

Śrī Kṛṣṇa Smaraṇa Sphūr̥ti

Invoking Kṛṣṇa's
Remembrance

Govardhanāṣṭakam

Eight Prayers glorifying Śrī
Govardhana

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kṛṣṇa-prasādena samasta-śaila-
sāmrājyam āpnoti ca vairiṇo 'pi
śakrasya yaḥ prāpa balim sa sākṣād
govardhano me diśatām abhīṣṭam

May Govardhana Hill (**sah sākṣād govardhanah**),
which by Kṛṣṇa's mercy (**yaḥ kṛṣṇa-prasādena**)
became (**āpnoti**) the king of all mountains (**samasta-
śaila- sāmrājyam**) and received (**prāpa**) the
respectful tribute (**balim**) of its arch-enemy (**vairiṇo
'pi**) Indra (**śakrasya**), fulfill (**diśatām**) my desire (**me
abhīṣṭam**).

|| 2 ||

sva-preṣṭha-hastāmbuja-saukumārya
sukhānubhūter ati-bhūmi-vṛtteḥ
mahendra-vajrāhatim apy ajānan
govardhano me diśatām abhīṣṭam

As it was held above the earth (**ati-bhūmi-vṛtteḥ**) it became so filled with happiness (**sukha**) by experiencing (**anubhūteḥ**) the softness (**saukumārya**) of its beloved Kṛṣṇa's (**sva-preṣṭha**) lotus hand (**hastāmbuja**) it did not even know (**ajānan apy**) it was being struck (**āhatim**) by Indra's thunderbolt (**mahendra-vajra**). May Govardhana Hill (**govardhanah**) fulfil (**diśatām**) my desire (**me abhīṣṭam**).

|| 3 ||

yatraiva kṛṣṇo vṛṣabhānu-putryā
dānam grhītuṁ kalaham vitene
śruteḥ sprhā yatra mahaty atah śrī
govardhano me diśatām abhīṣtam

Trying to collect a toll (**dānam grhītuṁ**), Kṛṣṇa (**kṛṣṇa**) quarrelled (**kalaham vitene**) there (**yatraiva**) with King Vṛṣabhānu's daughter (**vṛṣabhānu-putryā**). The personified Vedas (**śruteḥ**) yearn to listen (**mahaty sprhā**) to that quarrel (**yatra**). May Govardhana Hill (**atah śrī govardhanah**) fulfil (**diśatām**) my desire (**me abhīṣtam**).

॥ 4 ॥

snātvā saraḥ svāśu samīra-hastī
yatraiva nīpādi-parāga-dhūliḥ
ālodayan khelati cāru sa śrī
govardhano me diśatām abhīṣṭam

Bathing in a nearby lake (**snātvā sva saraḥ**), the elephant of a pleasant breeze (**āśu samīra-hastī**), covered with pollen (**parāga-dhūliḥ**) of kadamba and other flowers (**nīpādi**), gracefully plays (**ālodayan cāru khelati**) there (**yatraiva**). May Govardhana Hill (**sah śrī govardhanah**) fulfil (**diśatām**) my desire (**me abhīṣṭam**).

|| 5 ||

kastūrikābhiḥ śayitaṁ kim atrety
ūhaṁ prabhoh svasya muhur vitanvan
naisargika-svīya-śilā-sugandhair
govardhano me diśatām abhīṣṭam

How is it (**kim ūhaṁ**) that sweet fragrance of the musk deer (**kastūrikābhiḥ**) and the various natural scents (**naisargika svīya-śilā-sugandhair**) there (**atra**) make the Lord (**prabhoh vitanvan**) so calm and relaxed (**muhuh śayitam**)? May Govardhana Hill (**govardhanah**) fulfil (**diśatām**) my desire (**me abhīṣṭam**).

॥ 6 ॥

vaṁśa-pratidhvany-anusāra-vartma
didṛkṣavo yatra harim hariṇyaḥ
yāntyo labhante na hi vismitāḥ sa
govardhano me diśatām abhīṣṭam

Searching there (**yatra didṛkṣavo antya**) for Lord Hari (**harim**) on the path (**vartma**) of His flute music (**vaṁśa-pratidhvany-anusāra**), the astonished deer (**yā vismitāḥ hariṇyaḥ**) do not find Him (**na hi labhante**). May Govardhana Hill (**sah govardhanah**) fulfil (**diśatām**) my desire (**me abhīṣṭam**).

॥ 7 ॥

yatraiva gaṅgām anu nāvi rādhām
ārohya madhye tu nimagna-naukaḥ
kṛṣṇo hi rādhānugalo babhau sa
govardhano me diśatām abhīṣṭam

As the divine couple travelled on the Mānasī Gaṅgā (gaṅgām rādhām anu nāvi ārohya) there (yatraiva) the boat began to sink (nimagna-naukaḥ) in the middle (madhye tu). Kṛṣṇa was splendidly handsome (kṛṣṇaḥ babhau) as Rādhā clung to his neck (rādhā anugalah). May Govardhana Hill (sah govardhanah) fulfil (diśatām) my desire (me abhīṣṭam).

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vinā bhavet kiṁ hari-dāsa-varya-
padāśrayaṁ bhaktir ataḥ śrayāmi
yam eva saprema nijaśayoḥ śrī-
govardhano me diśatām abhīṣṭam

Without taking shelter (**vinā āśrayaṁ**) of the feet (**pada**) of the hill that is the best of Lord Hari's servants (**hari-dāsa-varya**) and full of love (**saprema**) for the divine king and queen (**nija īśayoh**), how is it possible to attain pure devotional service (**kiṁ bhaktir bhavet**)? Therefore I take his shelter (**ataḥ yam eva śrayāmi**). May Govardhana Hill (**śrī govardhanah**) fulfil (**diśatām**) my desire (**me abhīṣṭam**).

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etat paṭhed yo hari-dāsa-varya-
mahānubhāvāṣṭakam ārdra-cetāḥ
śrī-rādhikā-mādhavayoḥ padābja-
dāsyam sa vinded acireṇa sākṣāt

May the reader (**paṭhed yah**) of these eight verses (**etad aṣṭakam**) glorifying Lord Hari's greatest servant (**hari-dāsa-varya**), his heart melting (**ārdra-cetāḥ**) with pure love (**mahānubhāva**), quickly attain (**sah acireṇa vinded**) direct service (**sākṣāt dāsyam**) to the lotus feet (**padābja**) of Sri Sri Radha-Madhava (**śrī-rādhikā-mādhavayoḥ**).