

# Śrī Mathurā-stava

## Prayers to Śrī Mathurā by Śrīla Rūpa Gosvāmī

*mukter govinda-bhakter vitarāṇa-caturam-sāc-cid-ānanda-rūpaṁ  
yasyām-vidyoti vidyā-yugalam udayate tārakam-pārakam-ca  
kṛṣṇasyotpatti-līlā-khanir akhila-jagan-mauli-ratnasya sā te  
vaikuṅthoru-pratiṣṭhā prathayatu mathurā maṅgalānām-kalāpam*

May Mathurā, which is more famous than Vaikuṅṭha, which is a mine of the jewels of the pastimes of Lord Kṛṣṇa, the crest jewel of all the worlds, which has within it two potencies of eternal and blissful transcendental knowledge: *tāra*ka, which brings liberation, and *pāra*ka, which brings pure devotion for Lord Govinda, bring great auspiciousness to you all. (1)

*koṭīndu-spaṣṭa-kāntī rabhasa-yuta-bhava-kleśa-yodhair ayodhyā  
māyā vitrāsi-vāsā muni-hṛdaya-muṣaḥ divya-līlāḥ stuvantī  
sāśiḥ kāsīsa-mukhyāmara-patibhir alam prārthita-dvārakāryā  
vaikuṅṭhodgīta-kīrtir diśatu madhu-purī prema-bhakti-śriyaṁ vaḥ*

May Mathurā, which is more splendid than millions of moons, which cannot be attacked by the powerful armies of material suffering, where material illusion is afraid to stay, which charms the sages' hearts, which glorifies the Lord's transcendental pastimes, whose doors Brahmā, Śiva, and all the demigods aspire to guard, and whose glories are sung by the Supreme Lord Himself, give the great treasure of pure devotional service to you all. (2)

*bijam mukti-taror anartha-patalī-nistārakam tārakam  
dhāma prema-rasasya vāñchita-dhurā-sampārakam pārakam  
etad yatra nivāsinām udayate cic-chakti-vṛtti-dvayaṁ  
mathnātu vyasanāni māthura-purī sā vaḥ śriyaṁ ca kriyāt*

May Mathurā Purī, (where two transcendental potencies, *tāra*ka, which is the seed of the tree of liberation and the savior from a host of sufferings, and *pāra*ka, which satisfies the thirst for the nectar of pure love of Kṛṣṇa, arise among the residents, crush all your sins and give you the treasure of pure love for Lord Kṛṣṇa. (3)

*adyāvanti patad-graham kuru kare māye śanair vijaya  
cchatram kāñci grhāṇa kāsī purataḥ pādū-yugam dhāraya  
nāyodhye bhaja sambhramam stuti-kathām nodgāraya dvārake  
deviyaṁ bhavatīṣu hanta mathurā drṣṭi-prasādam dadhe*

Avantī, hold this betelnut dish in your hand! Gayā, slowly move the fan! Kāñcī, hold this parasol! Vārāṇasī, carry these two sandals! Ayodhyā, don't be afraid! Dvārakā, don't recite those prayers! Mathurā-devī has already placed her glance of mercy upon you all. (4)