

DAILY JAPA INSPIRATIONS



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PLEASE, GIVE ME TASTE

Welcome to our japa inspirations!

When we do our japa, it is very good to allow ourselves the time to go into a sacred space, and to develop a peaceful attitude. Srila Bhaktivinoda Thakura prays abandoning everything: *“I have come to Your feet, oh Lord! I am Your eternal servant and You are my maintainer and protector, oh Lord of the universe. Everything is Yours, I am only a servant. Certainly, You will deliver me.”*

This mood of understanding that “I am a servant” is very good, because it means we are a servant of someone; that is the relationship. What do we want as a servant from our master? Is there any request we have? Is there any desire, anything which He has and which will enrich our lives? Certainly.

But when we do japa there is one thing which we need from the Lord and which we should pray for. Bhaktivinoda Thakur speaks about this: *“Bhaktivinoda has taken shelter at Your feet! Please, forgive his offences! And please grant him the taste for Your Name! Please, maintain him!”*

The Lord maintains us in two ways: He forgives our offences and He gives us taste. Taste, which will help us to go on! Taste, which will empower us to overcome all the obstacles. Divine spiritual taste, which will actually guide us from the world of non-existence, the world of Maya, back to Krishna’s kingdom. This is what we should be requesting when we do japa: to be forgiven of offences and to be granted divine taste.

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