Dear Guru Maharaja,

Please accept my most humble obeisances unto your divine lotus feet. For every disciple, this Vyasa-puja festival is a special day, because on this day one can completely absorb himself and praise his spiritual master and his transcendental qualities.

O Srila Gurudeva, your transcendental qualities are unlimited and no alphabetical order can describe them, but by your mercy, I am trying to do so. I am very insignificant to glorify you but please accept this offering.

It is said,"Guru krsna prasade paya bhakti lata bija". By the mercy of Lord Krishna one is blessed with a bona fide spiritual master and by the mercy of a bona fide spiritual master one can attain Krishna. So a soul is inter-related with both of them of this there is no doubt.

Guru Maharaja, as the days are passing by, we see your physical health going down but, at the same time, your faith in Srila Prabhupada is only increasing, and your devotion and attachment to sadhana and seva are still growing day by day. This reminds me of the growth of the devotional creeper within the heart explained in Sri Caitanya-caritamrta - your devotion is also similarly rising above all levels of physical discomforts - setting an ideal example for, not only your disciples but for all devotee community in ISKCON and outside.

Your instructions are very practical and also very deep. Guru Maharaja, I try to follow your instructions, but because of so many anarthas, I am unable to do so. You have so many disciples who are like jewels. They are doing nice services for the pleasure of your holiness. They are taking many responsibilities for Srila Prabhupada’s movement. They follow your instructions very sincerely as their life and soul, but I’m not able to follow and serve you wholeheartedly. Because of my independent mentality and uncontrolled mind, I can’t follow you. But you always tolerated me and give me your all love, care, and causeless mercy like a mother gives her children.

it is said, “Lava matra sadhu sange sarva siddhi haya.’’ The verdict of all revealed scriptures is that by even a movement’s association with a pure devotee, one can attain all success.” When I observe myself, I realize that I’m not able to fully utilize and get benefitted from the association that I receive from your Holiness. I am getting immense mercy, but I feel like I am having a perforated vessel to receive that mercy. The holes of my anarthas especially lust, envy, laziness, fault finding, and many others are a great trouble for practicing Bhakti. Just because of your love, causeless mercy, and affection only, I feel very fortunate and happy to be in Krishna consciousness and thereby I am able to perform this daily devotion and service.

The spiritual master knows how sincere and devoted his disciple is. By Lord Krishna’s grace, He is Trikaldarshi, he knows this even without being physically present. O Gurudeva!! You know my past future and present and everything how undeserving and insignificant useless I am still you always accept me with your whole love and causeless mercy. You have so many seniors and Pure disciples who have given their whole life to your lotus feet still without being compared and biased you always shower your blessing and mercy not only on me everyone. Thank you so much Guru Maharaja for giving me the best devotee association which I have now they inspired me teach me they rectify me it is all because of your blessings nothing is mine. Because of them, I got to know your glories. Please bless me Gurumaharaj so that I can never lose this association of devotees who are jewels. I will always be indebted to you Gurumaharaj.

The best present to the spiritual master is our strong desire to advance in bhakti. Gurudeva, I always commit mistakes and offenses, but you are most merciful you always give me a chance through your little personal seva and all my devotion service sadhana and everything. Gurudeva, please bless me so that I can come out of my comfort zone so that all of my energy is utilized for Srila Prabhupada's mission and not for enjoying a sense of gratification.

I always pray to Sri Sri Radha-Rasabihariji and Lord Narasimhadeva for your good and stable health so that you can keep on delivering more and more conditioned souls like me.

On this auspicious day of your appearance, I beg you to kindly give me strength, and help me to chant the holy name of the Lord without offense, read Srila Prabhupada's book, and follow the regulative principles very strictly, and take your divine instructions seriously. As Ganga Devi provides her worshippers with water to worship her, please give me the ability to be your true follower, a practitioner. Only then will the words I have written in this offering really be worthy and glorifying you.

"jogyata-vicare, kichu nahi pai,

tomara karuna—sara

karuna na hoile, kandiya kandiya,

prana na rakhibo ara"

If you examine me, you will find no qualities. Your mercy is all that I am made of. If you are not merciful unto me, I can only weep, and I will not be able to maintain my life.

Please please kindly forgive me Guru Maharaja.

Aspiring to be Your Eternal Servant,

Anjali Mishra

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