

Verse-9  
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O mind meditate on  
Kṛṣṇa as the lord of my leader, Śrī Rādhikā  
Śrī Rādhikā as his most dear object of love.  
Śrī Lalitā as her incomparable friend  
Śrī Viśākhā as the foremost guru distributing the teachings of love  
Rādhā-kuṇḍa and Govardhana as givers of the sight and love of Śrī Śrī Rādhā-Kṛṣṇa

RDG guides the practitioner on the mutual relationship between spontaneous devotional service and amorous transcendental love of God

Govardhana-vāsa-prārthanā-dasaka  
Ten Prayers requesting Residence near Govardhana

Text 1

Govardhan as the umbrella  
Destroyer of the Pride of Indra  
King of all Mountains

"O Govardhana, O king of all incomparable great mountains. O hill that became an umbrella with the arm of your own Lord as the handle and then destroyed the pride of the deva king madly attacking with raised weapons, please grant the residence near you that is so dear to me."

Text 2

"O Govardhana, please grant to me the residence near you that will guarantee the sight of the youthful divine couple as they enjoy transcendental amorous pastimes in your caves."

Text 3

Fully equipped playground for Kṛṣṇa and His Friends

"O Govardhana, O hill where Lord Kāñḥa happily plays with Balarāma and His friends in the incomparable jeweled courtyards, jeweled lion-thrones, trees, waterfalls, mountain-brooks, caves, peaks, and valleys, please grant the residence near you that is so dear to me."

Text 4

Witness if Dhana keli pastimes  
Bestower of bliss to rashikas

"O Govardhana, O hill that provides the dark courtyard that is imbued with fragrance and splendour that witnesses the dānakeli pastime of the nectar-treasure youthful divine couple, O hill that brings great bliss to the best of those who relish transcendental nectar, please grant me the residence near you."

Text 5

"O Govardhana, O hill that, hiding as you playfully embrace the neck of your dear friend, Lord Hari's dear, unprecedented Rādhā-kuṣṭha, secretly gazes at the pastimes of the youthful divine couple, please grant me the residence near you."

Text 6

"O Govardhana, O hill that by nourishing the cows at every step and at all times with its land, water, flat surface, grass, and the shade of its trees declares to the three worlds the appropriateness of its own name, please grant me the residence near you."

Text 7

You are highly honoured by Sri Kṛṣṇa, the enemy of Agha and Baka, who protected His community from the onslaught of Indra beneath your form as their new home. Please quickly grant me the residence near you."

Text 8

O king of mountains! When the nectar of your name "Hari-dasa-varya: the best of the Lord's servants" came forth from the moon-like face of Sri Radhika, you were clearly established by the Vedas as the new tilak of Vraja. please grant me the residence near you."

Text 9

You alone give happiness to the people, animals, and birds of Vraja, who are filled with the mood of friendship towards Radha, Kṛṣṇa, and Their companions. You are immeasurably merciful. So, please accept me, a wearied soul, and give me a dwelling near you, O Govardhan!

Text 10

"Although I am a cheater and a criminal, unlimitedly merciful Lord Çacénandana, who is very dear to you, has given me to you. O Govardhana, please do not consider whether I am acceptable or not, but simply grant me residence near you."

Text 11

One who carefully studies these ten nectarean verses describing the king of mountains, Sri Govardhan, will soon attain a dwelling at this joyous place and quickly attain the precious jewel of personal service to the Divine Couple