

Ø Ø Ø Δ Gate of Sweet Nectar

Invocation for the Manifestation of the Ten Buddhas

(All in gassho)

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All: Buddham Saranam Gacchami

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Dhammam Saranam Gacchami

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Sangham Saranam Gacchami

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Buddham Saranam Gacchami

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Dhammam Saranam Gacchami

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Sangham Saranam Gacchami

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Being One with the Buddhas in the Ten Directions

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Being One with the Dharma in the Ten Directions

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Being One with the Sangha in the Ten Directions

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Being One with the all the Formless Forms throughout space and time

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Being One with the great Manjusri Bodhisattva

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Being One with the great compassionate Avalokitesvara Bodhisattva

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Being One with our original teacher Shakyamuni Buddha

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Being One with our lineage from Mahakashyapa Sonja

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Being One with the Mahayana Saddharma Pundarika Sutra

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Being One with Maha Prajna Paramita

Supplication for the Raising of the Bodhi Mind

Ø (*Officiant bows at haishiki*)

Δ **Ino: Attention!** (*Officiant bows leaving altar*)

Δ **Ino: Attention!** (*Halfway to haishiki*)

Δ (*Officiant bows at the haishiki*)

Vow to feed the hungry spirits

All: (*spoken*) Raising the Bodhi Mind, the supreme meal is offered to all the hungry spirits throughout space and time, filling the smallest particle to the largest space. All you hungry spirits in the ten directions, please gather here. Sharing your distress, I offer you this food, hoping it will resolve your thirsts and hungers.

Prayer for food sharing

Ø (*sung*) I pray that all who **receive** this offering will *return its merits to all Buddhas //* and to all creations throughout **space** and time: *in this way they will be thoroughly satisfied.* Δ

Prayer for raising the Bodhi Mind

(*spoken*) I further pray that in receiving this meal all your sufferings will be eliminated, and that you will be liberated, so that being joyously reborn you will play freely in the fields of the Pure Land. Raising the Bodhi Mind and practicing the Enlightened Way, you become the future Buddhas without any further regress. Those who realize the Way first, please vow to liberate all others throughout all space and time.

Prayer for fulfilling these vows

Ø (*sung*) I further beseech you to **sustain** me day and night and *give me courage to fulfill my vows.* Δ

Prayer for transferring the merits of this practice

(*spoken*) In offering this meal, I pray that you give its merits equally to all creations in the Dharma worlds. Please transfer the merits of this offering to the Dharma world of True Reality, to unsurpassable enlightenment and to all the Buddha wisdoms.

Repeated prayer to attain the Enlightened Way

Ø (*sung*) With all our love, with **all** our spirit and with *all our* might // Inviting misery and **suffering** no longer we *vow to accomplish the Way.* // May all creations in the **Dharma** world *swiftly* Δ *accomplish the Buddha Way together.*

Dharanis for Inviting the Buddhas of the Five Families

Invitation for the Manifestation of the Buddhas in the Padma Family

Ø NA MU TA **HO NO RAI NO BO BA GYA BA TEI**
HA RA BO TA A RA **TAN NO YA TA TA GYA TA YA**
JO **KEN TON GO FU KU CHI EN MAN Δ**

Being one with all Buddhas in the Unifying spheres, integrating all families,
compassion and wisdom are in abundance. x 2

Invitation for the Manifestation of the Buddhas in the Ratna Family

Ø NA MU **MYO SHIKI SHIN NYO RAI NO BO BA GYA BA TEI**
SO RO BA YA TA TA **GYA TA YA**
HA **SHU RO GYO EN MAN SO KO Δ**

Being one with all Buddhas in the Abundance spheres,
extending generosity, perfection of both body and mind appears. x 2

Invitation for the Manifestation of the Buddhas in the Buddha Family

Ø NA MU **KAN RO O NYO RAI NO BO BA GYA BA TEI**
A MI RI **TEI A RAN JA YA TA TA GYA TA YA**
KAN PO SHIN JIN RYO JU KE RA KU Δ

Being one with all Buddhas in the Formless spheres,
bodies overflow with boundless Dharma and our life is fulfilled. x 2

Invitation for the Manifestation of the Buddhas in the Vajra Family

Ø NA MU **KO HAKU SHIN NYO RAI NO BO BA GYA BA TEI**
BI HO RA GYA TA RA YA TA **TA GYA TA YA**
IN KO KO DAI ON JIKI JU BO Δ

Being one with all Buddhas in the Wisdom spheres,
throats are opened and eating and drinking fully satisfy. x 2

Invitation for the Manifestation of the Buddhas in the Karma Family

Ø NA MU RI FU I NO **RAI NO BO BA GYA BA TEI**
A BA **EN GYA RA YA TA TA GYA TA YA**
KU SHITSU JO RI GAKI SHU Δ

Being one with all Buddhas in the Action spheres, •
All sufferings of the Hungry Spirits • are healed. x 2

Dharani for the Invitation for the Manifestation of all Gods and Demons

Ø **NO BO BO HO RI GYA RI TA RI Δ TA TA GYA TA YA**

Ø Being one with the Unconditioned Δ Tathagata.

Dharani of Hell Crushing and Hungry Spirit Throat Opening

Ø **OM BO HO TEI RI GYA TA RI Δ TA TA GYA TA YA**

Ø Being one with the Boundless Δ Tathagata.

Dharani of Expansion Prayer upon the Food and Drink

Ø **NO MAKU SA RA BA TA TA GYA TA BARO KI TEI OM Δ**
SAN BA RA SAN BA RA UN

Ø Being one with all Tathagatas and Avalokitesvara Bodhisattva, Δ please nourish and sustain us.

Dharani of Expansion Prayer upon the Taste of the Sweet Nectar

Ø **NO MAKU SORO BA YA TA TA GYA TA YA TA NYA TA OM**
SO RO SO RO HA RA SO RO Δ HA RA SO RO SO WA KA

Ø Being one with the Inconceivable Body Tathagata
let the nectar of Dharma Δ spring forth.

Dharani of Feeding the Hungry Spirits

*(Begins as officiant bows at haishiki and is repeated until officiant returns to haishiki
from altar; ryoban in gassho)*

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Ø *(first and last x)* **NO MAKU SAN MAN DA Δ (last x)**
BO TA NAN BAN

(repeat 7 x)

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Ø *(first and 7th)* Being One with all Buddhas, Δ *(7th x)*

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I turn the water wheel of compassion

Dharani for Raising the Bodhi Mind

joyful noise

OM BO JI SHI TA BO DA HA DA YA MI Δ (*Officiant*)

OM BO JI SHI TA BO DA HA DA YA MI (*All*)

joyful noise

Now I have raised the Bodhi Mind Δ (*Officiant*)

Now I have raised the Bodhi Mind (*All*)

joyful noise

Now I have raised the Bodhi Mind Δ (*Officiant*)

Now I have raised the Bodhi Mind (*All*)

Dharani of Giving the Bodhisattva Samadhi Precepts

joyful noise

OM SAN MA YA SA TO BAN Δ (*Officiant*)

OM SAN MA YA SA TO BAN (*All*)

joyful noise

I am the Buddhas and they are me Δ (*Officiant*)

I am the Buddhas and they are me (*All*)

joyful noise

I am the Buddhas and they are me Δ (*Officiant*)

I am the Buddhas and they are me (*All*)

Gatha for Transference of Merit

- Ø By this practice I sincerely wish to extend all my love to •
My own being, friends, enemies, family and community, and to all creations for so much done on my behalf. •
May those who practice in this sphere continue to empower, to enrich, to enjoy. •
May those who have gone be released from suffering and nourish peacefulness. •
May all creations in the three worlds receive loving benefactions. •
May those suffering on account of greed anger and ignorance come to atonement and be cleansed of all their ills. •
May they be liberated from samsara • and arise in the Pure Land • together.

△ Dedication

(Chanter) Buddha nature pervades the whole universe, existing right here right now. In reciting the Gate of Sweet Nectar we dedicate its merits to:

∅ The all-pervading and everlasting Three Treasures

All Buddhas and Bodhisattvas in the realm of prajna wisdom

All protectors of the Dharma And all beings in the Dharma worlds. ∅

Let us forever remember the causes of suffering. Let us forever believe in the end to suffering. May we always have the courage to bear witness, to see ourselves as Other and Other as ourselves. May penetrating light dispel the darkness of ignorance. Let all karma be resolved and the mind flower bloom in eternal spring. May we all ascend to great peace and love and may we realize the Enlightened Way together.

Closing Verse

(Everyone in Gassho)

∅ *(1st, 3rd and 4th x)*

This is our life,
The length of our days,
Day and night
We meditate upon it.

Inkin tolls for three bows with the officiant and exit