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Invoking Kṛṣṇa's  
Remembrance

# Govardhana-vāsa-prārthanā- daśakam

Ten Prayers requesting  
Residence near Govardhana

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## Text 1

nija-pati-bhuja-daṇḍa-cchatra-bhāvaṁ prapadya  
pratihata-mada-dhr̥ṣṭoddanda-devendra-garva |  
atula-pṛthula-śaila-śreṇi-bhūpa priyaṁ me  
nija-nikaṭa-nivāsaṁ dehi govardhana tvam

“O Govardhana (**govardhana**), O king (**bhūpa**) of all incomparable (**atula**) great (**pṛthula**) mountains (**śaila-śreṇi**) !, O hill that became an umbrella (**chatra-bhāvam prapadya**) with the arm of your own Lord (**nija-pati-bhuja**) as the handle (**daṇḍa**) and then destroyed (**pratihata**) the pride (**garva**) of the deva king (**devendra**) madly attacking (**mada-dhr̥ṣṭa**) with raised weapons (**uddanda**), please grant (**dehi tvam**) the residence near you (**nija-nikaṭa-nivāsaṁ**) that is so dear to me (**priyaṁ me**).”

## Text 2

pramada-madana-līlāḥkandare kandare te  
racayati nava-yūnor dvandvam asminn-amandam  
iti kila kalanārtham lagna-kas tad-dvayor me  
nija-nikaṭa-nivāsam dehi govardhana! tvam

“O Govardhana (**govardhana**), please grant to me (**dehi tvam**) the residence near you (**nija-nikaṭa-nivāsam**). The youthful couple (**nava-yūnoh dvandvam**) performs (**racayati**) impassioned pastimes of love (**pramada-madana-līlāḥ**) in your various caves (**asminn kandare kandare te**) constantly (**amandam**). You are the surety (**iti kila lagna-kas**) that I may see (**me kalana artham**) this couple (**tad-dvayoh**).

## Text 3

anupama-maṇi-vedī-ratna-siṁhāsanorvī-  
ruha-jhara-daraśānu-droṇi-saṅgheṣu-raṅgaiḥ  
saha bala-sakhībhiḥ saṅkhelayan sva-priyaṁ me  
nija-nikaṭa-nivāsaṁ dehi govardhana! tvam

“O Govardhana (**govardhana**), O hill where Lord Kṛṣṇa happily (**raṅgaiḥ**) plays (**saṅkhelayan**) with Balarāma and His friends (**saha bala-sakhībhiḥ**) in the incomparable jeweled courtyards (**anupama-maṇi-vedī**), jeweled lion-thrones (**ratna-siṁhāsana**), trees (**ūrvī-ruha**), waterfalls (**jhara**), mountain-brooks, caves (**dara**), peaks (**śānu**), and valleys (**droṇi-saṅgheṣu**), please grant the residence near you (**nija-nikaṭa-nivāsaṁ dehi tvam**) that is so dear to me (**sva-priyaṁ me**).”

## Text 4

rasa-nidhi-nava-yūnoḥ sākṣiṇīm dāna-keler-  
dyuti-parimala-viddhāṁśyāma-vedīm prakāśya  
rasika-vara-kulānām modam āsphālayan me  
nija-nikaṭa-nivāsam dehi govardhana! tvam

“O Govardhana (**govardhana**), O hill that provides (**prakāśya**) the dark courtyard (**śyāma-vedīm**) that is imbued with (**viddhām**) fragrance (**parimala**) and splendour (**dyuti**) that witnesses (**sākṣiṇīm**) the dāna-keli pastime (**dāna-keler**) of the nectar-treasure (**rasa-nidhi**) youthful divine couple (**nava-yūnoḥ**), O hill that brings great bliss (**modam āsphālayan**) to the best of those who relish transcendental nectar (**rasika-vara-kulānām**), please grant me (**tvam me dehi**) the residence near you (**nija-nikata-nivāsam**).”

## Text 5

hari-dayitam apūrvam rādhikā-kunḍam ātma-  
priya-sakham iha kaṇṭhe narmaṇā'liṅgya guptaḥ  
nava-yuva-yuga-khelās tatra paśyan raho me  
nija-nikaṭa-nivāsam dehi govardhana! tvam

“O Govardhana (**govardhana**), O hill that, hiding (**guptaḥ**) as you playfully (**narmaṇā**) embrace (**āliṅgya**) the neck (**kaṇṭhe**) of your dear friend (**ātma-priya-sakham**), Lord Hari's dear (**hari-dayitam**), unprecedented Rādhā-kunḍa (**apūrvam rādhikā-kunḍam**), secretly gazes (**paśyan raho**) at the pastimes (**khelāh**) of the youthful divine couple (**nava-yuva-yuga**), please grant me (**tvam me dehi**) the residence near you (**nija-nikaṭa-nivāsam**).”



## Text 6

sthala-jala-tala-śaṣpair bhūruhacchāyayā ca  
prati padam anukālam hanta saṁvardhayan gāḥ  
tri-jagati nija-gotram sārthakam khyāpayan me  
nija-nikaṭa-nivāsam dehi govardhana! tvam

“O Govardhana (**govardhana**), O hill that by nourishing the cows (**hanta saṁvardhayan gāḥ**) at every step (**prati padam**) and at all times (**anukālam**) with its land, water, flat surface (**sthala-jala-tala**), grass (**śaṣpair**), and the shade of its trees (**bhūruha cchāyayā ca**) declares (**khyāpayan**) to the three worlds (**tri-jagati**) the appropriateness (**sārthakam**) of its own name (**nija-gotram**), please grant me (**tvam me dehi**) the residence near you (**nija-nikaṭa-nivāsam**).”

## Text 7

sura-pati-kṛta-dīrgha-drohato goṣṭha-rakṣām  
tava nava-gr̥ha-rūpasy āntare kurvataiva  
agha-baka-ripuṇoccair-dattamāna! drutaṁ me  
nija-nikaṭa-nivāsam dehi govardhana! tvam

You are highly honoured (**uccaiḥ datta māna**) by Sri Kṛṣṇa, the enemy of Agha and Baka (**agha-baka-ripuṇā**), who protected His community (**goṣṭha-rakṣām kurvata eva**) from the onslaught (**dīrgha-drohataḥ**) of Indra (**sura-pati-kṛta**) beneath your form (**tava antare**) as their new home (**nava-gr̥ha-rūpasya**). Please quickly (**drutaṁ**) grant me (**tvam me dehi**) the residence near you (**nija-nikaṭa-nivāsam**).”

## Text 8

**giri-nṛpa! hari-dāsa-śreṇī-varyeti-nāmā-  
mṛtam idam uditamśrī-rādhikā-vaktra-candrāt  
vraja-nava-tilakatve klpta! vedaiḥ sphuṭam me  
nija-nikaṭa-nivāsam dehi govardhana! tvam**

O king of mountains (**giri-nṛpa**)! When the nectar of your name (**idam nāmāmṛtam**) “Hari-dasa-varya: the best of the Lord’s servants (**hari-dāsa-śreṇī-varya**)” came forth (**iti uditam**) from the moon-like face of Sri Radhika (**śrī-rādhikā-vaktra-candrāt**), you were clearly established (**sphuṭam klpta**) by the Vedas (**vedaiḥ**) as the new tilak of Vraja (**vraja-nava-tilakatve**). please grant me (**tvam me dehi**) the residence near you (**nija-nikaṭa-nivāsam**).”

## Text 9

nija-jana-yuta-rādhā-kṛṣṇa-maitrī-rasākta-  
vraja-nara-paśu-pakṣi-vrāta-saukhyaika-dātaḥ  
agaṇita-karuṇatvān-mām urī-kṛtya tāntam  
nija-nikaṭa-nivāsam dehi govardhana! tvam

You alone give happiness (**saukhyaika-dātaḥ**) to the people, animals, and birds of Vraja (**vraja-nara-paśu-pakṣi-vrāta**), who are filled with the mood of friendship (**maitrī-rasākta**) towards Radha, Kṛṣṇa (**rādhā-kṛṣṇa**), and Their companions (**nija-jana-yuta**). You are immeasurably merciful (**agaṇita-karuṇatvān**). So, please accept me (**mām urī-kṛtya**), a wearied soul (**tāntam**), and give me a dwelling near you (**tvam nija-nikaṭa-nivāsam dehi**), O Govardhan (**govardhana**)!

## Text 10

nirūpadhi-karuṇena śrī-śacī-nandanena  
tvayi kapaṭi-śaṭho 'pi tvat-priyeṇārpito 'smi  
iti khalu mama योग्यायोग्यातām māmagrḥṇan  
nija-nikaṭa-nivāsaṁ dehi govardhana! tvam

“Although I am a cheater and a criminal (**kapaṭi-śaṭho 'pi**),  
unlimitedly merciful (**nirūpadhi-karuṇena**) Lord  
Śacīnandana (**śrī-śacī-nandanena**), who is very dear to you  
(**tvat-priyeṇa**), has given me to you (**tvayi arpito 'smi**). O  
Govardhana (**govardhana**)!, please do not consider (**khalu**  
**agrḥṇan**) whether I am acceptable or not (**iti yogya**  
**ayogyatām**), but simply grant me (**mama dehi tvam**)  
residence near you (**nija-nikaṭa-nivāsaṁ**).”

## Text 11

rasada-daśakam asya śrīla-govardhanasya  
kṣiti-dhara-kula-bhartur-yaḥ prayatnādadhīte  
sa sapadi sukhade 'smin vāsamāsādyā sākṣāc-  
chubada-yugala-sevā-ratnam āpnoti tūrṇam

One who (**sah yaḥ**) carefully studies (**prayatnād adhīte**) these ten nectarean verses (**rasada-daśakam**) describing Sri Govardhan (**asya śrīla-govardhanasya**), the king of mountains (**kṣiti-dhara-kula bhartuh**), will soon attain (**sah sapadi āsādyā**) a dwelling (**vāsam**) at this joyous place (**asmin sukhade**) and quickly attain (**tūrṇam āpnoti**) the precious jewel (**śubada ratnam**) of personal service to the Divine Couple (**yugala-sevā**).