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Mantras for requesting forgiveness for one's offenses



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Verses for Requesting Forgiveness for One's Offenses (aparādha-śodhana-mantras)

mantra-hīnaṁ kriyā-hīnaṁ bhakti-hīnaṁ janārdana

yat pūjitaṁ mayā deva paripūrṇaṁ tad astu me

O my Lord, O Janārdana, whatever little pūjā or worship that has been performed by me, although it is without devotion, without proper mantras, and without the proper performance, please let that become complete.

yad-dattaṁ bhakti-mātreṇa patraṁ puṣpaṁ phalaṁ jalam

āveditaṁ nivedyan tu tad grhāṇānukampayā

Whatever has been offered with devotion-the leaf, the flower, the water, the fruit, the food offering-please accept it out of Your causeless mercy.

vidhi-hīnaṁ mantra-hīnaṁ yat kiñcid upapāditam

kriyā-mantra-vihīnaṁ vā tat sarvaṁ kṣantum arhasi

Whatever has happened without the proper chanting of the mantra, or without following the proper procedure, kindly forgive all that.

ajñānād athavā jñānād aśubhaṁ yan mayā kṛtam

kṣantum arhasi tat sarvaṁ dāsyenaiva grhāṇa mām

sthitiḥ sevā gatiḥ yātrā smṛtiś cintā stutir vacaḥ

bhūyāt sarvātmanā viṣṇo madīyaṁ tvayi ceṣṭitam



Whatever inauspicious things I have done out of ignorance or unknowingly, please forgive that, and accept me as Your insignificant servant. Let my normal condition be service, let my movement be holy pilgrimage, let my thought be remembrance of You, let my words be glorification of You. O Viṣṇu, let my activities, with my whole mind, body and soul, be engaged in You.

*aparādha-sahasrāṇi kriyante 'har-niṣaṁ mayā
dāso 'ham iti mām matvā kṣamasva madhusūdana*

Thousands of offenses are performed by me day and night. But thinking of me as Your servant, kindly forgive those, O Madhusūdana.

*pratijñā tava govinda na me bhaktaḥ praṇaśyati
iti saṁsmṛtya saṁsmṛtya prānān saṁdhārayāmy aham*

O Govinda, Your promise is that Your devotee will never perish. By remembering this over and over again, I am able to retain my life-air.