

Śrīman Nityānanda Dvādaśakam

12 Prayers revealing the ontological position, and Pastimes of Lord Nityānanda.
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yo 'nanto 'nanta-vaktrair niravadhi
hari-saṁkīrttanam saṁvidhatte
yo vā dhatte dharitrīm śirasi
niravadhi kṣudra-dhūlī kaṇeva
yaḥ śeśaś-chatra-śayyāsana-vasana-
vidhaiḥ sevate te yad-arthāḥ
śrī-nityānanda-chandram bhaja bhaja satataṁ
gaura-kṛṣṇa-pradam tam

1 Lord Nityānanda's representation as Ananta Śeṣa possesses unlimited mouths which propagate and glorify Lord Hari's Holy Names and attributes. Ananta Śeṣa constantly holds the weight of the Earth planet upon His innumerable hoods as if it were an insignificant particle of dust. Ananta Śeṣa serves the Lord in several ways, manifesting Himself as the Lord's personal umbrella, resting place, and clothing. Let us eternally worship that great personality Śrī Nityānanda-chandra, who freely grants the association of Śrī Gaurāṅgadeva, who is none other than Lord Krishna.

aṁśair yaḥ kṣīraśāyī sakala bhuvanapaḥ
sarvva jīvāntarastho
yo vā garbhodaśāyī-daśa-śata-vadano
veda-sūktair vigītaḥ
braṁaṇḍāśeṣa garbhā prakṛti-pati-patir
jīva-saṅghāśrayāṅgaḥ
śrī nityānanda-chandram bhaja bhaja satataṁ
gaura-kṛṣṇa-pradam tam

2 Lord Nityānanda's partial manifestation as Kṣīrodakaśāyī Viṣṇu functions as the preservation principle of the entire universal creation, and is localized within every soul (*paramātmā*). Another eminent

expansion of Lord Nityānanda is Garbhodaśāyī Viṣṇu, that all-imposing figure whose thousands of heads are eulogized in the *Vedic* orations. Lord Nityānanda's presence is further extended in His expansion as Kāraṇodaśāyī Viṣṇu, the supplying principle encompassing unlimited universes. Lord Nityānanda is the master of the Lord of material nature, Kāraṇodaśāyī Viṣṇu, who is the shelter of all living entities. Let us eternally worship that great personality Śrī Nityānanda-chandra, who freely grants the association of Śrī Gaurāṅgadeva, who is none other than Lord Krishna.

**yasyāmśo vyuha-madhye vilasati parama-
vyomni saṅkarṣaṇākhyā
ātanvan śuddha-sattvaṁ nikhila-hari-sukhaṁ
chetanaṁ līlayā cha
jīvāhaṅkāra-bhāvāspada iti kathitaḥ
kutrachij-jīvavad yaḥ
śrī-nityānanda-chandraṁ bhaja bhaja satataṁ
gaura-kṛṣṇa-pradaṁ tam**

3 Lord Nityānanda's presence is further extended within the spiritual abode of Vaikuṅṭha in His partial manifestation known as Saṅkarṣaṇa. In Vaikuṅṭha, Lord Saṅkarṣaṇa performs spiritual Pastimes which are fully transcendental, situated in pure goodness, and all-pleasing to Lord Hari. As mentioned in the revealed scriptures, Lord Nityānanda is the individual temperament of ego existing within the living entity, and He sometimes appears just like an ordinary living entity. Let us eternally worship that great personality Śrī Nityānanda-chandra, who freely grants the association of Śrī Gaurāṅgadeva, who is none other than Lord Krishna.

**yaśchādi vyuha-madhye prabhavati sagaṇo
mūla-saṅkarṣaṇākhyo
dvārāvatyāṁ tad-ūrddhe madhupuri vasati
prābhavākhyo vilāsaḥ
sarvāmśī rāma-nāmā vrajapuri ramate
sānujo yaḥ svarūpe
śrī-nityānanda-chandraṁ bhaja bhaja satataṁ
gaura-kṛṣṇa-pradaṁ tam**

4 Lord Nityānanda who is the fountainhead of the primary Saṅkarṣaṇa, exists in full splendour separate from the original quadruple expansion, and is known as Mūla Saṅkarṣaṇa. That all-attractive personality, Śrī Saṅkarṣaṇa, performs His wonderful Pastimes in the spiritual realm in the regions known as Mathurā and Dvārakā. The transcendental city of Dvārakā is situated just below the city of Mathurā. It is in these spiritual places that Lord Saṅkarṣaṇa and His associates Anirudhha and Pradyumna exhibit Their particular Pastimes scripturally known as *prabhāva-vilāsaḥ*. Nityānanda Prabhu in the form of Lord Balarāma is the ultimate source of all incarnations, and sportively plays in the charming village of Vrajapura with His younger brother Lord Krishna. Let us eternally worship that great personality Śrī Nityānanda-chandra, who freely grants the association of Śrī Gaurāṅgadeva, who is none other than Lord Krishna.

**śrī-krṣṇa-premanāmā parama-sukhamayaḥ
ko'pyachintyaḥ padārtho
yad gandhāt sajjanaughā nigama-baṅhumataṁ
mokṣam apy ākṣipanti
kaivalyaiśvaryya-sevā-pradagaṇa iti
yasyāṅgataḥ premadātuḥ
śrī nityānanda-chandraṁ bhaja bhaja satataṁ
gaura-krṣṇa-pradaṁ tam**

5 Pure unalloyed love for Lord Krishna, which is inconceivable to all, embodies the most supreme and intense happiness. When the devotees of the Lord realize the joy of such love, they cast away the innumerable doctrines offered by the Vedas, including the soul's emancipation. Lord Nityānanda openly bestows pure love, automatically including worship of the non-differentiated Brahman and service offered in Vaikuṅṭha, which is dominated by opulence and grandeur. Let us eternally worship that great personality Śrī Nityānanda-chandra, who freely grants the association of Śrī Gaurāṅgadeva, who is none other than Lord Krishna.

**yo bālye līlayaikaḥ parama-madhurayā
chaikachakrānagaryyāṁ
mātā-pitror janānā matha nija-suhṛdāṁ
hlādayaṁś chitta-chakram**

tīrthān vabhrāma sarvvānupahr̥ta janako
nyāsinā prārthitaś cha
śrī-nityānanda-chandraṁ bhaja bhaja satataṁ
gaura-kṛṣṇa-pradaṁ tam

6 When Nityānanda Prabhu was a small boy, He performed sweet and charming Pastimes in the village of Ekachakra. His Pastimes invoked the deepest heartfelt happiness in His mother, father, relatives, and close friends. Once, a renunciate arrived at the house of Nityānanda and prayed to the boy's father for his son. Lord Nityānanda was placed in the hands of the renunciate and left to visit the holy places of pilgrimage, wandering throughout the length and breadth of India. Let us eternally worship that great personality Śrī Nityānanda-chandra, who freely grants the association of Śrī Gaurāṅgadeva, who is none other than Lord Krishna.

bhrāmaṁ bhrāmañ cha tīrthān yati-mukuṭa-
maṇi mādhavendra prasaṅgāt
labdhollāsaḥ pratikṣya prakaṭita charitaṁ
gauradhāmājagāma
śrī-gauraḥ śrīnivāsādibhir api
yamāvāpālaye nandanasya
śrī nityānanda-chandraṁ bhaja bhaja satataṁ
gaura-kṛṣṇa-pradaṁ tam

7 Nityānanda travelled from place to place with the crest jewel of the renounced order, Śrī Mādhavendra Purī. In the pure association of Mādhavendra Purī, Lord Nityānanda experienced the most joyful symptoms of ecstasy. After this, the Lord journeyed to Nabadwīp, where He eagerly waited for Śrī Chaitanya Mahāprabhu to reveal His benevolent nature to the world. Shortly following Nityānanda's arrival. Lord Chaitanyadeva Himself, in the company of Śrīnivās Paṇḍit and Haridās Ṭhākura, went to the house of Śrī Nandanāchāryya and found Nitāi there. Let us eternally worship that great personality Śrī Nityānanda-chandra, who freely grants the association of Śrī Gaurāṅgadeva, who is none other than Lord Krishna.

prāptājño gaura-chandrādakhilajana
gaṇoddhāra-nāma-pradāne
yaḥ prāpya dvau surāpau kalikaluṣa-hatau
bhrātarau brahma-daityau

**gāḍha-prema prakāśaiḥ kṛta-rudhira-vapuś
chāpi tāv-ujjahāra
śrī-nityānanda-chandraṁ bhaja bhaja satataṁ
gaura-kṛṣṇa-pradaṁ tam**

8 Nityānanda Prabhu was ordered by the golden moon, Śrīman Mahāprabhu, to deliver the masses by the wide distribution of Lord Krishna's Holy Names. One evening, Lord Nityānanda encountered those two drunken and sinful brothers, Jagāi and Mādhāi, who were previously *brahma-daitya* demons of the first order, acting under the devastating spell of *Kali-yuga*. Suddenly, Nitāi was attacked by Mādhāi, whereupon His body became smeared with blood. In response, Lord Nitāi exhibited deep affection for the welfare of the two brothers and rescued them from their abominable condition. Let us eternally worship that great personality Śrī Nityānanda-chandra, who freely grants the association of Śrī Gaurāṅgadeva, who is none other than Lord Krishna.

**sākṣād-gauro gaṇānām śirasi yad
avadhūtasya kaupīna-khaṇḍaṁ
saṁdharttuñ chādideśāsava yavana vadhū
sprṣṭa-dṛṣṭo 'pi vandyah
brahmādyānām apīti prabhu-parihṛtakānām
api sveṣṭa-pīṭah
śrī-nityānanda-chandraṁ bhaja bhaja satataṁ
gaura-kṛṣṇa-pradaṁ tam**

9 Lord Gaurāṅga instructed His family members and followers to wear pieces of Lord Nityānanda's *kaupīna* respectfully on their bodies. So pure and impeccable is the character of Nitāi that even if He is seen holding the hand of a Yavana's wife and carrying a bottle of wine, nonetheless He remains supremely worshippingable by the great demigods such as Lord Brahmā. Lord Nityānanda is also the desirable object of those exalted devotees who can steal away the heart of the Lord. Let us eternally worship that great personality Śrī Nityānanda-chandra, who freely grants the association of Śrī Gaurāṅgadeva, who is none other than Lord Krishna.

uddharttum jñāna-karmmādy-apahata-charitān
gaura-chandro yad āsau
nyāsaṁ kṛtvā tu māyā mṛgamanusṛtavān
grāhayan kṛṣṇa-nāma
tach-chāyevānvadhāvat sthala-jala-gahane
yo 'pi tasyeṣṭa-cheṣṭaḥ
śrī nityānanda-chandraṁ bhaja bhaja satataṁ
gaura-kṛṣṇa-pradaṁ tam

10 Accepting the renounced order of life and distributing the Lord's Holy Names, Lord Gaurāṅga chased after those souls who had been spoiled by the doctrines of dry argumentative logic and motivated fruitive activity. Like Lord Gaurāṅga's own shadow, Nitāi Prabhu accompanied the Lord over land and through rivers, waterways, and jungles. In addition, Lord Nityānanda is the desired goal of all Gaurāṅga's endeavours. Let us eternally worship that grand personality Śrī Nityānanda-chandra, who can freely grant the association of that golden Lord Śrī Gaurāṅgadeva, who is none other than Lord Krishna.

śrī-rādhā-prema-lubdho divasa-niśi-
tadāsvāda-mattaika līlo
gauro yañ-chādideśa svaparikara-vṛtaṁ
kṛṣṇa-nāma pradātum
gauḍe 'bādhaṁ dadau yaḥ subhaga-gaṇa-
dhanam gaura-nāma-prakāmaṁ
śrī-nityānanda-chandraṁ bhaja bhaja satataṁ
gaura-kṛṣṇa-pradaṁ tam

11 Day and night Lord Chaitanya was intoxicated with the intense desire to taste the sweetness of Śrī Rādhikā's divine love for Krishna. Śrīman Mahāprabhu instructed Lord Nityānanda and His associates to go out and profusely distribute the Holy Names of Lord Krishna. However, Lord Nityānanda instead plentifully distributed Lord Gaurāṅga's Name, the most precious fortune available to the living entities, with no impediment at all. Let us worship that great personality Śrī Nityānanda-chandra, who freely grants the association of Śrī Gaurāṅgadeva, who is none other than Lord Krishna.

śrī-rādhā-kṛṣṇa-līlā-rasa-madhura-
sudhāsvāda-śuddhaika-mūrtau
gaure śraddhām dṛḍhām bho prabhu-parikara-
samrāṭ prayachchādrame 'smin
ullaṅghyāṅghriṁ hi yasyākhila-bhajana-kathā
svapnavach chaiva mithyā
śrī-nityānanda-chandraṁ patita-śaraṇa-daṁ
gaura-daṁ taṁ bhaje 'ham

12 O Nityānanda Prabhu, emperor amidst the personal associates of Śrīman Mahāprabhu! Kindly grant this fallen soul deep and resolute faith in that pure and divine figure of Śrī Gaurāṅga. Lord Gaurāṅga's personality exclusively embodies the sweet nectar relished deep within the devotional mellows of Śrī Śrī Rādhā-Krishna's Pastimes. But if Your lotus feet are over-looked, than all so-called devotional orations and prayers meant for the highest worship become false, like a dream. I worship You, that great personality Nityānanda-chandra, who openly bestows shelter to the most fallen souls, freely granting the association of Śrī Gaurāṅgadeva.