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TAKING SHELTER IN THE HOLY NAME

Bhaktivinoda Thakur asks the following question: »Whose prayer does Krishna listen to?« And he answers it like this: »Krishna listens to the devotee who takes shelter – these prayers are heard.«

Chanting Hare Krishna means chanting the supreme prayer. We certainly want Krishna to listen to our chanting. We can be sure of that whenever we take shelter in the Holy Name. Nama-acarya Haridasa Thakur tells us how to do this in an amazing prayer:

*O Lord! Be merciful and appear on my tongue in Your Holy Name;
dance there constantly, O Lord! I fall at Your lotus feet and beg You.*

*You may keep me in this world or take me to Your abode, as You please,
but whatever You do with me, feed me the divine nectar of Your Names.*

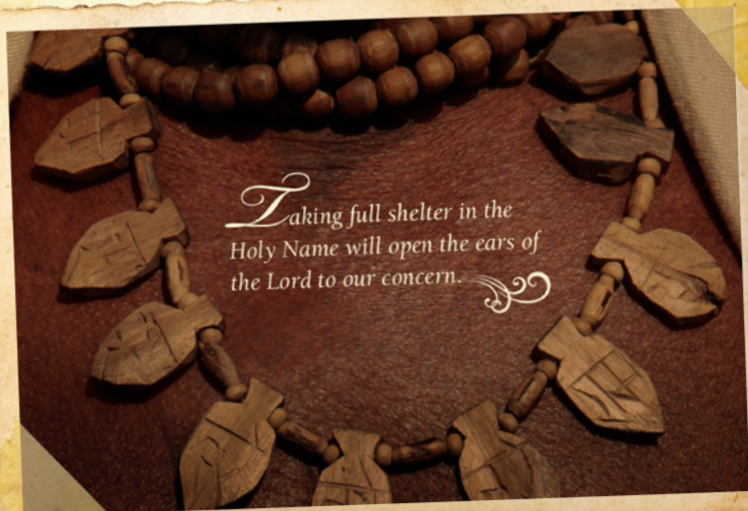
*You have descended into this world to distribute the Holy Name,
so kindly also consider me one of those You intended to bless.*

*I am the most lowly, whereas You are committed to the uplift of the lowest;
this is our eternal relationship, O Saviour of the fallen!*

*On the strength of this unbreakable connection between us,
O Lord, I beg You to shower me with the nectar of the Holy Name.*

Taking full shelter in the Holy Name – *nama-ashraya* – while we chant will open the ears of the Lord to our concern, and then a wave of mercy from His heart – *nama-kripa* – will enliven our chanting.

Hare Krishna.



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