

# Prahlada Maharaj

Hiranyakashipu, father of Prahlada Maharaj, wanted to become immortal. Thus, he practiced a severe type of austerity and meditation.



Hiranyakashipu satisfied Lord Brahma and obtained the benedictions he desired.



**When Hiranyakashipu was away to execute austerities, his wife, Kayadu, was pregnant. The demigods, mistakenly thinking that she carried another demon in her womb arrested her.**

**While the demigods were taking her to the heavenly planets, Narada Muni, stopped them and took her to his ashrama.**



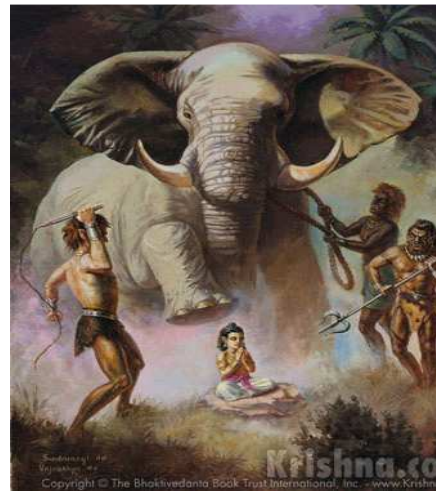
**Narada Muni instructed Kayadu on spiritual knowledge. Taking advantage of those instructions, Prahada Maharaj, although within the womb, listened very carefully.**



**Due to Narada Muni's instructions, Prahlada Maharaj becomes a great devotee of Lord Vishnu. When Prahlada Maharaj was five years old, he preached to his school friends about Lord Vishnu.**



**Hearing Prahlada Maharaj speak of Lord Vishnu, Hironyakashipu threw him from his lap.**



**As Prahlada Maharaj was a devotee of Lord Vishnu, Hiranyakashipu tried to kill him.**

**To save Prahlada Maharaj, Lord Narsimhadeva appeared from a pillar and killed Hiranyakashipu.**

**Pleased with Prahlada Maharaj's prayers, Lord Narsimhadeva seated Prahlada Maharaj on His lap.**



**After Hiranyakashipu was killed, Lord Narsimhadeva continued to be angry and all the demigods could not pacify Him. Then Lord Brahma asked Prahlada Maharaj to pacify the Lord.**



**Lord Narsimhadeva assured Prahlada Maharaj, that in the family of such a pure devotee as he, not only the devotee's father but his forefathers for twenty-one generations are liberated.**



**After Lord Narsimha disappeared, Prahlada Maharaj was installed on the throne of the world by Lord Brahma and Shukracharya.**

gurudev!  
 kṛpā-bindu diyā, koro' ei dāse,  
 tṛṇāpekḥā ati hīna  
 sakala sahane, bala diyā koro',  
 nija-māne sprḥā-hīna  
 sakale sammāna korite śakati,  
 deho' nātha! jathājatha  
 tabe to' gāibo, hari-nāma-sukhe,  
 aparādha ha 'be hata  
 kabe heno kṛpā, labhiyā e jana,  
 kṛtārtha hoibe, nātha!  
 śakti-buddhi-hīna, āmi ati dīna,  
 koro' more ātma-sātha  
 jogyatā-vicāre, kichu nāhi pāi,  
 tomāra karuṇā-sāra  
 karuṇā nā hoile, kāndiyā kāndiyā,  
 prāṇa nā rākhibo āra

mānasa, deho, geho, jo kichu mor  
 arpilū tuwā pade, nanda-kiśor!  
 sampade vipade, jīvane-maraṇe  
 dāy mama gelā, tuwā o-pada baraṇe  
 mārobi rākhibi-jo icchā tohārā  
 nitya-dāsa prati tuwā adhikārā  
 janmāobi moe icchā jadi tor  
 bhakta-gṛhe jani janma hau mor  
 kīṭa-janma hau jathā tuwā dās  
 bahir-mukha brahma janme nāhi āś  
 bhukti-mukti-sprḥā vihīna je bhakta  
 labhaite tāko saṅga anurakta  
 janaka, jananī, dayita, tanay  
 prabhu, guru, pati-tuhū sarva-moy  
 bhakativinoda kohe, śuno kāna!  
 rādhā-nātha! tuhū hāmāra parāṇa