

Knowledge

The nine forms of devotional service are:

- 1) hearing about the name and its glorification
- 2) chanting his holy name
- 3) thinking of the Lord and remembering him
- 4) serving the Holy Lotusfeet of the Lord
- 5) serving the Deities on the Altar
- 6) paying obeisances to the Lord
- 7) acting as the servant of the Lord
- 8) being a friend of the Lord
- 9) surrendering fully to the Lord

The daily chanting

Chanting daily using our beads is one of the most important of the nine sevas. The Maha Mantra, which we chant daily, sounds like: Hare Krsna Hare Krsna, Krsna Krsna, Hare Hare, Hare Rama Hare Rama, Rama Rama, Hare Hare.



The worship of the holy Tulasi-plant.

There was always something to do in the temple.
I volunteered to wash or dry the dishes. This is how my mother and I began to experience the essence of servitude.

My mother was always willing to perform seva.
Besides cooking, she had another loving seva: making outfits for our deities at home.

During special festivals, such as the Ratha Yatra, or when a guru from abroad came to visit, my mother gave me the opportunity to be present and participate in those occasions.

More and more sevas came up, such as kirtan, Tulasi arati, making flower garlands and decorating the altar. As these sevas accumulated, everything became increasingly special. Attachment, love and devotion to Krsna make us feel truly happy - a feeling of eternal bliss.