

Śrī Kṛṣṇa Smaraṇa Sphūr̥ti

Invoking Kṛṣṇa's  
Remembrance

Śrī Vṛndā-devy aṣṭakam

Eight Prayers glorifying  
Śrīmatī Vṛndā-Devī

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**gāṅgeya-cāmpēya-taḍid-vinindi-  
rociḥ-pravāha-snapitātma-vṛnde  
bandhūka-bandhu-dyuti-divya-vāso  
vṛnde namas te caraṇāravindam**

O Vṛndā Devī (**vṛnde**), I offer my respectful obeisances (**namah**) to your lotus feet (**te caraṇāravindam**). You are bathed (**snapitah**) in your own splendor (**ātma rociḥ-pravāha**), which defeats (**vinindi**) the effulgence of lightning (**taḍid**) and the golden campaka flower (**gāṅgeya-cāmpēya**). The luster (**dyuti**) of your transcendental garments (**divya-vāsaḥ**) is the friend of the Bandhuka flower (**bandhūka-bandhu**).

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**bimbādhāroditvara-mānda-hāsyā-  
nāsāgra-muktā-dyuti-dīpitāsyē  
vicitra-ratnābharaṇa-śriyādhye  
vṛnde namas te caraṇāravindam**

O Vṛndā Devī (**vṛnde**), I offer my respectful obeisances (**namah**) to your lotus feet (**te caraṇāravindam**). Your face (**āsyē**) is illuminated (**dīpita**) by the splendor (**dyuti**) of the pearl decorating the tip of your nose (**nāsa-agra-muktā**), and by the extraordinary (**uditvara**) gentle smile (**mānda-hāsyā**) on the two bimba fruits which are your lips (**bimba adhara**). You are enriched (**ādhye**) by the beauty (**śriyā**) of the amazing and colorful (**vicitra**) jewels and ornaments you wear (**ratna ābharaṇa**).

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samasta-vaikuṅṭha-śiromaṇau śrī-  
kṛṣṇasya vṛndāvana-dhanya-dhāmni  
dattādhikāre vṛṣabhānu-putryā  
vṛnde namas te caraṇāravindam

O Vṛndā Devī (**vṛnde**), I offer my respectful obeisances (**namah**) to your lotus feet (**te caraṇāravindam**). Śrīmatī Rādhārāṇī, the daughter of King Vṛṣabhānu (**vṛṣabhānu-putryā**), has made you the ruling monarch (**datta adhikāre**) of Lord Kṛṣṇa's (**kṛṣṇasya**) opulent (**śrī**) and auspicious (**dhanya**) abode of Vṛndāvana (**vṛndāvana dhāmni**), which is the crest jewel (**śiromaṇau**) of all the Vaikuṅṭha planets (**samasta-vaikuṅṭha**).

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tvad-ājñayā pallava-puṣpa-bhr̥ṅga-  
mṛgādibhir mādhava-keli-kuñjaḥ  
madhv-ādibhir bhānti vibhūṣyamāṇā  
vṛnde namas te caraṇāravindam

O Vṛndā Devī (**vṛnde**), I offer my respectful obeisances (**namah**) to your lotus feet (**te caraṇāravindam**). Because of your order (**tvad-ājñayā**), the groves (**kuñjaḥ**) where Lord Mādhava performs His pastimes (**mādhava-keli**) appear very splendid (**bhānti**), decorated (**vibhūṣyamāṇā**) with blossoming flowers (**pallava-puṣpa**), bumblebees (**bhr̥ṅga**), deer (**mṛga**), and other auspicious animals (**ādibhih**), honey, and other things (**madhu-ādibhih**).

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tvadīya-dūtyena nikuñja-yūnor  
atyutkayoḥ keli-vilāsa-siddhiḥ  
tvat-saubhagam̐ kena nirucyatām̐ tad  
vṛnde namas te caraṇāravindam

O Vṛndā Devī (**vṛnde**), I offer my respectful obeisances (**namah**) to your lotus feet (**te caraṇāravindam**). Who can describe (**kena nirucyatām̐**) your good fortune (**tvat-saubhagam̐**)? You were the messenger (**tvadīya-dūtyena**) who brought about the perfection of the amorous pastimes (**vilāsa-siddhiḥ**) of Radha and Kṛṣṇa, the youthful couple (**yūnoḥ**), who enthusiastically (**atyutkayoḥ**) sport (**keli**) in the groves of Vṛndavana (**nikuñja**).



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rāsābhilāṣo vasatiś ca vṛndā-  
vane tvad-īśāṅghri-saroja-sevā  
labhyā ca puṁsām kṛpayā tavaiva  
vṛnde namas te caraṇāravindam

O Vṛndā Devī (**vṛnde**), I offer my respectful obeisances (**namah**) to your lotus feet (**te caraṇāravindam**). The living entities (**puṁsām**) who attain (**labhyā**) the service (**sevā**) of the lotus feet (**aṅghri-saroja**) of your Lord (**tvad-īśa**) reside in Vṛndāvana (**vṛndāvane vasati**). And the desire (**abhilāṣah**) to understand the Lord's amazing pastimes of the rāsa dance (**rāsa**) is only by your mercy (**tava eva kṛpayā**).

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tvam kīrtyase sātvata-tantra-vidbhir  
līlābhidhānā kila kṛṣṇa-śaktiḥ  
tavaiva mūrtis tulasī nṛ-loke  
vṛnde namas te caraṇāravindam

O Vṛndā Devī (**vṛnde**), I offer my respectful obeisances (**namah**) to your lotus feet (**te caraṇāravindam**). Those who have studied (**vidbhiḥ**) the Sātvata-tantra (**sātvata-tantra**) glorify you (**tvam kīrtyase**). You are Lord Kṛṣṇa's potency (**kila kṛṣṇa-śaktiḥ**) for performing pastimes (**līlā abhidhānā**), and the tulasi plant (**tulasī**) is your form (**tava eva mūrtiḥ**) in the world of men. (**nṛ-loke**).

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**bhaktyā vihinā aparādha-lakṣaiḥ  
kṣiptāś ca kāmādi-taraṅga-madhye  
kṛpāmayi tvām śaraṇam prapannā  
vṛnde namas te caraṇāravindam**

O Vṛndā Devī (**vṛnde**), I offer my respectful obeisances (**namah**) to your lotus feet (**te caraṇāravindam**). Those who are devoid of devotion to Lord Hari (**bhaktyā vihinā**), and who are thrown (**kṣiptāh**) by their offenses (**aparādha-lakṣaiḥ**) into the waves of lust and other inauspicious qualities (**kāmādi-taraṅga-madhye**), may take shelter (**śaraṇam prapannā**) of your merciful self (**kṛpāmayi tvām**).

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vṛndāṣṭakam yaḥ śṛṇuyāt paṭhed vā  
vṛndāvanādhīśa-padābja-bhr̥ṅgaḥ  
sa prāpya vṛndāvana-nitya-vāsam  
tat-prema-sevām labhate kṛtārthaḥ

Let a person who (**yaḥ**) becomes like a bumblebee (**padābja-bhr̥ṅgaḥ**) at the lotus feet of Rādhā-Kṛṣṇa (**vṛndāvana-adhīśa**), and who reads (**śṛṇuyāt**) or hears (**paṭhed vā**) these eight verses describing the glories of Vṛndā Devī (**vṛndāṣṭakam**), attain (**sah prāpya**) eternal residence (**nitya-vāsam**) in Goloka Vṛndāvana (**vṛndāvana**). He attains (**labhate**) devotional service in pure love of Godhead (**tat-prema-sevām**), and all his spiritual aspirations become fulfilled (**kṛtārthaḥ**).