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SHRI NITYANANDA ASHTAKAM

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SHRI NITYANANDA ASHTAKAM - VERSE 1

*sarac-candra-bhrāntim' sphurad-amala-kāntim' gaja-gatim'
hari-premonmattam' dhṛta-parama-sattvam' smita-mukham
sadāghūrṇan-netram' kara-kalita-vetram' kali-bhidam'
bhaje nityānandam' bhajana-taru-kandam' niravadhi*



I perpetually worship Sri Nityananda Prabhu, the root of the Krsna-bhakti tree, whose bright face mocks the full autumn moon, whose pure complexion glistens, whose gait is like that of a maddened elephant, who is always intoxicated in Krsna-prema, who embodies pure spiritual energy, whose face holds a gentle smile, whose eyes are always rolling due to His absorption in Krsna-prema, whose lotus hand holds a glowing staff, and who, by the performance of nama-sankirtana, pierces the influence of Kali-yuga.



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SHRI NITYANANDA ASHTAKAM - VERSE 2

*rasānām āgāram' svajana-gaṇa-sarvasvam atulam'
tadīyaika-prāṇa-pramita-vasudhā-jāhnava-patim
sadā-premonmādam' param aviditam' manda-manasām
bhaje nityānandam' bhajana-taru-kandam' niravadhi*

I perpetually worship Sri Nityananda Prabhu, the root of the Krsna-bhakti tree, who is the mainstay of all the rasas, who is everything to His devotees, who is beyond compare, who is the master of both Vasudha and Jahnava-devi, who consider Him more dear than their own lives, who is always maddened in Krsna-prema, and who is unknown only to those of meager intelligence.





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SHRI NITYANANDA ASHTAKAM - VERSE 3

*śacī-sūnu-preṣṭham' nikhila-jagad-iṣṭam' sukha-mayam'
kalau majjaj-jivoddharaṇa-karaṇoddāma-karuṇam
harer ākhyānād vā bhava-jaladhi-garvonnati-haram'
bhaje nityānandam' bhajana-taru-kandam' niravadhi*

I perpetually worship Sri Nityananda Prabhu, the root of the Krsna-bhakti tree, who is very dear to Sri Saci-nandana, who is worshipped by the entire universe, who is the embodiment of happiness, who possesses infinite mercy for delivering the souls who are drowning in the age of Kali, and who, by the performance of sri-harinama-sankirtana, thwarts the progressing false pride of the ocean of repeated birth and death.





SHRI NITYANANDA ASHTAKAM - VERSE 4

*aye bhrātar nīṇām' kali-kaluṣiṇām' kim' nu bhavitā
tathā prāyaścittam' racaya yad-anāyāsata ime
vrajanti tvām ittham' saha bhagavatā mantrayati yo
bhaje nityānandam' bhajana-taru-kandam' niravadhi*

I perpetually worship Sri Nityananda Prabhu, the root of the Krsna-bhakti tree, who said to Sri Krsna Caitanya, "Hey brother Gauranga! What will be the destination of the sinful souls of Kali-yuga and how will they be redeemed? Please devise a method by which they will easily attain You."



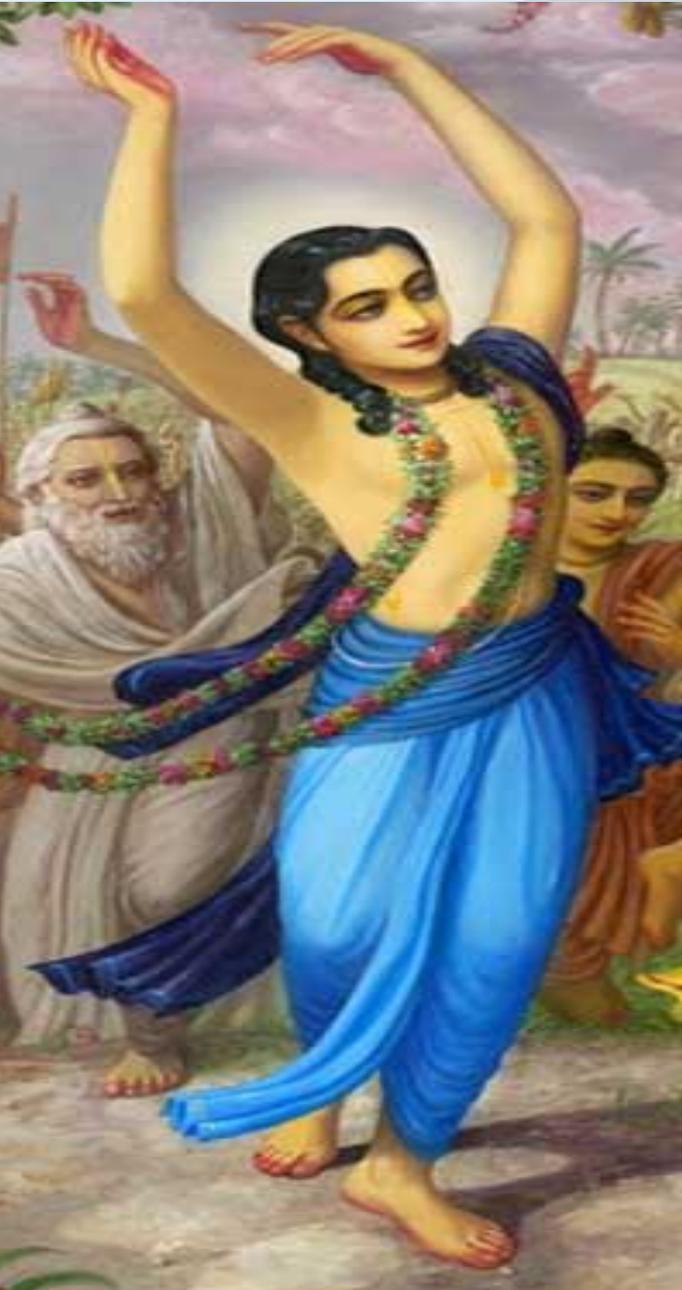


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SHRI NITYANANDA ASHTAKAM - VERSE 5

*yatheṣṭham' re bhrātaḥ kuru hari-hari-dhvānam anīśam'
tato vaḥ saṁsārāmbudhi-taraṇa-dāyo mayi laget
idam' bāhu-sphoṭair aṭati raṭayan yaḥ pratigrham
bhaje nityānandam' bhajana-taru-kandam' niravadhi*



I perpetually worship Sri Nityananda Prabhu, the root of the Krsna-bhakti tree, who wandered around Bengal and, approaching the door of each and every home, threw open His arms and exclaimed, "O brothers! All of you should eternally perform sri-harinama-sankirtana together. By doing so, I will take the responsibility to deliver you all from the ocean of material existence."



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SHRI NITYANANDA ASHTAKAM - VERSE 6

*balāt samsārāmbhonidhi-harana-kumbhodbhavam aho
satām śreyaḥ-sindhūnnati-kumuda-bandhum samuditam
khala-śreṇī-sphūjī-timira-hara-sūrya-prabham aham
bhaje nityānandam bhajana-taru-kandam niravadhi*

I eternally worship Sri Nityananda Prabhu, the root of the Krsna-bhakti tree, who is the Agastya Muni who forcibly swallows the ocean of repeated birth and death, who is a rising full moon which increases the ocean of the saintly persons' welfare, and who is a sun which dissipates the darkness of ignorance cast by the various classes of miscreants.





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SHRI NITYANANDA ASHTAKAM - VERSE 7

*naṭantam' gāyantam' harim anuvadantam' pathi pathi
vrajantam' paśyantam' svam api na dayantam' jana-gaṇam
prakurvantam' santam' sa-karūṇa-dṛg-antam' prakalanād
bhaje nityānandam' bhajana-taru-kandam' niravadhi*

I eternally worship Sri Nityananda Prabhu, the root of the tree of Krsna-bhakti, who wandered on every path in Bengal dancing, singing, and calling out "Hari bol! Hari bol!" and who lovingly bestowed merciful sidelong glances upon those who were not compassionate to even their own selves.





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SHRI NITYANANDA ASHTAKAM - VERSE 8

*su-bibhrāṇam' bhrātuḥ kara-sarasijam' komalataram'
mitho vaktrālokocchalita-paramānanda-hṛdayam
bhramantam' mādhyair ahaha madayantam' pura-janān
bhaje nityānandam' bhajana-taru-kandam' niravadhi*

I eternally worship Sri Nityananda Prabhu, the root of the Krsna-bhakti tree, who held the supremely soft lotus-hand of His brother Sri Gauranga Mahaprabhu, whose heart became filled with the highest bliss when the two brothers gazed into each other's faces, and who wandered here and there delighting the townspeople with His sweetness.





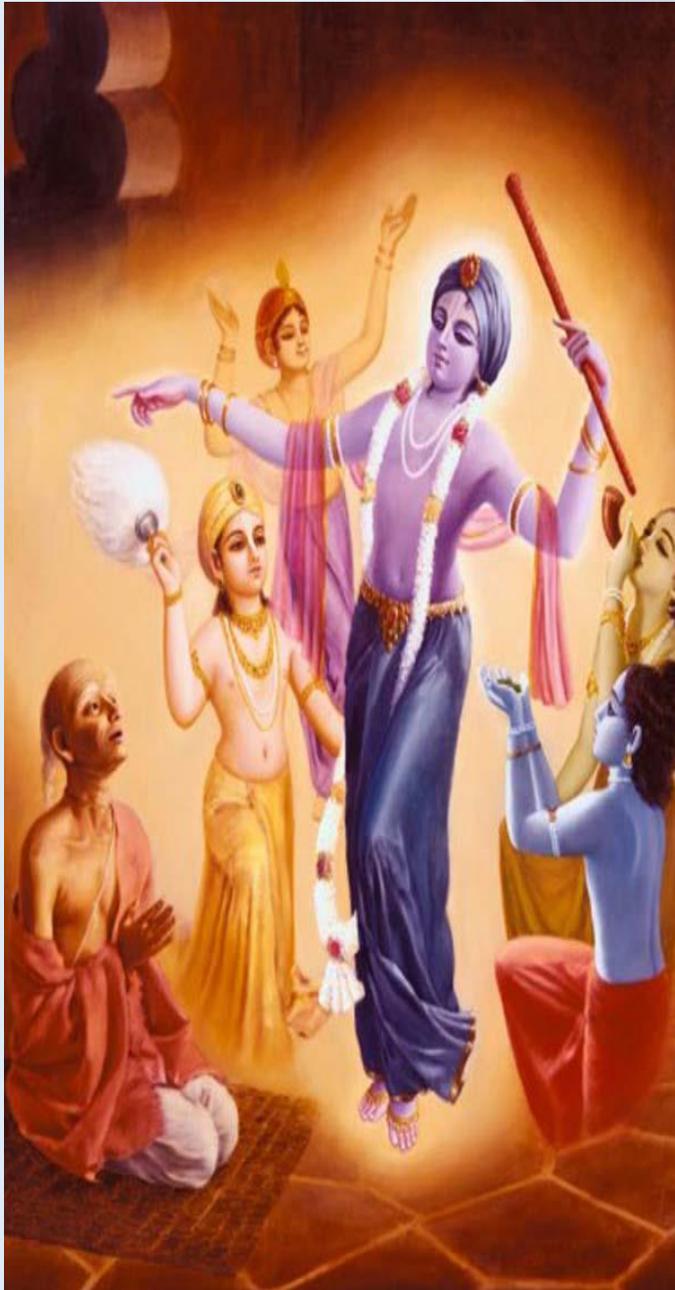
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SHRI NITYANANDA ASHTAKAM - VERSE 9

*rasānām' ādhāram' rasika-vara-sad-vaiṣṇava-dhanam'
rasāgāram' sāram' patita-tati-tāram' smaraṇataḥ
param' nityānandāṣṭakam idam apūrvam' pathati yaḥ
tad-aṅghri-dvandvābjam' sphuratu nitarām' tasya hṛdaye*

May Sri Nityananda Prabhu place His lotus feet in the heart of one who lovingly recites this unprecedented Nityanandastaka, which is the reservoir of rasa, the greatest treasure of the most exalted of rasika Vaisnavas, and the storehouse of the essence of bhakti-rasa.





Thank You!

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