world. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 20 Slovenia/Ljubljana – Croatia/Rijeka

Roughed up a little by the material energy. Śrīla Prabhupāda's mercy has pulled me back to Śrī Kṛṣṇa's lotus feet. Be careful in eating, keep it simple, keep it regular, keep it routine. No special arrangements. By the mercy of the devotees I am able to continue. Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 21 Croatia/Rijeka

My consciousness is too loose. Tighten up, a little austerity in both eating and speaking is needed. More thoughtful, more detached, more contemplative, more Kṛṣṇa. Śrīla Prabhupāda said that his Guru Maharaja is always with him. Śrīla Prabhupāda is always with me. His guidance, protection, knowledge and personal presence we must recognize and open up to. Śrīla Prabhupāda, I really need your mercy more than ever, my knees are shaking and my mind is wild. Please help me to focus more on Lord Kṛṣṇa and detached more from sensual enjoyment. All glories to Kṛṣṇa's holy name.

August 22 Croatia/Rijeka – Slovenia/Mahi Bharta's home

The pastimes of Lord Caitanya and Lord Nityānanda are fresh and cooling as an autumn's sunny day. All glories to Śrī Śrī Gaura-Nitāi, begging to receive just one drop of Their causeless mercy. That drop is enough to drown anyone in the happiness of love of God. Please, Śrīla Prabhupāda, push this reluctant soul more and more towards Gaura's *līlā*, Nitāi's *līlā*. Refresh my mind and heart with the nectar of Gaura *kathā*. May I return to those days of absorbed hearing and chanting. Your mercy can do the impossible. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 23 Slovenia/Mahi Bharta's – Ljubljana – London/BV Manor

Tomorrow is Lord Kṛṣṇa's birthday. Śrīla Prabhupāda, I offer my prostrated obeisances praying at your lotus feet in order to gain the mercy to honor, worship and serve Lord Kṛṣṇa and His devotees on Śrī Janmāṣṭamī. Your mercy is my success. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 24 London/BV Manor – Śrī Janmāṣṭamī

Very nice program. I am not nice. Śrīla Prabhupāda is very nice. Nice is nice. The guest and devotees are all very nice. Tomorrow we want to celebrate nicely Vyāsa-pūjā for Śrīla Prabhupāda. I pray it turns out pleasing to Śrīla Prabhupāda. All glories to Śrī Kṛṣṇa's birthday. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 25 London/BV Manor – Śrīla Prabhupāda's Vyāsa-pūjā

I was fortunate to have the service of showing Śrīla Prabhupāda the Vyāsa-pūjā offering book page by page and thereby I understood better the points I made in my offering to him. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 26 London/BV Manor

Material desires are deep-rooted and when in contact with the material energy the spirit of enjoyment can be rekindled. Of course, Lord Caitanya's *saṅkīrtana* movement combined with the glorious activity of Kṛṣṇa *kathā* can pulverize any stock of material desires to powder. Simply seeing the beautiful smiling face of Śrī Gokulānanda as I am experiencing will destroy any desire to seek material happiness through the visual sense. The transcendental voice of Śrīla Prabhupāda describing the glories of the Lord and the process of pure devotional service is full satisfaction of the ears and mind. What material tendency can remain if one seriously takes shelter of Gaura-Nitāi in devotional service. Yet one should be careful not to flaunt material energy by forgetting Gaura/Nitāi and Their process of pure devotional happiness. Nitāi Gauracandra Ki-Jay. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 27 London/BV Manor – Ekādaśī

A short break from non-stop preaching would allow me to regain some spiritual strength and sharper intelligence. The subtle contamination that can and does arise from close contact with the material energy can gradually whittle down a person's spiritual stamina. Concentrated hearing and chanting the Lord's glories is required to rekindle the blazing fire of devotional enthusiasm. All glories to Kṛṣṇa's holy name and Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī's mercy on this Ekādaśī day as we were able to complete 36 rounds. Śrīla Prabhupāda has given that process of pure devotional service. All glories to his lotus feet. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 28 London/BV Manor – Hungary/Budapest

Buddha is not a pest, He is the Supreme Lord in disguise. Ignorance is everywhere. Kali Yuga's feature. Nothing comes close to sane life. People are like animals. Their only activity is to make money and try to enjoy their rotting bodies. Fool's paradise. Not even a fool can call this paradise. If we stay close to Śrīla Prabhupāda through his words and guidance, we will rise above this stuff and realize Truth, Śrī Kṛṣṇa. Our concern is how to help these fools and rascals. Perhaps only a complete collapse of modern life can do it. It may come sooner or later. It will definitely come. Chant Hare Kṛṣṇa and preach. Haribol! Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 29 Hungary/Budapest

Cut down on sweets, read more, rest more and gradually rejuvenate the overall material energy (body) and spiritual energy (soul). A re-balance is required. I am generally impatient, which is not how things best work out. Some patience is necessary while being fully absorbed in thoughts of Gaura-Nitāi. The Deities here are very enchanting, Śrī Śrī Dayal Nitāi Vijay Gaurāṅga. HH Sivaram Maharaj is very kind and caring. He is giving good advice. I hope to be able to apply it in a way that is suitable. Humility, service and eagerness to read and chant. These are my focuses, along with proper rest. Śrīla Prabhupāda, only by your mercy does any plan become successful. Thank you very much. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 30 Hungary/Budapest – New Vraja Dhama

I made it. I need Your mercy in order to serve pleasingly. To serve the Vaiṣṇavas and the Lord is perfection in devotional service. Some adjustment required. Some austerity, some change of pace. The atmosphere here is truly spiritual. It is amazingly spiritually potent. Śrīla Prabhupāda, your deity is full with your presence. HH Sivaram Maharaj has really done something wonderful. Let us all rejoice in his success in establishing a truly Kṛṣṇa conscious rural project. Farm community. All glories to HH Sivaram Maharaj. All glories to New Vraja Dhama. All glories to Śrī Śrī Rādhā Śyāmasundara Giri Govardhana. All glories to Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī, the Queen of New Vraja Dhama and the leader of us all. We offer our most humble obeisances to all the Vaiṣṇavas at NV Dhama. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

August 31 Hungary/New Vraja Dhama

Carefully control your mind and senses and always remember Lord Kṛṣṇa. Serve the Vaiṣṇavas with care and use your time wisely, carefully, prudently. Think before speaking and be frugal when enjoying nice *prasādam*. Pray to Śrīla Prabhupāda for his mercy and listen carefully to his guidance in all situations. The ideal place for Kṛṣṇa consciousness practice, New Vraja Dhama, the Supreme Lord is performing His pastimes here. If the eyes are opened then only can one see. All glories to HH Sivaram Maharaj and all the *dhāmavāsīs*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 1 Hungary/New Vraja Dhama

I really love being here. The association, the spiritual atmosphere, the environment, the Deities, the devotees and yes the *prasādam*, and most of all the kirtans. Such an amazing place for service, for spiritual happiness, for association for R&R. I am absolutely certain if Śrīla Prabhupāda were physically present, he would be glorifying the service of HH Sivaram Maharaj and all the devotees. Of course, Śrīla Prabhupāda is personally present in so many ways and especially in his deity form. And by seeing his pleased demeanor each day we know his blessings are being profusely showered on the residents. All glories to HH Sivaram Maharaj, we cannot estimate the depth of his devotion and personal sacrifice. We can only try to offer some insignificant service. All glories to New Vraja Dhama and all glories to Śrī Śrī Rādhā Śyāmasundara, Gaura Naṭarāja and especially Govardhana Lal. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 2 Hungary/New Vraja Dhama

To change pace in life may result in being slower than expected. It takes time to adjust and then continue to adjust to each environment and routine. Slowing down and simultaneously increasing rest and *prasāda* requires a lot of attention and mercy. Each day is a challenge, but a welcomed one as so many factors come into play. By the association of my senior Godbrothers something is happening. Whether I can continue to fine tune my life remains an enigma. Anyway, one thing is clear – to always remember Kṛṣṇa more and more is done more easily here in New Vraja Dhama. This is a sacred place for many reasons. Śrīla Prabhupāda has wholeheartedly blessed the project, otherwise how is it possible that it has become so glorious. Without the mercy and blessings of Śrīla Prabhupāda nothing substantially spiritual can manifest. All glories to HH Sivaram Maharaj, he has attracted the special mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda by creating a developing self-sufficient project set on glorifying the Lord and His devotees. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 3 Hungary/New Vraja Dhama

Maṅgala-ārati tomorrow, my determined goal. Śrīla Prabhupāda, I have been suffering because of not going. So I want to go and will, I am sure Lord Kṛṣṇa will help me to get there. Śrī Śrī Rādhā Śyāmasundara are really very beautiful. Especially Śyam. Rādhārāṇī is very, very sweet and petite. I want to enter into that mood of devotion, so I will try by the grace of Śrīla Prabhupāda. All glories to New Vraja Dhama. All glories to the devotees of New Vraja Dhama, headed by HH Sivaram Maharaj. He is my well-wisher. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 4 Hungary/New Vraja Dhama

The devotees here are so nice. A lot of devotion, sweetness and kindness. It is great to be here. It is hard to leave. All things must end. Not really. All material things –

yes. Spiritually everything is becoming greater. Tomorrow is Lalitā Sakhī's Appearance Day. Perhaps I will get to speak something. Anyway, I have realized it is only by Śrīla Prabhupāda's mercy that I can do anything. All glories to New Vraja Dhama, an ideal place for devotional service. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 5 Hungary/New Vraja Dhama – Lalita Sakhi's App. Day

It is rare I go a whole day without a kirtan. Tomorrow I will do better by the mercy of Śrī Śrī Rādhā Śyāmasundara. Inattention can be costly, always remember Kṛṣṇa and pray for His guiding mercy. Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī is looking extraordinary beautiful and merciful. My eyes were unable to bear Her loveliness in the morning and in the evening they could not leave Her form. All glories to Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī on the divine appearance of Lalita Devī, Her confidential companion. Three days more and we must depart this most Holy Dhama. Truly a pure replica of Vṛndāvana Dhāma. May Śrīla Prabhupāda be pleased with the service and devotion of all the residents headed by HH Sivaram Maharaj. His kindness for allowing me to stay is greatly appreciated. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 6 Hungary/New Vraja Dhama

The Holy Name has descended purifying and uplifting all life. May that Holy Name be my constant companion. Tomorrow is Śrīmatī Rādhikā Rāṇī's appearance. May we honor Her fully and constantly. She is the best of the devoted and non-different from Śrī Kṛṣṇa. With a humble heart and an intense eagerness may I be allowed to offer some service to Her lotus feet and to the feet of the Vaiṣṇavas. May Śrīla Prabhupāda bestow his kind mercy on this falsely proud person. All glories to Kṛṣṇamayī. All glories to Her lotus feet. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 7 Hungary/New Vraja Dhāma – Śrī Rādhāṣṭamī

Wonderful program. Powerful spiritual energy. Śrī Rādhā's *kṛpā*, Śrī Kṛṣṇa is effulgent. Śrīla Prabhupāda is pleased. The Holy Dhāma of New Vraja. All glories to HH Sivaram Swami Maharaj. Śrī Śrī Rādhā Śyāmasundara are exquisitely beautiful. May Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī be pleased with me, although I am such a rascal. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 8 Hungary/NVD – Slovenia/Kisori Priya and Neno's home

By Śrīla Prabhupāda's kind mercy my stay at New Vraja Dhama was a needed break. It was greatly appreciated. It is the spiritual world. I cannot think of any place I have experienced that is so perfect in so many ways, what to speak of its transcendental atmosphere. All glories to New Vraja Dhama. Śrī Śrī Rādhā Śyāmasundara's residence. They happily, profusely bestow Their beautiful *darśana* and full blessings on the inhabitants. Let us say that we had a small glimpse of an almost perfect place.

Perhaps perfect in that everything was ideal, especially the devotees. I did not feel that my service was needed, although it was reciprocated in many ways. Preaching has its most effect when the recipients are in need and are reciprocating. Back to the road and this time it is for awhile. Kṛṣṇa, save me. Śrīla Prabhupāda, give me your mercy to continue with renewed enthusiasm and intelligence. All glories to Śrī *saṅkīrtana*. All glories to Śrī Śrī Nitāi Gauracandra and Their devotees. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 9 Slovenia/Kisori Priya and Neno's – Zagreb/Croatia

Too rich *prasādam*, mostly sweets, senses and mind are disturbed. Attachment to sense gratification by way of eating is definitely an obstacle to spiritual growth and a cause of fall-down. You cannot imitate others and expect to get the same result. You must follow your path on the Bhakti Path. Humility doesn't come via satisfying the senses through eating. Humility is the natural quality of the soul's love for Kṛṣṇa. Śrīla Prabhupāda, I need your merciful strength to pull back from sense gratification. Austerity is the wealth of the *brāhmaṇa* class. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, whose merciful kick removes all obstacles, impediments and attachments. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 10 Croatia/Zagreb/Karlovac – Italy/Prabhupada Desh

Śrīla Prabhupāda, I can only beg for your mercy. My body is having difficulties keeping up and now my mind is also complaining. Give me the intelligence to know *anukūla* and *pratikāla*, and tolerance in both. Thank you. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 11 Italy/Prabhupada Desh

The mind – best friend, worst enemy. Keep it controlled by always thinking of Śrī Kṛṣṇa – devotional service. Many challenges lately. Ever since I left New Vraja Dhama, my mind has become a rascal. A Big rascal. Keep it fixed on Lord Kṛṣṇa and how to serve. Śrīla Prabhupāda, your mercy saved me today and it is always saving me, constantly. Therefore I offer this prayer; Those who have requested a prayer from me let them all feel the care of your mercy. Especially HH Niranjana Maharaj with his health. He is a great soul. And all those others who are deemed fit by you to receive your mercy let it flow into their lives. I can only humbly request, you are free to act as you see fit. All glories to His Divine Grace Śrīla A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda. We fully take shelter of him in great need with gratitude. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 12 Italy/Prabhupada Desh

It is named “The place of Śrīla Prabhupāda”. Factually every ISKCON temple is Prabhupada Desh. Only you, Śrīla Prabhupāda, have saved us, only you have given us a real and happy life and only you have given us Śrī Kṛṣṇa in His precious name. All glories to your mercy. It is truly inconceivable and always available. From time

to time my struggle in your service brings out various *anarthas*. The desire for recognition and distinction can ruin everything. Although it is presently not strong, still it appears from time to time. You once said that you can kick out all obstacles so please, Śrīla Prabhupāda, kick out any and all obstacles so I can serve you with true devotion and determination. I am feeling the need to get closer to you through your words and books so please if you agree increase my desire to hear from you more and more. This is my greatest happiness and source of enthusiasm in service. All glories to your mercy, for it is all we need. Please, remind us to take it. Thank you. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 13 Italy/Prabhupada Desh – Milano – Ratha-yātrā

Very, very happy to see Lord Jagannātha, Lord Baladeva, Subhadrā Devī from Villa Vrndaban. Their merciful Lordships graced our presence with Their loving glances. It was forecast rain, but just prior to the cart festival the sky cleared and Sūryadeva appeared to serve Their Lordships and Their devotees with His joyous presence. Śrīla Prabhupāda desired that this Ratha-yātra ceremony be held in as many cities of the world. By his mercy it was successful as thousands of onlookers received Jagannātha's mercy. This Age of Kali is soo very bad, a virtual disaster for the spirit. Only bodily consciousness, ignorance everywhere. This Kṛṣṇa consciousness movement is the only hope for human kind, there is little human value left in today's world. The Sun of Lord Jagannātha's presence accompanied by His powerful brother Balabhadra and his compassionate sister Subhadrā, along with the chanting of the Hare Kṛṣṇa *mahā-mantra*, is the bright light in this very dark Age of Kali. May the Holy Name be spread everywhere and may Lord Jagannātha be worshipped by all. Special thanks to Hare Krishna Prabhu for his continuous chanting with deep feelings of devotion for hours on end. Hare Kṛṣṇa. Jay Jagannātha.

September 14 Italy/Milano – Villaggio Hare Kṛṣṇa – London/BVM

Although we try our best not to transgress proper etiquette and behavior, still we sway. Therefore we admit our difficulties and pray to be nicely situated in Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Your mercy, Śrīla Prabhupāda, is always available. May we have the ability and the intelligence to apply it. Thank you. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 15 London/BV Manor – Nanda Gopa's home

Nanda Gopa and his wife Vraja Rasa are very nice devotees, disciples of HH Radhanath Maharaj. Tomorrow we return to Chicago, the USA mood is different. Let's see what Lord Kṛṣṇa arranges. Śrīla Prabhupāda's mercy keeps us going, otherwise it is virtually impossible to keep up this pace. My desire to read has returned. More like a necessity. In any form it is welcomed. I pray I can make the time. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 16 London/BV Manor travel Chicago

Lord Kṛṣṇa, Śrīla Prabhupāda, please give me Your merciful protection. Thank You. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 17 Chicago

Because of some success in preaching, which is simply a result of your mercy, I have developed some false pride. Abominable! Your mercy, Śrīla Prabhupāda, is the force that guides us, protects us and carries us on the path of devotional progress. This pride is dangerous because it causes one to be judgemental towards others, which is always incomplete and mostly incorrect. By your mercy you have helped to smash my pride by showing me what a fool I am. Yet this pride keeps coming back. Without giving up intelligence let me be able to truly be humble, free from the judging mentality. I need your mercy, clear guidance, Śrīla Prabhupāda, in all that I do to serve. Thank you for hearing this prayer. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 18 Chicago

If you want to experience life, you must experience God, Lord Kṛṣṇa. Conquer the lower self by the higher spiritual self. Self-control allows one to always think of Śrī Kṛṣṇa. Become self-controlled by always remembering Śrī Kṛṣṇa and act for His pleasure. Śrīla Prabhupāda has given the knowledge for one to become perfectly self-realized, which leads to the perfection of God realization. Chant Hare Kṛṣṇa always and act as a servant, which is what you really are! Perfection is returning to one's real identity by way of knowledge, service and devotion. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 19 Chicago – Boston

We are about to embark on a two day festival to honor His Divine Grace's appearance in America. To honor Śrīla Prabhupāda is the utmost perfection of religious principles. I pray my heart and mind are prepared for this glorious opportunity. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 20 Boston

Nice festival in glorification of Śrīla Prabhupāda. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 21 Boston

The departure of Sadaputa Prabhu was a great shock to many devotees and a great loss to the proliferation of true science. Perhaps, due to his departure, his work will be considered more seriously by those in the field and cause Kṛṣṇa consciousness to spread even more. We pray that his passing will help bring about in the world Śrīla

Prabhupāda's teaching in a more recognized and authentic way. All glories to Sadaputa Prabhu.

Note: Devotees are suddenly leaving the world with more than 5 in the last month. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 22 Boston

The Holy Name. All glories and all credit is given to Kṛṣṇa's holy name. Śrīla Prabhupāda's mercy. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 23 Boston

More reading, more chanting, more kirtan coming up hopefully at the end of this trip. A first visit to the San Diego temple. The mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda is impossible to understand. I hope we pleased His Divine Grace with this past weekend's festival. Next year we hope to make it as grand as possible. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. May he bless my upcoming preaching. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 24 Boston – San Diego

Travelling and preaching, I love it and don't love it. But what Lord Kṛṣṇa and Guru want is what I want. That's really what counts. If Śrīla Prabhupāda is pleased then that is my pleasure. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 25 San Diego

Tomorrow begins the seminar on the topic of *brahmacarya*. I pray it is a grand success. Śrīla Prabhupāda, whenever I see you sitting powerfully on your *vyāsāsāna* I feel happy and protected from Māyā. Please, Śrīla Prabhupāda, give us your sweet mercy. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 26 San Diego

Hare Kṛṣṇa. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Nice group of devotees, *brahmacārīs*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 27 San Diego

Brahmacarya seminar, a dire need within ISKCON. Strengthening the celibate sector. Money and women – good subject with much discussion. Śrīla Prabhupāda's mercy. No doubt. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 28 San Diego

Not much to say these days, only that the San Diego seminar program has been a nice experience. Śrīla Prabhupāda Ki-Jay.

September 29 San Diego

The last 5 days I have not said much in the way of these entries. Either too late evening or just too tired or both. It was a very quiet birthday this year, unlike last year, yet I appreciate this just as much. The devotees love came via letters, e-mails. I am happy to have been able to render some service. I pray that I will be able to continue to increase. All glorification is meant only for Śrīla Prabhupāda, he is an ocean of kindness and a powerhouse of Kṛṣṇa *bhakti*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

September 30 San Diego

Śrīla Prabhupāda's picture, the picture of him that I have cherished since 1987, just disappeared. It was always with me wherever I went, and had even preceeded my arrival when I began preaching in Cincinnati in 1987. Off to Los Angeles. Moving and more moving. *Sannyāsa* means no fixed residence. We must move on, that is *sannyāsa* life. Moving hopefully towards that place where one has started and will never again leave, Śrī Vṛndāvana Dhāma in the spiritual sky. May Śrīla Prabhupāda be my guide eternally, then success in spiritual life is guaranteed. The qualified captain takes the boat across the ocean to the shore of eternal life. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 1 San Diego – Los Angeles

Los Angeles indicates the valley of the Lost Angels (Spanish). Except for the devotees of Lord Kṛṣṇa, everyone is lost. Many of the angels are now Satan's angels. Kali Yuga is so bad that it is very hard to find a person with good qualities. Good qualities are rarely found, and without saintly qualities a man is no better than a beast. Our preaching must center around the principle of cultivating good spiritual qualities. In every aspect of life a devotee is meant to be ideal. Śrīla Prabhupāda taught this principle. In this Age, compassion is the quality most needed. Tolerance for oneself, compassion towards others. Give them a chance to become Kṛṣṇa conscious or more Kṛṣṇa conscious. All glories to Kṛṣṇa's holy name. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 2 Los Angeles – Carpinteria/HH Giriraja Swami's Place

By the mercy of Śrī Śrī Rukmiṇī Dvārakadīśa I gave my first *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam* class ever at the Los Angeles temple. Śrīla Prabhupāda appears to be very happy and satisfied seated on his majestic *āsana*. Los Angeles is Śrīla Prabhupāda's headquarters in North America. The temple is very nicely organized. The Deities are nicely cared for. The restaurant, prasādam is the finest. Now I am with HH Giriraja Swami at his place. This seems to be the ideal place in all respects, along with the wonderful association of Maharaj. Please, Śrīla Prabhupāda, knowing my faults and shortcomings, do not allow me to act in a less than ideal Kṛṣṇa conscious manner.

Always respectful and eager to serve and associate accordingly. I pray this short visit is spiritually invigorating. Now it is time to take rest. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 3 Carpinteria/HH Giriraja Swami's Place

Life is taking on a different mood – A mood of more seriousness towards everything. Śrī Kṛṣṇa is showing me signs to slow down. Not an emergency but signs not to travel too much. Let's see where it leads, hopefully to greater awareness and attachment to Śrī Kṛṣṇa and His lotus feet. May His feet be my constant meditation. May Śrīla Prabhupāda's form also be my meditation. Both of these meditations are the same in spiritual potency and give great happiness and strength. Jay Śrī Kṛṣṇa. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 4 Carpinteria/HH Giriraja Swami's Place

Association with an advanced Vaiṣṇava is so valuable as it places all activity into the transcendental category – everything. We can only imagine the value and benefit that came with Śrīla Prabhupāda's personal association. How spiritually fortunate these devotees were to have that very rare and valuable association. *Vāñī* is the goal but *vapuḥ* is also desirable as a source of great joy and knowledge. All glories to those devotees who had Śrīla Prabhupāda's personal association. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 5 Carpinteria/Giriraja Swami's – Laguna Beach/Ratha-yātrā

Pañca Tattva! Very beautiful! Very powerful! Kirtans are always the best when They are personally present. Laguna Beach temple – They are there. All glories to Śrī Advaita Ācārya, whose presence is very strongly felt. He is very magnanimous. His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda played the part of Advaita Ācārya during his youth in a dramatic performance. The audience was brought to tears by his performance. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, whose knowledge of scripture can be compared to Advaita Ācārya's. *Pañca-tattvātmakam kṛṣṇam bhakta-rūpa-svarūpakam bhaktāvatāram bhaktākhyam namāmi bhakta-śaktikam*. All glories to Śrī Pañca Tattva. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 6 Carpinteria/HH Giriraja Swami's Place

Maharaja's association is so delightful, simply profound, humorous, sweet and enlivening in Kṛṣṇa consciousness. All heart he always is. Such a wonderful Vaiṣṇava. I hope I can return and next time be a better guest and offer something. Maharaja mainly emanates Śrīla Prabhupāda's thoughtfulness, concern for devotees and eagerness to discuss topics related to devotional service. The devotees here are very friendly and qualified. Śrīla Prabhupāda wants us to be a family. Taking care of each other and teaching others through preaching and behavior. To become a devotee in this Age is both very hard and very easy. Hard because of the effects of

Kali Yuga, easy due to the great mercy of Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu. All glories to Śrī Pañca Tattva. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 7 Carpinteria/HH Giriraja Swami's Place – Denver – Boulder

Śrī Śrī Rādhā Govinda were exhibiting special mercy. I believe it is a fact and I cannot recall being so attracted to Their Lordships as I experienced this evening. Special mercy as Śrī Kṛṣṇa is independent, yet always reciprocates one's devotion. Lord Kṛṣṇa is grateful. What can we offer, yet still He is accepting. This is Kṛṣṇa, always ready to please His devotee. We want to please Him, Śrīla Prabhupāda has given the method. Chant Hare Kṛṣṇa and serve with humility. All glories to the perfection of life-bhakti as presented by His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 8 Boulder

Śyam, Rādhē-Śyam. Śrī Kṛṣṇa is so attractive. His beauty works like a very powerful magnet, pulling the starving eyes of a fledging *sādhaka*. All glories to Rādhē-Śyam, and especially to Śyam, who is only completely attracted by Śrī Rādhā, yet is attractive to all living beings – moving and non-moving. Śrīla Prabhupāda has given us the chance to fulfill all desires perfectly and completely through the medium of glorifying Śrī Kṛṣṇa in Śrī Vṛndāvana Dhāma, the loving abode of Śyam. Jay Jay Śrī Rādhēee Śyam. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 9 Boulder – New Orleans

Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa is making my travels smoother, yet it is still very tiring and draining. Tolerance level has dropped low and judging of others came to the forefront. Dear Lord Rāmacandra, please accept my humble obeisances and please destroy this Rāvaṇa of my mind. Praying to keep connected with Your sweet soft lotus feet that are described as being unable to bear the touch of Sītā-devī's lotus palm. Śrī Dāsera Ki-Jay??. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 10 New Talavan – Ekādaśī

Could I give up my present preaching situation and just live a simple devotional life in Śrī Vṛndāvana Dhāma. Chanting Hare Kṛṣṇa, reading and studying books, eating very little, everyday the same. Good question. In other words could I become more internal in my spiritual life. The answer is obvious, if that is what would please Śrīla Prabhupāda then I would accept the austerity. If not, why even consider. Of course, we may rightly say it is a necessary part of spiritual life to be able to be more internal, thoughtful, reflective and simple in all of one's activity. Traveling and preaching especially in Western countries affords one much luxury as a feature of the service. Nice cars, computer, plenty of *prasādam* and variegated. Changing locations,

wonderful devotee association, the excitement of preaching, kirtans etc. Adjustment is required when that is what pleases Guru and Kṛṣṇa, but actually one must be ready, especially as a *sannyāsī*, to accept simplicity in practice at any moment. Kṛṣṇa consciousness is about purification of heart and mind. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 11 New Talavan

Haribol! Devotees here are very nice, simple, respectful. It is sad that more do not attend the functions. Time will change everything, by Śrīla Prabhupāda's desire everything will be aligned. Śrī Kṛṣṇa loves His pure devotee and will make his words ring true. Śrīla Prabhupāda wanted our farms to become self-sufficient. New Talavan has everything to do it except desire. With desire comes the mercy. Śrīla Prabhupāda, please help me to help others. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 12 New Talavan

The climate here is quite pleasant, consistent and generally not cold. Dealing with conflicts, devotees are struggling. It seems here at New Talavan the women are the prominent force with the most service and the most say. A lot of youth are around, although they seem quite reserved and in the back. Śrīla Prabhupāda wanted self-sufficiency for these farms, his taped lectures are available. Śrīla Prabhupāda is very clear on the direction of these projects. We seem to think somewhat unconsciously we can succeed without directly implementing Śrīla Prabhupāda's advice and direction. Our success in devotional life is in proportion to how much we make his words foremost. Material desires and just going in a different direction seem to stymie our efforts for change and growth. We go on just barely maintaining not being able to improve or just barely improving. Success in devotional service is how we use our intelligence to implement Śrīla Prabhupāda's instructions in a systematic and organized way. It takes leadership and inspiration. But in any case, a change in direction is required for survival and for advancement. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 13 New Talavan

Spoke on the importance of self-sufficiency, it seemed to be nicely received. Everyone agrees but no one has a serious desire to move. Śrīla Prabhupāda's instructions are clear, complete and the only means for success. Once we understand this point then a strong desire can emerge to carry them out. Practically speaking it seems impossible, spiritually everything is possible with faith, determination and intelligence. It appears we are somewhat lethargic as a result of a different lifestyle. We will be forced by circumstance to change, perhaps that's the only way change will occur. Anyway, an intelligent person learns by hearing from the authorized authority. Śrīla Prabhupāda is the foremost of all authorities. His words have always reigned true. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 14 New Talavan

Nice devotees, simple, love Kṛṣṇa consciousness. New Talavan's atmosphere radiates peacefulness. Similar to Gita Nagari. Simple living yes, but Kṛṣṇa is a cowherd boy, loves cows and homegrown veggies. Rādhā's cooking makes Kṛṣṇa smile widely. The farm is the Dhāma. The Dhāma is home. Home is happiness. Happiness is Kṛṣṇa. Kṛṣṇa is love. Love is everything. Śrīla Prabhupāda is the giver of the complete package. His lotus feet are places of pilgrimage and enhance the holy places to heights of spiritual abodes. May New Talavan flourish by following Śrīla Prabhupāda's instructions. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 15 Chicago

Back in the city. O Chicago, what can I do for you. May Śrīla Prabhupāda give me his full blessings. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 16 Chicago

Today is the anniversary celebration of the disappearance of one of Śrīla Prabhupāda's most enthusiastic Kṛṣṇa conscious preachers, His Grace Tribhuvanath Prabhu. Tribhuvanath Prabhu Ki-Jay. The year 2001. Seven years ago he left this world and is now somewhere having a wonderful kirtan in glorification of Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu. We miss him and his genuine Kṛṣṇa conscious enthusiasm. All glories to Tribhuvanath Prabhu. Our feeling of affection for you remains alive. Śrīla Prabhupāda will always remember your dedication to preaching and kirtan. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 17 Chicago

Kartik month has begun. The time to increase one's devotional practice. Reducing sleep, especially during the day, would be a nice austerity. I need to read more. Hopefully I can prioritize reading on the same level with *japa*. By the mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda, everything desirable in Śrī Kṛṣṇa's service will become a reality. All glories to the holy month of Kartik. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 18 Chicago

I haven't done 3 classes in one day in such a long time. Very nice, although a little exhausting. The mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda and Lord Kṛṣṇa is unlimited. The more we progress in Kṛṣṇa consciousness, the more one can taste its sweetness. Yes, always chant Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 19 Chicago

I am again resuming preaching on a more frequent basis. Three more classes today. It is nectar, preaching, talking about Lord Kṛṣṇa. Only thing, everything else gets pushed aside. Perhaps it's OK. Maybe someday I will be able to just focus on the essence. Hearing and chanting the Lord's glories. No other activity. Is it possible for me? Perhaps I am unable at this time to come to that spiritual frequency. But it is very much desirable. Kṛṣṇa's holy name is sooo wonderful. May it always be in my mind. Śrīla Prabhupāda is the greatest of all spiritual philosophers in today's time. In the last 50 years no one is near to him in the caliber of learning and devotion. Kṛṣṇa's holy name, Śrīla Prabhupāda's teachings and the association of saintly persons. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 20 Chicago

Śrīla Prabhupāda, my reading has really taken a back seat. Please inspire me to prioritize it. Begging for your mercy. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 21 Chicago

Thank you Śrīla Prabhupāda for today's the reading time. I hope I can read everyday. Spiritual life is like a razor's edge and Kali Yuga is a very difficult Age for spiritual practice. Only by the presence and mercy of Śrī Śrī Gaura-Nitāi is anything possible. All glories to Kṛṣṇa's holy name, to the kind mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda and Lord Nṛsiṃhadeva's protection. Śrī Nṛsiṃha Jay Nṛsiṃha Jay Jay Śrī Nṛsiṃhadeva. Prahlāda Mahārāja Ki-Jay. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 22 Chicago

Today was a day of the unexpected, one thing after another. Some pleasing, others not so. How things, events, unfolded today was interesting. I can't remember a day like this one. Take shelter of Kṛṣṇa's holy name – I tried to do that but not perfectly. Should I find some fault in Chicago or is it me in Chicago. Of course, one has to always be Kṛṣṇa conscious in all circumstances. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda's lotus feet, where one can find real and lasting shelter.

*Hare Kṛṣṇa Hare Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Hare Hare
Hare Rama Hare Rama Rama Rama Hare Hare.*

Note: Kiśorī was especially beautiful today.

October 23 Chicago

The news was devastating to mind and heart. Today we learned of HH Jayapataka Maharaja's critical condition. The reports are not very encouraging. Doctors cannot even operate, as the crises area is too dangerous to touch. Devotees are offering their

deep heartfelt prayer for Maharaja's recovery. Such a great soul, compassionate beyond description and eager to serve others completely. Dear Lord Kṛṣṇa, O Master of all Mystics, Performer of herculean feats, one whose desire is never thwarted. Dear Lord, we offer You our most humble and prostrated obeisances in the dust of Your lotus feet with a desire for You to listen to our prayer. Please Lord, we cannot bear the pain and the devastation of the loss of this special soul. Please allow him to stay with us and keep us alive spiritually. We have no position in asking You anything, but we know how merciful You are, so please carefully consider our prayer and allow His Holiness Jayapataka Maharaja to remain with us and inspire us with his presence, preaching and love. Dear Lord Caitanya and Lord Nityānanda. All glories to Your mercy on this dear and special son of His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda. Your mercy is everything and we are praying for it desperately. Thank you. All glories to Your love for Your devotees. Hare Kṛṣṇa.



October 24 Chicago – Ekādaśī

Our continued prayers of hope for the Lord to extend His divinely special mercy on His beloved devotee Srila Jayapataka Maharaja. May Lord Kṛṣṇa bless us with His

mercy, the association of Jayapataka Swami Maharaj. This is our humble request coupled with our eagerness for his continued association. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, who has given us the association of many great personalities. Hare Kṛṣṇa.



October 25 Chicago – Bloomington

Nice program, nice people, great place to preach. By the mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda Kṛṣṇa consciousness continues to expand. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, bestow your mercy more and more on HH Jayapataka Maharaj. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 26 Bloomington – Chicago

Loving Śrī Kṛṣṇa means to execute devotional service by serving His devotees. Lord Kṛṣṇa is the perfection of our love when realized through loving service to His devotees. A balanced life in Kṛṣṇa consciousness is the goal in the execution of the process. Sufficient hearing and chanting and reading keeps us fit for preaching, otherwise preaching becomes very difficult. Seeing Śrīla Prabhupāda on video today

was very inspirational, consequently an increase in the desire to serve manifested. May it grow into something that one can offer with devotion. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 27 Chicago/HH Radhanath Swami's Place

Praying for mercy to be able to continue to develop a stronger conviction toward my service. Preaching is our movement and a preacher is blessed by Śrīla Prabhupāda to preach on his behalf. "One who has life he can preach" are the words of Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Mahārāja. Taking care of this aging debilitating body is becoming a great challenge to my service. By the association of great souls anything is possible. Tonight I have the association of Srila Radhanath Swami Maharaj in the form of his place of residence in Chicago. It is a special place, for it is very special to him. The paraphernalia of a great soul is as good as he is. All glories to Srila Radhanath Maharaj, may we offer him some pleasing service. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 28 Chicago/HH Radhanath Swami's Place – Dīpāvalī

Today Kṛṣṇa stole butter. He steals butter often, but today is the anniversary of the famous *līlā* of Mother Yaśodā running after Him and binding Him with ropes. How can this be understood? Not by mental power, great intelligence or intuitive reasoning. It is revealed through pure loving devotion. Śrī Kṛṣṇa reserves the right to remain hidden but reveals Himself to His pure devotee when He is pleased. All glories to Makhan Cora, the transcendental Butter Thief, giver of pleasure to His devotees. Śrī Śrī Rādhā Dāmodara Ki-Jay. Satyavatī Muni's prayer has become our window into this *līlā*. He is the recipient of the full mercy of Śrī Dāmodara. Śrīla Prabhupāda is glorified for his mercy and compassion in giving us these most intimate pastimes of Lord Kṛṣṇa in a way that can be understood and relished again and again. Śrīla Prabhupāda Ki-Jay! Kartik *vrata* Ki-Jay! Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 29 Chicago/HH Radhanath Swami's Place – Govardhana Pūjā

Today we honor the Lord as Govardhana Dhari, Giridhārī, Girirāja. All glories to the one that gives Supreme pleasure to Govardhan Hill, Śrī Giridhārī. May this pastime of the Lord be ever manifested in the heart of one who has some of Indra's tendencies. Pride, *ahaṅkāra*. May the Lifter of the hill lift us out of Māyā by His mercy through His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, who has brought the devotional mood of the residents of Śrī Vṛndāvana Dhāma into our life in a very relishable manner. Kṛṣṇa Kṛṣṇa Mahā Bhāgā. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 30 Chicago – Philadelphia

Hayasya Prabhu is an interesting devotee dedicated to preaching and helping spread Kṛṣṇa consciousness through making devotees. Another one of the many wonderful devotees of His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda. When we see the caliber of

Vaiṣṇavas created by Śrīla Prabhupāda, we can only marvel at His Divine Grace's spiritual acumen. Amazing. We sincerely pray that this movement manifests Lord Caitanya's desire for every town and village, no doubt it is just a matter of time. All glories to Śrī Kṛṣṇa *saṅkīrtana*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

October 31 Philadelphia – New York/Sanctuary

Moving around, now New York. Tonight I am staying in Kirtananda Swami's former room at the Sanctuary. Under the sweet shelter of Śrī Śrī Rādhā Muralīdhara. All glories to Their most merciful *darśana*. Śrī Kṛṣṇa is blue and Rādhā is Her color. Śrīla Prabhupāda has given us so much to focus on, how is it possible to be bored or unengaged. Take the mercy and run. All glories to Kṛṣṇa's holy names. Śrīla Prabhupāda Ki-Jay. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 1 NY/Sanctuary – Śrīla Prabhupāda's Disapp. – Initiations

Śrīla Prabhupāda, we take this special opportunity on this holy day of your disappearance from our vision to renew our enthusiasm in greater surrender and to offer you our life in service at your divine and most merciful lotus feet. Please guide us so we may be able to act solely for your pleasure and the pleasure of Śrī Śrī Rādhā Kṛṣṇa. All glories to your merciful compassion upon us. We pray our love for you increases as to offer you more souls at your lotus feet. Thank you for this rare opportunity to serve you in this way, dear Gurudeva, Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 2 New York/Sanctuary – Boston – Initiations

Bitter/sweet day. Much sweetness as it flowed profusely, yet I failed to keep Māyā away. I saw it coming and yet I was dragged down. Dear Kṛṣṇa, Śrīla Prabhupāda, I am begging, please pick me up and enthusiastically engage me in devotional service. This is a prayer of desperation and great hope. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 3 Boston – Philadelphia – Chicago

Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda, for this rare opportunity to act on your behalf. Please accept my most humble and fallen obeisances. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 4 Chicago

There's little time available before I leave for India and seemingly a lot of required service to be completed. Dear Lord, I have full confidence that if I can simply act on Your behalf and endeavor with determination, all that has to be completed will happen and that the remainder is solely dependent on Your causeless mercy. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, the words of those who are fully attached to serving you in devotion are great priceless gems in an unlimited mine. May those words continue

to act on my hard heart and deaf ears and create a revolution in consciousness. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 5 Chicago

America has elected Barrack Obama as the next president. The first black to ever fill that office. That's the outer show with all its frills and innuendos. Behind the scene, what is there, time will tell. Time reveals all. For devotees nothing changes. We will do the same, chant, dance, preach, distribute and eat *prasādam* and continue our various services to the Lord. But what affect will the recent American election have on how Lord Caitanya's movement will unfold only time will tell. Time is Lord Kṛṣṇa, but for the materialists it is death. For a devotee fixed in service it is bringing one closer to eternal life and the lotus feet of Śrīla Prabhupāda, whose presence in our lives is becoming brighter and more meaningful day by day. Śrīla Prabhupāda is our leader, everyone's real leader. The best of results in all categories of life. Unfortunately, people in general cannot recognize their own self-interest and therefore accept an artificial substitute as the real hero, although he cannot do anything to help anyone. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, the true representative the Supreme Lord's love for humanity. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 6 Chicago

I marvel how different I act from day to day. Not much in the way of routine. Schedules are fixed, but ways of thinking and actions are dictated generally by circumstance. My only consistency is my prayer at your lotus feet, Śrīla Prabhupāda. You are my guide and savior and my complete source of inspiration. I beg to become expert at begging mercy from you. You are the embodiment of Śrī Kṛṣṇa's compassion on humanity. I am both in need and in need of giving. Please, provide the intelligence to apply your teaching in my life at every moment. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 8 London

Travel to London. The rascal mind is always getting in the way of Śrī Kṛṣṇa's perfect plan. The way to understand Lord Kṛṣṇa's perfect plan comes by complete surrender to Śrīla Prabhupāda in utter humility. When we allow Lord Kṛṣṇa to take full charge of our life, then we can observe and be a leading performer in spreading Kṛṣṇa consciousness. It is Śrī Kṛṣṇa's magic, it is beautiful, it is Kṛṣṇa Himself. Although my rascal mind has got so many ideas how to practice Kṛṣṇa consciousness and become Kṛṣṇa conscious, Your plan, my dear Lord, is the best. Please open my heart and mind to Your plan so I can serve You properly, better. Your mercy is all I am made of. I am begging for Your mercy. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 9 London – Ekādaśī – Gaurakiśora Dāsa Bābājī Disapp. Day

A full schedule of preaching, yet somehow, by the inconceivable mercy and kind arrangements of Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī, on whose lotus feet rests all success in executing devotional service, I was able to complete my vow of 36 rounds. All glories to Gaurakiśora Dāsa Bābājī Mahārāja, on whose disappearance day we have absorbed ourselves in service. May his divine blessings help us to become more fixed in our vows. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, who is the supreme conductor of this glorious movement in spreading Śrī Caitanya Mahāprabhu's teachings. Gaurāṅga Mahāprabhu Ki-Jay. May Mahāprabhu bless all of us by allowing His dear devotee HH Jayapataka Maharaja to remain with us and inspire us in our devotional service. All glories to Srila Jayapataka Maharaja, whose mother is a great devotee. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 10 London

Associating with nice people. Śrīla Prabhupāda writes: "We have established this ISKCON society in order to facilitate the six loving exchanges between devotees." All glories to the devotees, upcoming devotees and pure devotees. May we be blessed by our service to them. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 12 Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

Last night we traveled from London to Bombay, and again we missed our daily diary entry. I am becoming very attracted and attached to Dāmodarāṣṭaka prayers and ceremony. It is sad that it will end very soon. Of course, we pray that it will remain with us eternally. To honor and worship the Lord in this most wonderfully sweet *līlā*. Spiritual activities never cease, they remain eternally, although the month of Dāmodara is at a close. My stay in Chowpatty hopefully will be a chance to catch up on back services and go deeper into Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Everything is Śrīla Prabhupāda's mercy. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 13 Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

We take every opportunity possible to express our love and concern for Srila Jayapataka Maharaja. It was very heartbreaking to see him in his present critical condition. My dear Lord, You are the master of all mystics, Yogeśvara is Your name. Please heal Maharaj if You so desire, this is our ardent prayer. Śrīla Prabhupāda, all glories to you. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 14 Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

A day of rest and some needed reading. There are many challenges on the path of devotional service to the Supreme Lord, all such challenges are accepted willingly when one remembers the Lord and humbly carries out their service. Kali Yuga presents many challenges and obstacles, what to speak of our own shortcomings in

Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Śrīla Prabhupāda boldly offers shelter to his devotees, which is the means to overcome all difficulties and obstacles. The lotus feet of my spiritual master are my life, my strength, my victory. Praying to be able to take his shelter at every moment. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 15 Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī Mahārāja writes: The path of devotional service is strewn with thorns. Especially more so in Kali Yuga. Only when one seriously and completely takes the shelter of the mercy of Śrī Śrī Gaura-Nitāi can one continue to pass over the thorny trail and of all the ferocious animals that lie hidden in the bushes of this Age of Kali. Śrīla Prabhupāda is our captain and he has taught us how to fight Māyā, how to bring in Śrī Kṛṣṇa. It would be timely to preach more to the karmi society. The time is always right, yet with the progress of Kali Yuga it is more right than ever. *Kali-yuga pāvana, kali-bhaya-nāśana, śrī śacī-nandana nāma re.* Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 16 Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

By the mercy of Śrīla Prabhupāda we were able to say something that was helpful to the devotees. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 17 Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, we would like to offer this humble but sincere prayer at your lotus feet. Your very dear disciple HH Radhanath Maharaj is again in a difficult health condition. This happens often and it concerns us greatly. Please, give him Your mercy so that he may recover his health, and teach him to be more cautious in the future. He is very, very dear to all devotees worldwide and an instrument for spreading your mission in an exemplary way. We wish him better health. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 18 Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

My visit today with HH Jayapataka Maharaja was much different than when I went 5 days back. He is responding nicely to the devotees by moving his arms and trying to speak. Today I felt a surge of happiness enter my being as I was leaving. We continue praying with full concern and love for his recovery. It was Śrī Kṛṣṇa's mercy that He has given us Maharaja's association. May the Lord continue to bless us in this way. Śrīla Prabhupāda has created a very powerful spiritual family, let's make it even more powerful by Śrīla Prabhupāda's mercy. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 19 Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

All glories to the sweet sound of Kṛṣṇa's holy name. This sweetness is revealed by those whose life is to simply chant Hare Kṛṣṇa. No other process is needed. Chant and hear Kṛṣṇa's holy name. Read and study *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam*. Eat only *prasādam*, the remnants of the Lord's mercy and show compassion to the conditioned souls by preaching the importance of accepting the path of *bhakti*. Śrīla Prabhupāda, please keep me fixed in humble devotional service. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 20 Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā GopīnāthaMandir

Tomorrow we are to undergo surgery for my hernia. I seek your kind and loving mercy to help me become more Kṛṣṇa conscious in this situation. Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 21 Bombay/Bhaktivedanta Hospital

The surgery is finished. Lord Caitanya says: "Some say this is good, others say this is bad. But as far as I am concerned everything in the material world is bad." It is all mental speculation. For one who has fully surrendered to the lotus feet of the Lord in devotion there is no good and bad, it is all mercy. Coming to this understanding is required in order to become Kṛṣṇa conscious. Let us see how I can take advantage of this opportunity of difficulty and become more of a real devotee. All glories to Śrī Kṛṣṇa *saṅkīrtana*, which cleanses everything outside and in. Just chant Hare Kṛṣṇa and everything is clearly understood and successful. Śrīla Prabhupāda, you are our ever-well wisher. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 22 Bombay/Bhaktivedanta Hospital

Recovery is slow. Pain is still acute. The material world is described by Lord Kṛṣṇa in Gita: *duḥkhālayam aśāśvatam*, and again Lord Kṛṣṇa makes the same point in Gita: *anityam asukham*. Only a fool thinks the material world is a happy place. Pain is the reminder of the real nature of this world. Pain comes in various forms; emotional, psychological, physical, social, familiar, so many ways to understand the nature of this material world. A devotee is fixed in knowledge and transcendental knowledge is the gateway to freedom. *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam*, *Bhagavad-gītā* and *Śrī Caitanya-caritāmṛta* are great spiritual literatures where the top most of all knowledge is explained in a way accessible to various levels of intellect. It only requires serious application. The author, His Divine Grace Abhay Caraṇāravinda Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda, is a master at presenting the highest knowledge understandable to any serious student of spirituality. The quality of a great teacher is to teach to all levels of intellect. This is His Divine Grace, therefore read and study these great literatures and elevate your consciousness to transcendence. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 23 Bombay/Bhaktivedanta Hospital – Ekādaśī

36 rounds. It has to be rightly concluded, it is only by Śrījī's mercy. Her mercy is the supreme embodiment of all mercy and She is very kind in distributing that mercy. Rādhe Śyām, I am very happy and grateful to have been a recipient of that mercy. Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī is so wonderful. All glories to Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī, the best of all the best. Always remember the devotion of Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī for Śrī Kṛṣṇa and aspire to be an assistant of the assistant of the *gopīs* of Vṛndāvana assisting in giving transcendental happiness to the Divine Couple. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda for opening up the door to Śrī Vṛndāvana Dhāma, the abode of Rādhā's love. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 24 Bombay/BV Hospital – Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

I have returned to the lotus feet of Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopīnātha and all Their devotees. I am slow, intolerant, full of inane excuses for everything, prone to find fault, always looking for attention, unhappy when hearing others' good fortune, filled with false pride and always involved in useless mental speculation. What to do, where to go? Trying to take shelter of Your lotus feet, but have no real attraction. Prone to sleep and always dissatisfied. Hoping for the better but never doing anything about it. Always on the bodily platform and seeking the material sympathy of others. Acting detached but really attached. Śrīla Prabhupāda, save me, get me back to some form of Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Your mercy *mūkaṁ karoti vācālaṁ paṅguṁ laṅghayate girim yat-kṛpā tam ahaṁ vande śrī-guruṁ dīna-tāraṇam*. You are my only shelter. I can't get near Kṛṣṇa. You can bring Him. I need your kind shelter and mercy. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 25 Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

Conversation with Radhe Syam Prabhu sparked my enthusiasm for preaching. The fire is sweet but very hard to stay near. HH Jayapataka Maharaja is able to do the impossible. Fully absorbed in traveling, preaching and developing and expanding Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Truly an amazing Vaiṣṇava. To see others, accept and take serious interest in spiritual activities is heartening. Śrīla Prabhupāda set the example, the pace is unbelievable and seemingly unreachable from our level. But if we can do something to bring Śrī Kṛṣṇa into the lives of others that is all well and good. All glories to the preachers in this Kṛṣṇa conscious society, may they continue to inspire and include me. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 27 Mumbai/Sri Nathji's home

Attack by terrorist on Mumbai. HH Radhanath Maharaja and I are staying put at Sri Nathji's home. This attack will escalate war in other places. Mumbai's 9/11 – it's what it is being called. The material world is a place of danger at every step. May

Lord Nṛsimhadeva protect His devotees and may Śrīla Prabhupāda guide us to the lotus feet of Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopīnātha. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 28 Sri Nathji's home – Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

By Śrīmatī Rādhikā's mercy I am feeling a little bit Kṛṣṇa conscious. She is so merciful. So kind and Her pastimes with Kanaiya are wonderful and very charming to the heart and mind. Today we returned to Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir, yet the Bombay war with the terrorists is still on. Will man ever learn or be able to learn that war, hatred and politics are never the way to the happiness man is seeking. Only when we, in some way, understand that loving service to the Supreme Lord is the gateway to all success in all areas of life will this madness ever cease. Śrīla Prabhupāda, please guide us so we can help people come to their senses and take to Kṛṣṇa consciousness. Your mercy is our driving force. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 29 Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

We can only marvel at the sweetness and variegated *rāsas* that permeate Śrī Śrī Rādhā Kṛṣṇa's amorous *līlās*. They are an unfathomable ocean of indescribable nectar that is refreshingly relishable. Śrī Kṛṣṇa's love in accepting Her love is amazing. The Divine Couple. May my heart, which is like a granite stone, be ever melted in the chiseling of the author's narrations. All glories to Śrī Śrī Kīśore Kīśorī, may Their pastimes become my life and soul. Śrīla Prabhupāda, we are starving in the desert of our own foolishness for not having any eagerness for these sweet *līlās*. May our life become changed. Gaura Premānande. Hari Haribol. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

November 30 Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopīnātha Mandir

On to Śrīdhāma Māyāpur. I will miss the love and care of the devotees here. Such Kṛṣṇa conscious care cannot be found anywhere in ISKCON. May Śrīla Prabhupāda continue to heap his merciful blessings on the devotees of Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopīnātha. All glories to HH Radhanath Maharaja. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 1 Bombay/Śrī Śrī Rādhā Gopīnātha – Śrīdhāma Māyāpur

We have entered into the Holy Dhāma of Śrī Māyāpur by the mercy of His Divine Grace Śrīla Prabhupāda. We pray we can make the best use of this time by becoming more attached to the lotus feet of Śrī Śrī Rādhā Mādhava and Their loving Vṛndāvana mood. We warmly and feelingly offer our heartfelt gratitude to Kṛṣṇaam Prabhu for taking nice care of us during our travel to Māyāpur. May his service to Guru and Kṛṣṇa be decorated with all auspiciousness. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 2 Śrīdhāma Māyāpur

My dear Lord, I am so puffed up and foolish. Will I ever develop any real devotion to You. Every time You so kindly favor me with Your loving mercy, rather than being grateful I only use it to become falsely proud. Durvāsa Muni offered a garland to Indra, who gave it to his elephant who just stepped on it. Similarly, I'm begging for Your mercy but don't know how to receive it. Therefore help me overcome this false pride and always consider myself unfit to be Your devotee. Your mercy is my desire to serve You with real devotion. This is my prayer. Real attachment and devotion to You. Śrīla Prabhupāda, thank you very much. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 3 Śrīdhāma Māyāpur

Today we learned that HH Tat Par Maharaja left the body. Apparently stomach illness. Sad, another of Mahāprabhu's soldiers has departed. Who is next, perhaps it may be the writer of this journal. Please, Śrīla Prabhupāda, keep my mind nicely engaged at Śrī Kṛṣṇa's lotus feet. Happiness and distress will come and go, but let Śrī Kṛṣṇa's sweet lotus feet and Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī's lotus hand always remain in my vision. Thank you very much. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 4 Śrīdhāma Māyāpur

Lord Kṛṣṇa explains that He is not the cause of the living entity's happiness or distress. To be a devotee means to be intelligent. Māyā is very, very influential and has great intelligence. Take shelter in a mood of helplessness but act in a mood of determination. Combined bring the mercy of Śrī Kṛṣṇa. Try and pray – pray and try. Faith and works. Hopefully I will be able to focus on putting the book about preaching in prisons together. By Śrīla Prabhupāda's mercy everything required is possible. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 5 Śrīdhāma Māyāpur

Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam is amazingly deep and clear in its explanations on complex philosophical topics. Śrīla Prabhupāda has an incredible depth of realization on intricate complex aspects of philosophy. I am literally overwhelmed on how Śrīla Prabhupāda clearly explains in a very succinct manner broad aspects of transcendence. No one ever has possessed so many divine spiritual ornaments of knowledge, literation and devotion. What can be said about the glories of Śrīla Prabhupāda. He is the best in all categories and all activities of devotion. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 6 Śrīdhāma Māyāpur

The Holy Names of Rādhā and Kṛṣṇa are everything and more. When these Holy Names are chanted and sung by great devotees whose mood is one of devotion then simply by hearing this chanting we understand that this is all that is needed. All glories to Śrī Mahā-mantra, whose glories will continue to spread and dissipate this

dark evil era of sin that is everywhere. May the Holy Name be all victorious. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, who has so mercifully sacrificed his life to spread Kṛṣṇa's holy name. May those Names continue to give light and love to all. All glories to Śrī Kṛṣṇa *saṅkīrtana*. *Nāma cintāmaṇiḥ* kṛṣṇaś caitanya-rasa-vigrahaḥ pūrṇaḥ śuddho nitya-mukto 'bhinnatvān nāma-nāminoḥ. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 7 Śrīdhāma Māyāpur

A very nice program in honor of HH Radhanath Maharaja. Many devotees attended. I spoke near the end. I felt very happy and everyone seemed to be attentive. All glories to HH Radhanath Maharaj, who has perfectly and successfully taken Śrīla Prabhupāda's instructions and applied them with amazing results by building strong Vaiṣṇava communities and teaching what is selfless service with pure devotion. May I be qualified to have his divine association. HH Radhanath Swami Maharaja Ki-Jay. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 8 Śrīdhāma Māyāpur

Moved into Bhakti Charu Maharaja's room. Feeling guilty about accepting such nice quarters. I also realize, in order to attend the morning program and to effectively organize my day, this change is required. Praying to Śrīla Prabhupāda to help me become more determined to serve and to not waste time. Praying for the mercy of His Divine Grace. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 9 Śrīdhāma Māyāpur

The Gītā Jayantī recitation was the best I have ever attended. Well organized, well attended, chanting was done expertly, devotionally. The ceremony and *pūjā* caused one to feel that Śrī Kṛṣṇa is presently speaking and Śrīla Prabhupāda is Śrī Arjuna. Well done. Well done. Well done. This one will remain. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 10 Śrīdhāma Māyāpur

An inspiration for service awakened today, keep it going but keep it balanced with sufficient hearing and chanting. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, whose mercy is our source of inspiration. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 11 Śrīdhāma Māyāpur

Sunīti, Dhruva Mahārāja's mother, told her son that whatever you desire in life go to God. Great sages and saints worship the Lord. It appears now in life it's time to move toward writing. So much is written and many ideas for more are coming. So my dear Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa, O Supreme Personality of Existence and fulfiller of all spiritual desires, if You so desire, strengthen my will and determination in the way that will serve and satisfy You the best. I am prepared to follow Your instruction

coming through Śrīla Prabhupāda and the advanced Vaiṣṇavas. To serve in the way that is most pleasing. For me that signals to be more effective in preaching and spreading Kṛṣṇa consciousness. May Your will manifest. All glories to Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī, the Controller of Śrī Kṛṣṇa. Jay Rādhē Śyām. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 12 Śrīdhāma Māyāpur

It was really nice to give the *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam* class. I felt connected more with the devotees. By serving the devotees the connection is strengthened. Today is Pūrṇimā, and generally endeavors diminish as the moon begins to wane. These are the tendencies of the material energy. The practice of Kṛṣṇa consciousness situates one above the influence of the material modes. But one must endeavor with detachment and with a mindset of increased hearing and chanting. Today I felt closer to Śrīla Prabhupāda. May that be ever increasing. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 13 Śrīdhāma Māyāpur

Moving along, sometimes a little bumpy. *Prasādam* is not exactly up to my need. Too much or too little. Today, too much. Much more difficult to gauge during this surgery recovery. My prayer, dear Lord: Please don't let me forget You. Śrīla Prabhupāda, I love going to Guru-pūjā. Thank you. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 14 Śrīdhāma Māyāpur

All glories to the Holy Dhāma. All glories to Śrī Śrī Rādhā Mādhava Aṣṭa-sakhī. All glories to Śrī Pañca Tattva. All glories to Śrī Prahlāda Mahārāja and Lord Nṛsimhadeva, the protector and purifier of His devotee. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, the best among men. A saint par excellence. The best one can get for a spiritual master. Please, be tolerant and patience with this stumbling soul. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 15 Śrīdhāma Māyāpur

Wanting to free myself from all dependency except for Śrī Kṛṣṇa's mercy. A *sannyāsī* who depends on others for his needs is bogus. The balance between what is best for service and what I am taking for myself. Śrīla Prabhupāda, help me to be dependent only on Lord Kṛṣṇa's mercy as you ordained it. We are not the body, what happens to the body does not happen to me. Keep the car running but don't be overly attached. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 16 Śrīdhāma Māyāpur – Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Disapp. Day

The surgery has created a little laziness in serving. I can overcome it, although I feel the need to go slower. Go slow but go forward, that is the real point. Today we honored Śrīla Prabhupāda's Guru Maharaja, Śrīla Bhaktisiddhānta Sarasvatī

Ṭhākura. Many times in the past I have spoken about him on this day. Today I offered our spiritual grandfather a garland and *gopī candan*. I was both honored and happy to do this sweet service. May my desire to serve him only increase. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 17 Śrīdhāma Māyāpur

We offered a powerful *yajña* for HH Jayapataka Swami Maharaja in front of Lord Nṛsiṁhadeva. May Lord Nṛsiṁhadeva bestow His special mercy on Maharaja. May Śrīla Prabhupāda be pleased with my service and may the prison book move along toward its completion and the satisfaction of Śrīla Prabhupāda and the Vaiṣṇavas. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 18 Śrīdhāma Māyāpur

Some progress on the book. Śrīla Prabhupāda, I pray for your blessings in order to increase my desire to work on the prison book. With many other things going on, I require a stronger desire in order to focus on the book. Thank you. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 19 Śrīdhāma Māyāpur

The sweet association of Jananivasa Prabhu and Pankajanghri Prabhu is most desirable. By Your mercy You have made it possible. Striving to become more fixed in my *sādhana* and service, and desperately praying for the desire to work more diligently on the prison book. As the spiritual master You expertly guide the soul from within as Paramātmā, You do the same from without. May the instructions and guidance of Śrīla Prabhupāda guide my every word and act. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 20 Śrī Dhāma Māyāpur

HH Niranjana Swami's association via video skype awakened a strong desire to be with him. Such a wonderful devotee. The association of my senior Godbrothers makes me feel happy and blessed. I seek that association, especially Niranjana Swami, Giriraja Swami and Radhanath Swami. I am low, full of false pride, always disturbed, prone to bad habits and lazy. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, I place my condition before your lotus feet and beg for rectification and guidance. My mind doesn't allow me to chant properly, please save me. Thank you. Śrī Kṛṣṇa Caitanya Mahāprabhu. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 21 Śrīdhāma Māyāpur

Today we heard the glories of HH Subhag Swami Maharaja, such a deeply compassionate person. Fixed in scriptural knowledge and always wonderful to be with. We pray that these devotees live long and give their mercy continuously. Śrīla

Prabhupāda must be very pleased with HH Subhag Maharaja. May we have the benefit of his association. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 22 Śrīdhāma Māyāpur

I place my head humbly at the lotus feet of my eternal spiritual master, His Divine Grace A.C. Bhaktivedanta Swami Prabhupāda, who is decorated with all auspiciousness being a highly empowered pure devotee of Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa. Dear Guru Maharaja, I have been petitioned to act on behalf of Your Divine Grace in the matter of serving in the position of a spiritual master. Actually, I am not at all qualified for such service, but as you desire Kṛṣṇa consciousness to be spread worldwide we have taken up this service as your humble servant. In trying to serve in this way we are meeting many difficulties and challenges in guiding disciples and others to follow the process as given by Your Divine Grace. Therefore we are falling at your lotus feet for both the power and the knowledge to overcome these challenges. Please guide us accordingly. Appear in our heart and mind and administer the needed medicine. We have full and unflinching faith in you and your guidance. Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda, for hearing my concerned prayer. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 23 Śrīdhāma Māyāpur – Ekādaśī

Some light *prasādam* this evening. Tomorrow I am scheduled to give the *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam* class. Dear Śrīla Prabhupāda, lately by Kṛṣṇa's mercy I have begun to realize how dependent I am on your mercy. Please inspire me to offer this service in the best way possible. Your mercy is actually all I need. You are the greatest philosopher; someday this will be fully established in the world. No one can oppose you in any discussion without being thoroughly defeated. We pray for your inspiration and knowledge in our presentation. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 24 Śrīdhāma Māyāpur

Thank you, Śrīla Prabhupāda, for giving the mercy to present the *Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam*. When one takes shelter of you, one is uplifted and enlightened in devotional service. May I develop a deeper and more constant practice in chanting Kṛṣṇa's holy name. All glories to kirtan. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 25 Śrīdhāma Māyāpur

As I said last year at this time, Christmas appears to be just another day. Here in Māyāpur the only sign we see is that the pilgrims come more on this day as there is some sentiment that today is a Holi-day. The devotees did some extra kirtan. For me it was a most enlivening Gaura-ārati. Our only desire must be to serve for the pleasure of the Lord. My presence at the Dhāma is for 3 reasons. For physical

rejuvenation, particularly after my hernia operation last month. To work on the book about Prison Preaching which we might say is foremost and to break my regular travel schedule in a place that I can maximize my hearing and chanting. All glories to Śrīdhāma Māyāpur, the home of Śrī Pañca Tattva. All glories to Śrīla Prabhupāda, who designated Māyāpur as his place of worship and as the world headquarters of the ISKCON society. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 26 Śrīdhāma Māyāpur

The completion of reading *Śrī Kṛṣṇa-līlā-stava*. Gopiparanadhana Prabhu has presented Sanātana Gosvāmī's devotional masterpiece in an excellent way. The Sanskrit is literally enchanting. The subject matter is the first 45 chapters of the 10th Canto. The book amazingly reveals Kṛṣṇa's mood of love and *līlās*. Truly a masterpiece. Worth reading over. As Śrīla Prabhupāda has said, there is no limit to this Kṛṣṇa consciousness in quality of devotion and in quantity of devotional material – extraordinary. All glories to Śrī Kṛṣṇa and His Vṛndāvana *līlā*. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 27 Śrīdhāma Māyāpur

Struggling to maintain my hearing and chanting. Please bring me fully back to your service. O Śrīla Prabhupāda, most merciful spiritual master, your presence is felt in a strong way. I need to remember you always. Your service is my life and Kṛṣṇa's name has become more and more my service. Please let it wax and never wane. This is my humble prayer. I want to chant more and more. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 28 Śrīdhāma Māyāpur

Surprise service, awarding young ladies gifts for completing their course in Māyāpur Academy. Śrīla Prabhupāda wanted devotees to be expert in service. Especially Deity services. This is a wonderful way to show one's love for the Lord through His personal care. All glories to the Māyāpur Academy. This should be mandatory for all cooks and *pājārīs* throughout the society. All glories to Jananivasa and Pankajanghri Prabhus.

December 29 Śrīdhāma Māyāpur

The mind can really be restless at times. Chant only, do nothing else, just chant. Śrīla Prabhupāda, I am feeling some anxiety. I want to chant Śrī Kṛṣṇa's name more and more and read, yet other things are moving in. Just simply chant. All glories to Kṛṣṇa's holy name. Hare Kṛṣṇa.

December 30 Śrīdhāma Māyāpur

Everything is based on the quality of chanting, the quality of chanting depends on one's determination and His mercy. Our daily activities influence the quality of our chanting. Actually as Śrīla Prabhupāda has stated: "Everything is only chanting, in that chanting is a glorification of Lord Kṛṣṇa." Therefore, life means glorifying Kṛṣṇa, and the best way is through chanting. Hare Kṛṣṇa. Haribol.

December 31 Śrīdhāma Māyāpur

Last day of the year 2008. Best place on this planet is Śrīdhāma Māyāpur. Guarāṅga Mahāprabhu's mercy flows. I love to chant and dance, I only pray I don't wreck my body. I need it to travel and preach, and that is important as it is my service. Holy service. Please, Lord Nityānanda, may my chanting and dancing be done in the proper mood that is pleasing to You and Mahāprabhu. Śrīla Prabhupāda has brought the spiritual world here by his pure desire to glorify Gaurāṅga Mahāprabhu. May we develop a drop of attraction to serve the Lord in pure devotion. Hare Kṛṣṇa.



Guru-mukha-padma-vākya, cittete koriyā aikya