



Sāvareāa-ṣṛé-gaura-pāda-padme
A Prayer to the Lotus Feet of Ṣṛé Gaurāi ga
(from Prārthanā)

- (1)
ṣṛé-kāñēa-caitanya prabhu doyā koro more
tomā binā ke doyālu jagat-saà sāre
- (2)
patita-pāvana-hetu tava avatāra
mo sama patita prabhu nā pāibe āra
- (3)
hā hā prabhu nityānanda, premānanda sukhé
kāpābalokana koro āmi boro duūkhé
- (4)
doyā koro sētā-pati adwaita gosāi
tava kāpā-bale pāi caitanya-nitāi
- (5)
hā hā swarūp, sanātana, rūpa, raghunātha
bhaṁā-juga, ṣṛé-jéva hā prabhu lokanātha
- (6)
doyā koro ṣṛé-ācārya prabhu ṣṛénivāsa
rāmacandra-sai ga māge narottama-dāsa

Translation:

- (1) My dear Lord Caitanya, please be merciful to me, because who can be more merciful than Your Lordship within these three worlds?
- (2) Your incarnation is just to reclaim the conditioned, fallen souls, but I assure You that You will not find a greater fallen soul than me. Therefore, my claim is first.
- (3) My dear Lord Nityānanda, You are always joyful in spiritual bliss. Since You always appear very happy, I have come to You because I am most unhappy. If You kindly put Your glance over me, then I may also become happy.
- (4) My dear Advaita Prabhu, husband of Sētā, You are so kind. Please be merciful to me. If You are kind to me, naturally Lord Caitanya and Nityānanda will also be kind to me.
- (5) O Svarūpa Dāmodara, personal secretary of Lord Caitanya, O six Gosvāmés ó Ṣṛé Rupa Gosvāmé, Ṣṛé Sanātana Gosvāmé, Ṣṛé Raghunātha Bhaṁā Gosvāmé, Ṣṛé Gopāla Bhaṁā Gosvāmé, Sré Jéva Gosvāmé, and Ṣṛé Raghunātha dāsa Gosvāmé! O Lokanātha Gosvāmé, my beloved spiritual master! Narottama dāsa also prays for your mercy.
- (6) O Ṣṛénivāsa Ācārya, successor to the six Gosvāmés! Please be merciful to me. Narottama dāsa always desires the company of Rāmacandra Cakravarté.

Purport
by His Divine Grace
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This is a song composed by Narottama dāsa Ōhākura. He prays to Lord Caitanya, "My dear Lord, please be merciful to me, because who can be more merciful than Your Lordship within these three worlds?" Actually, this is a fact. Not only Narottama dāsa Ōhākura, but Rūpa Gosvāmé also prayed to Lord Caitanya in this way. At the time of the first meeting of Lord Caitanya and Rūpa Gosvāmé at Prayāga (Allahabad), Çré Rūpa Gosvāmé said, "My dear Lord, You are the most munificent of all incarnations, because You are distributing love of Kāñëa, Kāñëa consciousness." When Kāñëa was personally present He simply asked us to surrender, but He did not distribute Himself so easily. He made conditions—"First of all you surrender." But this incarnation, Lord Caitanya, although Kāñëa Himself, makes no such condition. He simply distributes: "Take love of Kāñëa." Therefore Lord Caitanya is approved as the most munificent incarnation. Narottama dāsa Ōhākura says, "Please be merciful to me. You are so magnanimous, because You have seen the fallen souls of this age, and You are very much compassionate to them, but You should know also that I am the most fallen. No one is more greatly fallen than me." Patita-pāvana-hetu tava avatāra: "Your incarnation is just to reclaim the conditioned, fallen souls, but I assure You that You will not find a greater fallen soul than me. Therefore, my claim is first."

Then he prays to Lord Nityānanda. He says, hā hā prabhu nityānanda premānanda-sukhé: "My dear Lord Nityānanda, You are always joyful in spiritual bliss. Since You always appear very happy, I have come to You because I am most unhappy. If You kindly put Your glance over me, I may also become happy." Then he prays to Advaita Prabhu. Doyā koro sētā-pati advaita gosāi. Advaita Prabhu's wife's name was Sētā. Therefore He is sometimes addressed as sētā-pati. Thus Narottama dāsa Ōhākura prays, "My dear Advaita Prabhu, husband of Sētā, You are so kind. Please be kind to me. If You are kind to me, naturally Lord Caitanya and Nityānanda will also be kind to me." Actually, Advaita Prabhu invited Lord Caitanya to come down. When Advaita Prabhu saw that the fallen souls were all engaged simply in sense gratificatory processes, not understanding Kāñëa consciousness, He felt very much compassionate toward the fallen souls, and He also felt Himself incapable of claiming them all. He therefore prayed to Lord Kāñëa, "Please come Yourself. Without Your personal presence it is not possible to deliver these fallen souls." Thus by His invitation Lord Caitanya appeared. Naturally, Narottama dāsa Ōhākura prays to Advaita Prabhu, "If You will be kind to me, naturally Lord Caitanya and Nityānanda also will be kind to me."

Then he prays to the Gosvāmés. Hā hā swarūp, sanātana, rūpa, raghunātha. Swarūp refers to Svarūpa Dāmodara, the personal secretary of Lord Caitanya. He was always with Caitanya Mahāprabhu and immediately arranged for whatever Caitanya Mahāprabhu wanted. Two personal attendants, Svarūpa Dāmodara and Govinda, were always constantly with Lord Caitanya. Therefore, Narottama dāsa Ōhākura also prays to Svarūpa Dāmodara and then to the six Gosvāmés, the next disciples of Lord Caitanya—Çré Rūpa Gosvāmé, Çré Sanātana Gosvāmé, Çré Bhaōōa Raghunātha Gosvāmé, Çré Gopāla Bhaōōa Gosvāmé, Çré Jéva Gosvāmé, and Çré Raghunātha dāsa Gosvāmé. These six Gosvāmés were directly instructed by Lord Caitanya to spread this movement of Kāñëa consciousness. Narottama dāsa Thākura also prays for their mercy.

After the six Gosvāmés, the next ācārya was Çrénivāsa Ācārya. Actually, Narottama dāsa Ōhākura was in the disciplic succession after Çrénivāsa Ācārya and was almost his contemporary, and Narottama dāsa's personal friend was Rāmacandra Cakravarté. Therefore he prays, "I always desire the company of Rāmacandra." He desires a devotee's company. The whole process is that we should always pray for the mercy of the superior ācāryas and keep company with pure devotees. Then it will be easier for us to advance in Kāñëa consciousness and receive the mercy of Lord Caitanya and Lord Kāñëa. This is the sum and substance of this song sung by Narottama dāsa Ōhākura.