



**Çré Çré Gurv-aññaka**  
**Eight Prayers to the Guru**  
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Çréla Viçvanātha Cakravarté Öhākura, who appeared in the middle of the seventeenth century, is a great spiritual master in the Kāññea conscious chain of gurus and disciples. He says, "One who, with great care and attention, loudly recites this beautiful prayer to the spiritual master during the brāhma-muhūrta obtains direct service to Kāññea, the Lord of Vāndāvana, at the time of his death."

(1)  
saà sàra-dāvānala-lèoha-loka-  
trāëäya kàruëya-ghanāghanatvam  
prāptasya kalyäëa-guëärëavasaya  
vande guroù çré-caraëäravindam

The spiritual master is receiving benediction from the ocean of mercy. Just as a cloud pours water on a forest fire to extinguish it, so the spiritual master delivers the materially afflicted world by extinguishing the blazing fire of material existence. I offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of such a spiritual master, who is an ocean of auspicious qualities.

(2)  
mahāprabhoù kértana-nātya-géta-  
vāditra-mādyan-manaso rasena  
romäi ca -kampāçru-taraì ga-bhājo  
vande guroù çré-caraëäravindam

Chanting the holy name, dancing in ecstasy, singing, and playing musical instruments, the spiritual master is always gladdened by the saì kértana movement of Lord Caitanya Mahāprabhu. Because he is relishing the mellows of pure devotion within his mind, sometimes his hair stands on end, he feels quivering in his body, and tears flow from his eyes like waves. I offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of such a spiritual master.

(3)  
çré-vigrahärādhana-nitya-nānā-  
çài gāra-tan-mandira-mārjanādaù  
yuktasya bhaktäàç ca niyuì jato `pi  
vande guroù çré-caraëäravindam

The spiritual master is always engaged in the temple worship of Çré Çré Rādhā and Kāññea. He also engages his disciples in such worship. They dress the Deities in beautiful clothes and ornaments, clean Their temple, and perform other similar worship of the Lord. I offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of such a spiritual master.

(4)  
catur-vidha-çré-bhagavat-prasāda-  
svādv-anna-tāptān hari-bhakta-saì ghān  
kātvaiva tāptià bhajataù sadaiva  
vande guroù çré-caraëäravindam

The spiritual master is always offering Kāññea four kinds of delicious food [analyzed as that which is licked, chewed, drunk, and sucked]. When the spiritual master sees that the devotees are satisfied by eating bhagavat-prasāda, he is satisfied. I offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of such a spiritual master.

(5)

çré-rādhikā-mādhavayor apāra-  
mādhurya-lēlā guēa-rūpa-nāmnām  
prati-kñāēśvādāna-lolupasya  
vande guroù çré-caraēāravindam

The spiritual master is always eager to hear and chant about the unlimited conjugal pastimes of Rādhikā and Mādhava, and Their qualities, names, and forms. The spiritual master aspires to relish these at every moment. I offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of such a spiritual master.

(6)

nikuī ja-yūno rati-keli-siddhyai  
yā yālibhir yuktir apekñāēyā  
tatrāti-dākīyād ati-vallabhasya  
vande guroù çré-caraēāravindam

The spiritual master is very dear, because he is expert in assisting the gopīs, who at different times make different tasteful arrangements for the perfection of Rādhā and Kāñēa's conjugal loving affairs within the groves of Vāndāvana. I offer my most humble obeisances unto the lotus feet of such a spiritual master.

(7)

sākñād-dharitvena samasta-çāstrair  
uktas tathā bhāvyata eva sadbhiù  
kintu prabhor yaù priya eva tasya  
vande guroù çré-caraēāravindam

The spiritual master is to be honored as much as the Supreme Lord, because he is the most confidential servitor of the Lord. This is acknowledged in all revealed scriptures and followed by all authorities. Therefore I offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of such a spiritual master, who is a bona fide representative of Çré Hari [Kāñēa].

(8)

yasya prasādād bhagavat-prasādo  
yasyāprasādān na gatiù kuto 'pi  
dhyāyan stuvaàs tasya yaças tri-sandhyaà  
vande guroù çré-caraēāravindam

By the mercy of the spiritual master one receives the benediction of Kāñēa. Without the grace of the spiritual master, one cannot make any advancement. Therefore, I should always remember and praise the spiritual master. At least three times a day I should offer my respectful obeisances unto the lotus feet of my spiritual master.