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चेतोदर्पणमार्जनं भवमहादावाग्निनिर्वापणं  
श्रेयःकैरवचन्द्रिकावितरणं विद्यावधूजीवनं ।  
आनन्दांबुधिवर्धनं प्रतिपदं पूर्णामृतास्वादनं  
सर्वात्मस्नपनं परं विजयते श्रीकृष्णसङ्कीर्तनम् ॥१॥

ceto-darpaṇa-mārjanam bhava-mahā-dāvāgni-nirvāpaṇam  
śreyaḥ-kairava-candrikā-vitaranam vidyā-vadhū-jīvanam  
ānandāmbudhi-varadhanam prati-padam pūrṇāmṛtāsvādanam  
sarvātma-snapanam param vijayate śrī-kṛṣṇa-saṅkīrtanam (1)

Glory to the śrī-kṛṣṇa-saṅkīrtana, which cleanses the heart of all the dust accumulated for years and extinguishes the fire of conditional life, of repeated birth and death. This saṅkīrtana movement is the prime benediction for humanity at large because it spreads the rays of the benediction moon. It is the life of all transcendental knowledge. It increases the ocean of transcendental bliss, and it enables us to fully taste the nectar for which we are always anxious.

नाम्नामकारिबहुधा निजसर्वशक्ति-  
स्तत्रार्पिता नियमितः स्मरणे न कालः ।  
एतादृशी तव कृपा भगवन्ममापि  
दुर्दैवमीदृशमिहाजनिनानुरागः ॥२॥

nāmnām akāri bahudhā nija-sarva-śaktis  
tatrārpitā niyamitaḥ smaraṇe na kālaḥ  
etādṛśī tava kṛpā bhagavan mamāpi  
durdaivam īdṛśam ihājani nānurāgaḥ (2)

O my Lord, Your holy name alone can render all benediction to living beings, and thus You have hundreds and millions of names, like Kṛṣṇa and Govinda. In these transcendental names You have invested all Your transcendental energies. There are not even hard and fast rules for chanting these names. O my Lord, out of kindness You enable us to easily approach You by Your holy names, but I am so unfortunate that I have no attraction for them.

तृणादपि सुनीचेन  
तरोरपि सहिष्णुना ।  
अमानिना मानदेन  
कीर्तनीयः सदा हरिः ॥३॥

trṇād api sunīcena  
taror api sahiṣṇunā  
amāninā mānadena  
kīrtanīyaḥ sadā hariḥ (3)

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One should chant the holy name of the Lord in a humble state of mind, thinking oneself lower than the straw in the street; one should be more tolerant than a tree, devoid of all sense of false prestige, and should be ready to offer all respect to others. In such a state of mind one can chant the holy name of the Lord constantly.

न धनं न जनं न सुन्दरीं  
कवितां वा जगदीश कामये ।  
मम जन्मनिजन्मनीश्वरे  
भवताद्भक्तिरहैतुकी त्वयी ॥४॥

na dhanam na janam na sundarīm  
kavitām vā jagad-īśa kāmaye  
mama janmani janmanīśvare  
bhavatād bhaktir ahaitukī tvayi (4)

O almighty Lord, I have no desire to accumulate wealth, nor do I desire beautiful women, nor do I want any number of followers. I only want Your causeless devotional service, birth after birth.

अयि नन्दतनुज किङ्करं  
पतितं मां विषमे भवांबुधौ ।  
कृपया तव पादपङ्कज-  
स्थितधूलिसदृशं विचिन्तय ॥५॥

ayi nanda-tanuja kiṅkaram  
patitaṁ mām viṣame bhavāmbudhau  
kṛpayā tava pāda-paṅkaja-  
sthita-dhūli-sadrśam vicintaya (5)

O son of Mahārāja Nanda [Kṛṣṇa], I am Your eternal servitor, yet somehow or other I have fallen into the ocean of birth and death. Please pick me up from this ocean of death and place me as one of the atoms at Your lotus feet.

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नयनं गलदश्रुधारया  
वदनं गद्गदरुद्धया गिरा ।  
पुलकैर्निचितं वपुः कदा  
तवनाम ग्रहणे भविष्यति ॥६॥

nayanam galad-aśru-dhārayā  
vadanam gadgada-ruddhayā girā  
pulakair nicitam vapuḥ kadā  
tava-nāma-graḥaṇe bhaviṣyati (6)

O my Lord, when will my eyes be decorated with tears of love flowing constantly when I chant Your holy name? When will my voice choke up, and when will the hairs of my body stand on end at the recitation of Your name?

युगायितं निमेषेण  
चक्षुषा प्रावृषायितं ।  
शून्यायितं जगत्सर्वं  
गोविन्दविरहेण मे ॥७॥

yugāyitam nimeṣeṇa  
cakṣuṣā prāvṛṣāyitam  
śūnyāyitam jagat sarvaṁ  
govinda-virahaṇa me (7)

O Govinda! Feeling Your separation, I am considering a moment to be like twelve years or more. Tears are flowing from my eyes like torrents of rain, and I am feeling all vacant in the world in Your absence.

आश्लिष्य वा पादरतां पिनु<sup>१</sup>  
मामदर्शनान्मर्महतां करोतु वा ।  
यथा तथा वा विदधातु लम्पटो  
मत्प्राणनाथस्तु स एव नापरः ॥८॥

āśliṣya vā pāda-ratām pinaṣtu mām  
adarśanān marma-hatām karotu vā  
yathā tathā vā vidadhātu lampaṭo  
mat-prāṇa-nāthas tu sa eva nāparaḥ (8)

I know no one but Kṛṣṇa as my Lord, and He shall remain so even if He handles me roughly by His embrace or makes me brokenhearted by not being present before me. He is completely free to do anything and everything, for He is always my worshipful Lord, unconditionally.