

**Prathama Govardhanāṣṭaka**  
**First Set of Eight Prayers Glorifying Govardhana Hill**  
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*govindāsyottaṁsita-vaṁsī-kvaṇitodyallāsyotkaṇṭhā-*  
*matta-mayūra-vraja-vīta*  
*rādhā-kuṇḍottuṅga-taraṅgāṅkuritāṅga*  
*praty-āśāṁ me tvaṁ kuru govardhana pūrṇām*

O hill filled with peacocks madly dancing to the music of the flute at Lord Govinda's mouth, O hill splashed by the high waves of Rādhā-kuṇḍa, O Govardhana, please fulfill my desires.(1)

*yasyotkarsād vismita-dhībhir vraja-devīvr̥ndair*  
*varyam varṇitam āste hari-dāsyam*  
*citrair yuñjan sa dyuti-puñjair akhilāsāṁ*  
*praty-āśāṁ me tvaṁ kuru govardhana pūrṇām*

O hill the goddesses of Vraja, astonished by your glory, described you as the best servant of Lord Hari, O hill that fills all directions with the most wonderful splendor, O Govardhana, please fulfill my desires. (2)

*vindadbhir yo mandiratām kandara-vr̥ndaiḥ*  
*kandaiś cendor bandhubhir ānandayatīsam*  
*vaidūryābhair nirjhara-toyair api so 'yam*  
*praty-āśāṁ me tvaṁ kuru govardhana pūrṇām*

O hill which with your palatial caves and clouds that are the moon's friends pleases the Supreme Personality of Godhead, O hill the water of whose swiftly-flowing streams is the color of lapis lazuli, O Govardhana, please fulfill my desires. (3)

*śaśvad-viśvālaṅkaranālaṅkr̥ti-medhyaiḥ*  
*preṁṇā dhautair dhātubhir uddīpita-sāno*  
*nityākrandat-kandara veṇu-dhvani-harṣāt*  
*praty-āśāṁ me tvaṁ kuru govardhana pūrṇām*

O hill whose peaks are splendid with mineral colors washed with love and suitable to decorate the Supreme Lord who is Himself the eternal decoration of all the worlds, O hill whose valley eternally resounds with the joyful sound of the flute, O Govardhana, please fulfill my desires.(4)

*prājyā rājir yasya virājaty upalānām*  
*kṛṣṇenāsau santatam adhīyāsita-madhyā*  
*so 'yam bandhura-dharmo surabhīṇām*  
*praty-āśāṁ me tvaṁ kuru govardhana pūrṇām*

O hill whose rocks are the regular sitting place of Lord Kṛṣṇa, O charming friend of the *surabhi* cows, O Govardhana, please fulfill my desires. (5)

*nirdhunvānaḥ samhṛti-hetuṁ ghana-vṛndam  
jitvā jambhārātīm asambhāvita-bādham  
svānām vairam yaḥ kila niryāpitavān saḥ  
praty-āsām me tvam kuru govardhana pūrṇam*

O hill that stopped the destructive clouds, O hill that defeated Indra and made him harmless, O hill that ended Indra's hatred of your relatives, the hills and mountains, O Govardhana, please fulfill my desires. (6)

*bibhrāṇo yaḥ śrī-bhuja-dandopari bhartuś  
chatrī-bhāvaṁ nāma yathārtham svam akarṣīt  
kṛṣṇopajñam yasya makhas tiṣṭhati so 'yam  
praty-āsām me tvam kuru govardhana pūrṇam*

O hill that became an umbrella above the handle of the Supreme Lord's arm, O hill very appropriately named, O hill Lord Kṛṣṇa ordered to be worshiped in a Vedic *yajña*, O Govardhana, please fulfill my desires. (7)

*gāndharvāyāḥ keli-kalā-bāndhava kuñje  
kṣunnais tasyāḥ kaṅkana-hāraiḥ prayatāṅga  
rāsa-kṛidā-māṇḍitayopatyakādhyā  
praty-āsām me tvam kuru govardhana pūrṇam*

O friend of Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī's transcendental pastimes, O hill in whose forest groves She dropped Her necklaces and bracelets, O hill decorated with the *rāsa-līlā*, O Govardhana, please fulfill my desires. (8)

*adri-śreṇi-śekhara padyāṣṭakam etat  
kṛṣṇāmbhoda-preṣṭha paṭhed yas tava dehī  
premānandaṁ tundilayan kṣipram amandaṁ  
taṁ garṣeṇa svī-kurutām te hṛdayeśa*

O king of hills, O dear friend of the black cloud Kṛṣṇa, I pray that to whoever reads these eight verses glorifying you; the Lord of your heart (Śrī Kṛṣṇa) will quickly grant the intense bliss of pure love, and happily accept him among His associates. (9)