

Treasure of Blessings

A Liturgy for Propitiating the Lord Buddha Shakyamuni

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The Samadhi Raja Sutra says:

Anybody who remembers the moon – the Shakyamuni Buddha - whilst walking, sitting, standing and sleeping, in front of him the Teacher resides. He will eventually attain parnirvana.

Also:

Having an exalted body with complexion similar to gold, he, the protector of the universe, stands extremely elegant. A Bodhisattva who maintains his mind in this visualization will abide in the state of meditative equipoise.

Just as for the practice of the Yoga of Contemplating on Our Lord Buddha Shakyamuni, one should practice in the following manner.

SANGYE CHÖ-DANG TSO-KI TSHOG-NAM LA/ /JANG-CHUB BAR-DU DAG-NI KYAB-SU TSHI Until enlightenment I go for refuge to the Buddha, the Dharma and the most supreme of the assemblies!

DAG-GI JIN-SOG GI-PA'I SÖ-NAM KI/ /DRO-LA PHEN-CHIR SANGYE DRUB-PAR SHOG By the merits of my generosity and so forth, may I attain the state of Buddha to benefit all sentient beings! (*Recite thrice*)

Contemplation on the Four Immeasurables

SEM-SHEN TAM-SHED DE-WA-DANG DE-WA'I GYÜ-DANG DEN-PAR GYUR-DSHIG May all sentient beings have happiness and the causes of happiness!

DUG-NGAL-DANG DUG-NGAL-GI GYÜ-DANG DRAL-WAR GYÜR-DSHIG May they be liberated from suffering and the causes of suffering!

DUG-NGAL MED-PA'I DE-WA DAM-PA-DANG MI-DRAL-WAR GYÜR-DSHIG May they never be separated from the supreme bliss, which is free from afflictions!

NYE-RING DSHAG-DANG NYI-DANG DRAL-WA'I TANG-NYOM DSHEN-PO'I NGANG-LA SEM-RAB-TU NE PAR GYÜR- DSHIG

And may all of them abide in the state of fathomless mind of the great equanimity, which is free from passion to the close ones and hatred towards the distant people! (Recite thrice)

Having been preceded by the contemplation on the four immeasurables and so forth, one should recollect that the entire appearances of the phenomena are bereft of any inherent nature and in that state of mind recite the following verses:

AH: KYE-MED TONG-PA NYI-DANG TEN-JUNG GI/ /NANG-WA GAG-MED ZUNG-JUG GYÜ-MA'I TSUL

Ah! The unborn emptiness and interdependent origination Uninterruptedly appear as the unified illusory form

RANG-DÜN NAM-KHAR SHÖD-TRIN GYA-TSHO'I Ü/ /RIN-SHEN SENG-TRI PED-NYI DA-WA'I TENG

In the sky before me, amidst the oceans of offering clouds, Atop jewel lion throne, (cushioned with) lotus, sun and moon

TÖN-PA TSUNG-MED SHA-KYA SENG-GE NI/ /SER-GI DOG-SHEN TSEN-DANG PE-JED DEN Is the matchless teacher, Buddha Shakyamuni, Golden in color and bearing the entire characteristic major and minor marks.

TSHÖ-GÖ SUM-SOL DOR-JEI KIL-TRUNG SHUG/ /TSHAG-YE SA-NÖN TSHAG-JA LEG-KYANG SHING

He wears the three Dharma robes and sits in cross-legged Vajra posture. His right hand is elegantly stretched out displaying the Mudra of subjugating the earth,

TSHAG-YÖN NYAM-SHAG DÜD-TSI YI LHUNG-ZED NAM/ /SER-GI RI-TAR ZID-JID PAL-BAR WA While his left hand in the mudra of meditative equipoise holding an alms-bowl filled with nectar. His grace and glory glow like a mountain of gold

YE-SHE Ö-ZER DRA-WE KHA-ING KYAB/ /NYE-WA'I SE-GYED NE-TEN DSHU-DRUG DANG And a net of rays from his primordial wisdom pervades space. His Eight-close Sons, the 16 Arhats and others,

PHAG-TSOG GYA-TSO'I KHOR-GI YONG-KOR SHING/ /DREN-PA TSAM-GI SID-SHID TA-NYI LÄ

The assembly of oceans of exalted beings, surround him entirely. By merely recollecting them one is liberated

NAM-DROL DE-WA TSHÖ-GI PAL-TSOL WA/ /KYAB-KUN DÜ-PA'I DAG-NYID TSHEN-POR SAL From the extremes of existence and cessation and granted the bliss of ultimate glory! Visualize as the Great Lord in whom the entire objects of refuge are condensed!

Focusing one's mind on the Buddha's statue, one should contemplate his actual presence in it. The Buddha will dwell on whatever one focuses on as the wisdom bodies of the Buddhas are never biased in time or direction. The sutra state:

In front of anybody who contemplates on the Buddha, he will dwell, Granting blessings through all the times and bringing total liberation from all negative actions!

Thus the merits accumulated by contemplating the Lord Buddha will become inexhaustible. The Buddha Avatamsaka Sutra says:

Just by seeing, listening or making offerings to those Conquerors boundless heaps of merits increase. In order to abandon all cyclic sufferings and delusions one's effort will never wear out somehow in mid-way.

Also, all aspirations will be accomplished if one supplicates in the presence of those Conquerors. The "Elucidation of the Qualities of Manjushri's pure land" supports:

As all phenomena are dependent on conditions, they dwell at the forefront of the mind's motivation. Thus, anybody who makes any form of aspirations will be rewarded with the according fruition!

Being well aware of these meanings, now one can proceed with the following recitation:

NYING-JE TSHEN-PÖ TSOD-DEN NYIG-MA'I ZHING/ /ZUNG-NE MÖN-LAM TSHEN-PO NGAB-YA TAB

With great compassion, in the rebellious land of the degenerated era, You were reborn and made the five hundred great aspiration prayers.

PE-KAR TAR-NGAG TSEN-TÖ CHIR-MI DOG/ /TÖN-PA TUG-DJE DSHEN-LA CHAG-TSHAL LO Hailed like a white lotus, one will never fall back into Samsara, merely by hearing your name. O the Compassionate Teacher, to you I prostrate!

DAG-ZHEN GO-SUM GE-TSOG LONG-TSHÖD SHE/ /KUN-ZANG TSHÖD-PA'I TRIN-DU MIG-NE BUL

The merits gathered through the three doors of self and others including our possessions, I offer them assumed as the offering clouds of the Bodhisattva Samantabhadra.

TOG-ME NE-SAG DIG-TUNG MA-LÜ PA/ /NYING-NE KYÖD-PA DRAG-PÖ SO-SOR SHAG All the downfalls and sins committed from beginningless time onwards, Without exception, from the core of my heart, I confess them.

PHAG-DANG SO-SOI KE-WOI GE-WA NI/ /DÜ-SUM SAG-LA JE-SU YI-RANG NGO I rejoice in the virtues of ordinary and extraordinary beings accumulated through the three times.

ZAB DANG KYA-TSHE TSHÖ-KI KHOR-LO'I TSUL/ /TSHOG-SHUR GYÜN-MI TSHE-PAR KOR-DU SOL The Dharma Wheel of profound and vast teachings, please turn it in the ten directions without stoppage!

KHYÖD-NI NAM-KHA TA-BU'I YE-SHE KU/ /DÜ-SUM PHO-JUR MED-PAR SHUG-MÖ KI You, in a space-like primordial wisdom body, remain without transformations in the three times,

DUL-JA'I NANG-NGOR KE-TSHIG TSUL-TÖN KYANG/ /TRUL-PA'I ZUG-KU TAG-TU NANG-WAR DZÖ

Yet, in front of beings to be tamed you pretend to die and take rebirths. Even then, may you miraculously appear forever through your manifestations!

DAG-GI DÜ-SUM SAG-PA'I GE-TSOG KI/ /KHA-TSHAB DRO-WA KUN-LA PHEN-LED DU The virtues that I have gathered in the three times to benefit beings pervading space,

TSHÖ-KI GYAL-PO TAG-TU NYE-JED DSHING/ /TSHÖJE GYAL-W'AI GO-PHANG THOB-PAR SHOG May they always please the Dharma King and I attain the level of the Dharma King! XXXX

DAG-CAG NYIG-MA'I DRO-WA GÖN-MED NAM/ /TUG-JE LHAG-PAR ZUNG-WA'I KA-DRIN LÄ The Three Jewels appear us, the unprotected beings of this degenerated age, on this land and at this time,

ZHING-DANG DÜ-DIR RIN-CHEN NAM-SUM GI/ /NANG-WA JI-NYED KHE-KI TRIN-LE NYID Due to the kindness of your special compassion to us and solely due to your enlightened activity.

DE-CHIR KYAB-TSHOG TSUNG-MED DSHIG-PU RU/ /YID-TSHE DED-PE NYING-NE SOL-DEB NA Therefore, we supplicate from the core of our heart with utmost conviction in you, the one-only supreme and matchless refuge.

NGON-GI DAM-SHA TSHEN-PO MA-NYEL WAR/ /JANG-CHUB BAR-DU THUG-JE JE-DZIN DZÖD You, without forgetting the great promises you made in the past, pleasingly uphold us by your compassion until enlightenment!

With strong conviction toward the Teacher and feeling his actual presence, one should devotedly focus on the statue of the Buddha and recite the following lines.

LA-MA TÖN-PA TSHOM-DEN-DE DE-ZHIN SHEG-PA DRA-TSHOM-PA YANG-DAG-PAR DZOG-PA'I SANGYE PAL-GYAL-WA SHA-KYA THUB-PA-LA CHAG-TSHAL LO/ CHÖD-DO/ KYAB-SU TSHI-WO The Guru, the Bhagavan, Tathagata, Foe-destroyer, the fully enlightened Buddha, to the glorious Shakyamuni, I prostrate! I offer! I seek refuge in you!

Recite this as much as you can. And as a means to invocate the lord Buddha, recite the following mantra extracted from the Abbreviated Prajnaparamita.

TÄD-YA-TA OM MU-NE MU-NE MA-HA MU-NE-YE SWA-HA

The mantra that follows the Om syllable should be recited as much as one can. In the process, one has to contemplate the enlightened qualities of the Buddha and with one pointed mind of devotion toward the visualization recite the "Prayer Expressing the Names of Lord Buddha" and its mantra by which the following results are conditioned.

TÖN-PA'I KU-LÄ YE-SHE-KI Ö-ZER NA-TSOG-PA'I NANG-WA TSHEN-PÖ DAG-DANG SEM-DSHEN TAM-SHE-KI DRI-PA TAM-SHE SEL-ZHING/ TEG-PA CHEN-PO'I LAM-GI YÖN-TEN TSUL-ZHIN-DU KE-TE DSHIR-MI-DOG-PA'I SA-NÖN PAR-GYUR SHIG

From the enlightened body of the Teacher (Buddha) various rays of primordial wisdom radiate out, cleansing all the obscurations of ourselves and others. The qualities of the path of the Greater Vehicle are born in us properly and the level of non-regression is actualized.

Always strive hard to visualize in this manner and inbetween sessions, one should make Mandala offerings, recite all kinds of praises to Lord Buddha, the Sutra of White Lotus of Great Compassion, the Extensive Sport Sutra, various narrations on the successions of the lives of Buddha, the One Hundred and Eight Names of the Tathagata, and other sutras that one wishes to recite. The merits accumulated thereof should be dedicated toward the unsurpassable Buddhahood and be sealed by aspiration prayers.

Generally, one should be mindful of the teacher at all times – such as walking, sitting or sleeping. Even during the night, one should fall asleep by visualizing the actual presence of the teacher, whose radiance is as bright as daylight and illuminates all the directions.

Daily, starting by generating the mind of enlightenment in the same way the teachers generated it in the past to the unfalteringly upholding the Bodhisattva-vows – which lead us to the realization attained by the Buddhas and Bodhisattvas of the three times – one should strive hard to abide by the common conducts of the Bodhisattvas and specifically, practice the Zhi-lhag (calm-abidance and insight) meditations. Such practices will serve the purposes of having attained the human life equipped with freedom and endowments!

Several sutras say that merely hearing the name of our teacher alone gradually takes us to the level of non-regression.

The Abbreviated Prajnaparamita Sutra says: "The Buddhas are born from the mantra mentioned above and just because he received this Dharani, the King of Sakyas got enlightened and even Avaloketeshvara became the supreme Bodhisattva! Thus, merely hearing this Dharani one effortlessly accumulates vast merits and pacifies all obscurations. And without obstacles one will be able to accomplish the attainments of this mantra recitation."

Even in his other teachings, Lord Buddha says: "Merely a single recitation can purify sins committed through 80.000 millions of kalpas."

Those and more are the mantra's countless benefits. It is regarded as the supreme essence of the Buddha Shakyamuni. The manner of developing faith and practice of Zhi-lhag meditation along with this recitation should be supplemented from other sutras.

Keeping in the mind, the repeated request of my nephew Ogen Tenzin Norbu Rinpoche, who offered me some auspicious substances and also the recent request by Tulku Jigme Pema Dechen (he brought some gold and divine substances sent to me by my nephew) to complete the composition at the earliest, I, Mipham Jamyang Gyatso, who attained unflagging confidence in the Supreme Teacher, merely a name-sake Dharma-promulgator at the time when the Buddha's teaching is nearing its extinction, wrote this prayer completely at Phuntso Norbui Ling, a valley in Dza Dorji Phanchug, in the year of Iron Hare, on the 8th Day of the Miraculous Month.

May by this the teachings and sentient beings gain unending benefits! May whoever, sees, remembers or be connected to it, receive the matchless blessings of Lord Buddha Shakyamuni!

DE-SHEG SE-DSHE KUN-GI TUG-KYED DANG/ /DZED-PA MÖN-LAM KYEN-TSE NÜ-PA'I TSUL Through the compassion of all Buddhas and their sons, Their deeds, prayers, knowledge, loving-kindness and power,

LA-MED YE-SHE JU-TRUL DSHI-DRA WA/ /DE-DRA KHO-NA DAG-SOG GYUR-WAR SHOG Whatever illusory display of the unsurpassed primordial wisdom is expressed, May I and others exclusively become just like that!

This too was composed by Mipham Jamyang Gyatso. SARVA MANGALAM!