

DAILY JAPA INSPIRATIONS



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UNTO ME, DECLARING,
‘I AM YOURS!’”



WHOSE JAPA DOES KRISHNA HEAR?

It is actually very nice to see that all of you wish to go deeper in your japa of the Holy Names and therefore want to have some tuning.

Today I have a startling question: “*Whose japa does Krishna actually hear?*” I am serious. We might think “*Well, He hears everyone, no?*” Yes, but there is a specific qualification which we have to bring to our japa so that the Lord listens to us and takes it very seriously. Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakura says: “*Sri Nandakumar, Krishna, hears the prayers of one who surrenders to Him in the six-fold ways.*”

Yes, this is the promise of the Lord, and this is the relationship we need to build. We need to do our japa in a mood of devotional surrender. A verse we often hear is Lord Rama’s proclamation: “*Anyone who even once sincerely surrenders unto me, declaring: ‘I am Yours!’ and prays for fearlessness—it is my vow that I will always grant that to them.*”

To surrender while we do japa means that at that moment we are absolutely leaving everything aside except for our chanting. We surrender to the practice. That means we sit and we tune ourselves in, we finger the beads, we listen to the japa, and we focus our mind. Surrender actually means to bring body, mind, and heart into the practice of chanting japa.

Immediate results will come, and you will actually see how through your chanting you penetrate through the mental platform and through the intellectual platform. You leave all this behind and arrive at the spiritual level where the Lord and all His associates reside. I wish you a surrendered japa!

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