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# Benefits of Chanting in Pāli and English:

#### Chanting, especially in Pali and English:

- 1. Allows us to absorb the flavor of the Dhamma and its meaning, provided we contemplate while chanting.
- 2. Helps the mind become peaceful.
- 3. Is a skillful way to put the mind in a wholesome state.
- 4. Is especially useful to prepare the mind before practicing meditation.
- 5. If done loudly, allows one who happens to hear the chanting, and lend their heart to it, to receive benefit as well.
- 6. If done regularly, counts as a way of cultivating virtue, concentration, and wisdom; through chanting one approaches the Three Jewels.
- 7. Maintains the traditions and culture passed down to us from our ancestors that have been of real benefit to them, and that will likely be of benefit to future generations.



#### Guide to Pāli Pronunciation

Pāli is the original scriptural language of Theravāda Buddhism. It has no written script of its own, and so every country that has adopted Theravāda Buddhism has used its own script to transcribe it. Thus the Roman lettering used in this book is pronounced just as one would expect, with the following clarifications:

#### **Vowels** are of two types:

1. Short 2. Long

 $\mathbf{a}$  as in about  $\mathbf{\bar{a}}$  as in father e as in grey

i as in hit  $\bar{i}$  as in machine o as in go

 $\mathbf{u}$  as in put  $\mathbf{\bar{u}}$  as in rule

It takes about twice as much time to pronounce a long vowel as to pronounce a short one.

Consonants have a few additional rules:

**c** as in ancient (like ch but unaspirated)

**n** and **m** as ng in sang

 $\tilde{\mathbf{n}}$  as ny in canyon

v as w

th rather like th in 'Thomas'; not as in English 'the'.

**ph** rather like ph in 'upholstery'. not as in English 'photo'.

#### bh, ch, dh, dh, gh, jh, kh, ph, th, th

These two-lettered notations denote an aspirated sound not found in English. They are sounded by adding more air and 'effort' to the unaspirated consonants. It

should be noted that these two-lettered notations count as single consonants, while other combinations containing h—such as lh and mh—count as double. Therefore Am-hā-kaṃ, but sa-dham-maṃ, not sad-ham-maṃ.

#### d, dh, l, n, t, th

These retroflex consonants have no English equivalent. They are sounded by curling the tip of the tongue back against the palate, producing a distinct nasal tone.

**Pāli poetry** employs meters consisting of various patterns of full-length syllables alternating with half-length syllables. **Full-length syllables** contain a long vowel  $(\bar{a}, \bar{\imath}, \bar{u}, e, o)$ ; **or** end with  $\bar{m}$ ; **or** having ended in a consonant, are followed by a syllable beginning with a consonant (e.g. mag-ga, hon-ti, Bud-dha). **Half-length syllables** end in a short vowel. Full-length syllables take twice the time of half-length syllables—rather like two beats in a bar of music compared to one. This is what gives the chanting its particular rhythm.

The Pāli language contains many long compound words. In this book some of these words have been broken down with hyphens into their component words in order to make them easier to read and understand. Another mark, the apostrophe, is used in romanized Pāli to mark the place of a dropped vowel. These marks do not indicate

a pause or change in pronunciation; the words can simply be read out loud as though they were absent. For example, the word eh'āvuso (from ehi + āvuso), meaning, "Come, friend," reads as e-hā-vu-so and not eh! (pause) ā-vu-so.

It should be noted that when a hyphen is preceded by a consonant (usually m or d) and followed by a vowel, the consonant forms a syllable together with the vowel following the hyphen and not with the vowel preceding it. Thus, for instance, dhammam-etam would read as dhamma-me-tam; and tam-araṇam as ta-ma-ra-ṇam.

The **triangular tonal marks** follow the standardized Western Forest Sangha version of the English translations. They indicate changes in pitch. Longer marks indicate a lenthening of the syllable.

high tone noble
low tone blessed
long low tone homage
long mid tone these

If all these rules seem daunting, the best course is simply to listen carefully to what the leader and the group are chanting, and to follow as closely as possible their tempo, rhythm, and pitch. All voices, ideally, should blend together as one.

#### **FOREWORD**

Chanting in Pāli, the original language of the Buddhist scriptures, is an important practice in the Thai Forest Tradition. Therefore, Ajahn Anan Akiñcano, abbot of Wat Marp Jan, wished to have a Pāli-English chanting book printed for the benefit of English speakers interested in taking up this aspect of Buddhist practice.

When done with mindfulness, chanting can be a method of meditation. Ajahn Mahā Boowa Ñāṇasampanno once wrote, "In the days of Venerable Ajahn Sao and Venerable Ajahn Mun they very much liked chanting and each time they would go on for a long time. While chanting, the *citta* [mind] is not involved in anything else and one is happily absorbed in the aspects of Dhamma which one is chanting until the *citta* becomes calm and peaceful."

We rejoice in the goodness of all those who helped make the publication of this book possible. May you meet with success in your practice of chanting and grow in the Dhamma.



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Mano-pubbaṅgamā dhammā Mano-seṭṭhā mano-mayā Manasā ce pasannena Bhāsati vā karoti vā Tato naṃ sukhamanveti Chāyā va anupāyinī.

Mind is the forerunner of all things,
Mind is chief, mind-made are they;
If you speak or act with a pure mind,
Then happiness follows you
Even as the shadow that never leaves.

—Dhammapada 2









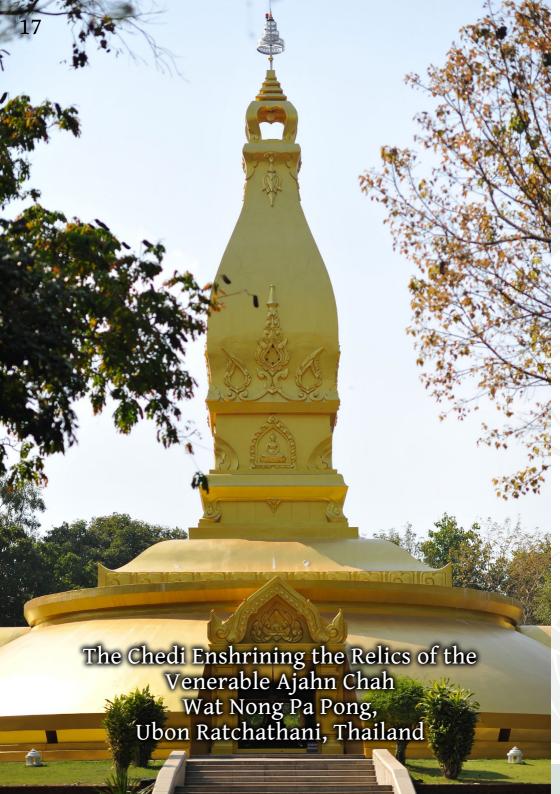
The Relics of Ajahn Chah Subhaddo





Uposatha hall at Wat Marp Jan resembling a boat, symbol of Rayong province, as well as a vehicle crossing the flood of saṃsāra.





# **Dedication of Offerings**

Yo so bhagavā araham sammāsambuddho.

To the Blessed One, the Lord, who fully attained perfect enlightenment,

Svākkhāto yena bhagavatā dhammo.

To the Teaching which he expounded so well, Supatipanno yassa bhagavato sāvaka-saṅgho.

And to the Blessed One's disciples, who have practised well,

Tammayam bhagavantam sadhammam sasangham, | \* imehi sakkārehi yathāraham āropitehi abhipūjayāma.

To these—the Buddha, the Dhamma and the Sangha—

We render with offerings our rightful homage.

Sādhu no bhante bhagavā sucira-parinibbutopi

It is well for us that the Blessed One, having attained liberation,

Pacchimā janatānukampamānasā

Still had compassion for later generations.

<sup>\*</sup> A broken bar( $\frac{1}{1}$ ) indicates a line break when chanting in the style of the standardized Forest Sangha version. When chanting in the Wat Marp Jan style, the  $\frac{1}{1}$  can be disregarded.

<sup>#</sup> Sayings from the Dhammapada, Jātakas, and other sources.

# Ime sakkāre duggata-paṇṇākāra-bhūte paṭiggaṇhātu

May these simple offerings be accepted

#### Amhākam dīgha-rattam hitāya sukhāya.

For our long-lasting benefit and for the happiness it gives us.

#### (Araham) sammāsambuddho bhagavā,

The Lord, the Perfectly Enlightened and Blessed One—

#### Buddham bhagavantam abhivademi.

I render homage to the Buddha, the Blessed One. (Bow)

#### (Svākkhāto) bhagavatā dhammo,

The Teaching so completely explained by him— Dhammam namassāmi.

I bow to the Dhamma. (Bow)

#### (Supațipanno) bhagavato sāvaka-saṅgho,

The Blessed One's disciples who have practised well—

#### Sangham namāmi.

I bow to the Sangha. (Bow)

# **Preliminary Homage**

(Handa mayam buddhassa bhagavato pubbabhāga-namakāram karoma se.)

[Now let us pay preliminary homage to the Buddha.]

Namo tassa bhagavato » \*

Homage to the Blessed, »

Arahato »

Noble, »

Sammāsambuddhassa.

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And Perfectly Enlightened One.

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<sup>\*</sup> A double arrow (**»**) indicates a continuation when chanting in the style of the standardized Forest Sangha version. When chanting in the Wat Marp Jan style, the **»** can be disregarded.

### **MORNING CHANTING**

# Homage to the Buddha

(Handa mayam buddhābhithutim karoma se.)

[Now let us chant in praise of the Buddha.]

#### Yo so tathāgato »

The Tathagata »

#### Araham »

Is the Pure One, »

#### Sammāsambuddho,

The Perfectly Enlightened One;

#### Vijjācaraņa-sampanno

He is impeccable in conduct and understanding

#### Sugato

The Accomplished One

#### Lokavidū,

The Knower of the Worlds;

#### Anuttaro purisadamma-sārathi

He trains perfectly those who wish to be trained

#### Satthā deva-manussānam

He is Teacher of gods and humans

#### Buddho »

He is Awake »

#### Bhagavā.

And Holy.

Yo imam lokam sadevakam samārakam sabrahmakam, ¦ sassamaņa-brāhmaņim pajam sadeva-manussam sayam abhiññā sacchikatvā pavedesi.

In this world with its gods, demons and kind spirits, its seekers and sages, celestial and human beings, he has by deep insight revealed the Truth.

#### Yo dhammam desesi »

He has pointed out the Dhamma: »

#### Ādi-kalyāņam »

Beautiful in the beginning, »

#### Majjhe-kalyāṇaṃ »

Beautiful in the middle, »

#### Pariyosāna-kalyāṇaṃ,

Beautiful in the end.

Sāttham sabyañjanam kevala-paripuṇṇam parisuddham brahma-cariyam pakāsesi.

He has explained the Spîrîtual Life of complete purity in its essence and conventions.

Tamaham bhagavantam abhipūjayāmi »

I chant my praise to the Blessed One, »

Tamaham bhagavantam sirasā namāmi.

I bow my head to the Blessed One. (Bow)

### Homage to the Dhamma

#### (Handa mayam dhammābhithutim karoma se.)

[Now let us chant in praise of the Dhamma.]

#### Yo so svākkhāto bhagavatā dhammo,

The Dhamma is well-expounded by the Blessed One,

#### Sandiţţhiko

Apparent here and now,

#### Akāliko

Timeless,

#### Ehipassiko,

Encouraging investigation,

#### **Opanayiko**

Leading inwards,

#### Paccattam veditabbo viññūhi.

To be experienced individually by the wise.

#### Tamaham dhammam abhipūjayāmi »

I chant my praise to this Teaching, »

#### Tamaham dhammam sirasā namāmi.

I bow my head to this Truth. (Bow)

# Homage to the Sangha

(Handa mayam sanghābhithutim karoma se.)

[Now let us chant in praise of the Sangha.]

Yo so supațipanno bhagavato sāvaka-sangho,

They are the Blessed One's disciples, who have practised well,

Ujupațipanno bhagavato sāvaka-sangho,

Who have practised directly,

Ñayapaṭipanno bhagavato savaka-sangho,

Who have practised insightfully,

Sāmīcipaţipanno bhagavato sāvaka-sangho,

Those who practise with integrity—

Yadidam »

That is »

Cattāri purisayugāni attha purisapuggalā,

The four pairs\*, the eight kinds of noble beings—

Esa bhagavato sāvaka-saṅgho,

These are the Blessed One's disciples.

Āhuneyyo

Such ones are worthy of gifts,

<sup>(\*)</sup> The four pairs: Path of Stream-Entry—Fruit of Stream-Entry; Path of Once-Return—Fruit of Once-Return; Path of Non-Return—Fruit of Non Return; Path of Arahantship—Fruit of Arahantship.

#### Pāhuneyyo

Worthy of hospitality,

#### Dakkhineyyo

Worthy of offerings,

#### Añjali-karaṇīyo,

Worthy of respect;

#### Anuttaram puññakkhettam lokassa.

They give occasion for incomparable goodness to arise in the world.

#### Tamaham sangham abhipujayami »

I chant my praise to this Sangha, »

#### Tamaham sangham sirasā namāmi.

I bow my head to this Sangha.

(Bow)



# Salutation of the Triple Gem

(Handa mayam ratanattayappaṇāmagāthāyo ceva saṃvega-parikittanapāṭhañca bhaṇāma se.)

[Now let us chant our salutation to the Triple Gem and a passage to arouse urgency.]

#### Buddho susuddho karuṇāmahaṇṇavo

The Buddha, absolutely pure, with ocean-like compassion,

#### Yoccanta-suddhabbara-ñāṇa-locano

Possessing the clear sight of wisdom,

#### Lokassa pāpūpakilesa-ghātako

Destroyer of worldly self-corruption

#### Vandāmi buddham ahamādarena tam.

Devotedly indeed, that Buddha Î revere.

#### Dhammo padīpo viya tassa satthuno

The Teaching of the Lord, like a lamp,

#### Yo maggapākāmata-bheda-bhinnako

Illuminating the Path and its Fruit: the Deathless,

#### Lokuttaro yo ca tadattha-dīpano

That which is beyond the conditioned world -

#### Vandāmi dhammam ahamādarena tam.

Devotedly indeed, that Dhamma I revere.

#### Sangho sukhettābhyati-khetta-sannito

The Sangha, the most fertile ground for cultivation,

#### Yo ditthasanto sugatānubodhako

Those who have realised peace, awakened after the Accomplished One,

#### Lolappahīno ariyo sumedhaso

Noble and wise, all longing abandoned— Vandāmi saṅgham ahamādarena tam.

Devotedly indeed, that Sangha Î revere.

Iccevam-ekantabhipūja-neyyakam, vatthuttayam vandayatābhisankhatam, ¦ Puññam mayā yam mama sabbupaddavā mā hontu ve tassa pabhāvasiddhiyā.

This salutation should be made to that which is worthy.

Through the power of such good action, may all obstacles disappear.

#### (A Passage to Arouse Urgency)

#### Idha tathāgato loke uppanno »

One who knows things as they are has come into this world; »

#### Araham sammāsambuddho,

And he is an Arahant, a perfectly Awakened being.

#### Dhammo ca desito niyyāniko »

Purifying the way leading out of delusion, »

#### Upasamiko parinibbāniko »

Calming and directing to perfect peace, »

#### Sambodhagāmī sugatappavedito.

And leading to enlightenment—this Way he has made known.

#### Mayantam dhammam sutvā evam jānāma,

Having heard the Teaching, we know this:

#### Jātipi dukkhā

Birth is dukkha

#### Jarāpi dukkhā

Ageing is dukkha

#### Maranampi dukkham,

And death is dukkha;

# Soka-parideva-dukkha-domanassupāyāsāpi dukkhā,

Sorrow, lamentation, pain, grief and despair are dukkha;

#### Appiyehi sampayogo dukkho

Association with the disliked is dukkha;

#### Piyehi vippayogo dukkho

Separation from the liked is dukkha;

#### Yampiccham na labhati tampi dukkham.

Not attaining one's wishes is dukkha.

#### Sankhittena pancupādānakkhandhā dukkhā.

In brief, the five focuses of identity are dukkha.

#### Seyyathīdam.

These are as follows:

#### Rūpūpādānakkhandho,

Attachment to form,

#### Vedanūpādānakkhandho,

Attachment to feeling,

#### Saññūpādānakkhandho,

Attachment to perception,

#### Sankhārūpādānakkhandho,

Attachment to mental formations,

#### Viññāṇūpādānakkhandho,

Attachment to sense-consciousness.

#### Yesam pariññāya,

For the complete understanding of this,

#### Dharamāno so bhagavā »

The Blessed One, in his lifetime »

#### Evam bahulam sāvake vineti.

Frequently instructed his disciples in just this way.

# Evam bhāgā ca panassa bhagavato sāvakesu anusāsanī, bahulā pavattati.

In addition, he further instructed:

#### Rūpam aniccam,

Form is impermanent,

#### Vedanā aniccā,

Feeling is impermanent,

#### Saññā aniccā,

Perception is impermanent,

#### Sankhārā aniccā,

Mental formations are impermanent,

#### Viññāṇam aniccam,

Sense-consciousness is impermanent;

#### Rūpam anattā,

Form is not-self,

#### Vedanā anattā,

Feeling is not-self,

Saññā anattā,

Perception is not-self,

Sankhārā anattā,

Mental formations are not-self,

Viññāṇam anattā,

Sense-consciousness is not-self;

Sabbe sankhārā aniccā.

All conditions are transient,

Sabbe dhammā anattā'ti.

There is no self in the created or the uncreated.

Te (Tā\*) mayam otiņņāmha »

All of us »

Jātiyā »

Are bound by birth, »

Jarā-maraņena,

Ageing and death,

Sokehi paridevehi dukkhehi domanassehi upāyāsehi,

By sorrow, lamentation, pain, grief and despair,

Dukkhotiņņā »

Bound by dukkha »

Dukkhaparetā,

And obstructed by dukkha.

<sup>\*</sup>Women chant the word in brackets instead

Appevanāmimassa kevalassa dukkhakkhandhassa antakiriyā paññāyethā'ti.

Let us all aspire to complete freedom from suffering.

#### (Chanted only by monastics:)

# Ciraparinibbutampi tam bhagavantam uddissa arahantam sammā-sambuddham,

Remembering the Blessed One, the Noble Lord and Perfectly Enlightened One, who long ago attained Parinibbāna.

#### Saddhā agārasmā anagāriyam pabbajitā,

We have gone forth with faith from home to homelessness,

#### Tasmim bhagavati brahmacariyam carāma,

And like the Blessed One, we practise the Holy Life,

### Bhikkhūnam (sāmaņerānam) sikkhāsājīvasamāpannā.

Being fully equipped with the bhikkhus' (novices') system of training.

Taṃ no brahma-cariyaṃ, imassa kevalassa dukkhakkhandhassa antakiriyāya saṃvattatu.

May this Holy Life lead us to the end of this whole mass of suffering.

#### (Chanted by laypeople:)

Ciraparinibbutampi tam bhagavantam saraṇam gatā,

The Blessed One, who long ago attained Parinibbana is our refuge.

Dhammañca sanghañca,

So too are the Dhamma and the Sangha.

Tassa bhagavato sāsanam, yathāsati yathābalam manasikaroma, anupaṭipajjāma,

Attentively we follow the pathway of that Blessed One, with all of our mindfulness and strength.

Sā sā no paṭipatti,

May then the cultivation of this practice Imassa kevalassa dukkhakkhandhassa antakiriyaya samvattatu.

Lead us to the end of every kind of suffering.

(end of Morning Chanting)



# Taṅkhaṇikapaccavekkhaṇapāṭha

(Handa mayam tankhanikapaccavekkhanapāṭham bhanāma se.)

Pațisankhā yoniso cīvaram pațisevāmi, »

Wisely reflecting, I use the robe: »

Yāvadeva sītassa paţighātāya, »

Only to ward off cold, »

Uņhassa paţighātāya, »

To ward off heat, »

Daṃsa-makasa-vātātapa-siriṃsapa-

samphassānam paţighātāya, »

To ward off the touch of flies, mosquitoes, wind, burning and creeping things, »

Yāvadeva hirikopina-paṭicchādanatthaṃ.

Only for the sake of modesty.

Pațisankhā yoniso pindapātam pațisevāmi, »

Wisely reflecting, I use almsfood: »

Neva davāya »

Not for fun, »

Na madāya »

Not for pleasure, »

Na maṇḍanāya »

Not for fattening, »

#### Na vibhūsanāya, »

Not for beautification, »

### Yāvadeva imassa kāyassa thitiyā »

Only for the maintenance and nourishment of this body, »

#### Yāpanāya »

For keeping it healthy, »

### Vihimsuparatiyā »

For helping »

### Brahmacariyānuggahāya, »

With the Holy Life; »

## Iti purāṇañca vedanam paṭihaṅkhāmi »

Thinking thus, 'I will allay hunger »

## Navañca vedanam na uppādessāmi, »

Without overeating, »

# Yātrā ca me bhavissati anavajjatā ca phāsuvihāro cā'ti.

So that I may continue to live blamelessly and at ease.'

## Pațisankhā yoniso senāsanam pațisevāmi, »

Wisely reflecting, I use the lodging: »

## Yāvadeva sītassa paṭighātāya, »

Only to ward off cold, »

#### Unhassa paţighātāya, »

To ward off heat, »

Damsa-makasa-vātātapa-sirimsapasamphassānam paṭighātāya, »

To ward off the touch of flies, mosquitoes, wind, burning and creeping things, »

Yāvadeva utuparissaya-vinodanam paṭisallānārāmattham.

Only to remove the danger from weather, and for living in seclusion.

Paṭisaṅkhā yoniso gilāna-paccaya-bhesajja parikkhāraṃ paṭisevāmi, »

Wisely reflecting, I use supports for the sick and medicinal requisites: »

Yāvadeva uppannānam veyyābādhikānam vedanānam paṭighātāya, »

Only to ward off painful feelings that have arisen, »

Abyāpajjha-paramatāyā'ti.

For the maximum freedom from disease.



## Dhātu-paccavekkhaṇa-pāṭha

Reflection on the Off-Putting

Qualities of Requisites

[Handa mayaṃ dhātu-paccavekkhaṇapāṭhaṃ bhaṇāma se.]

## Yathā-paccayam pavattamānam dhātu-mattamev'etam

Composed of only elements according to causes and conditions

## Yadidam cīvaram. Tadupabhuñjako ca puggalo

Are these robes and so is the person wearing them;

#### Dhātu-mattako

Merely elements,

#### **Nissatto**

Not a being,

#### Nijjīvo

Without a soul

#### Suñño.

And empty of self.

### Sabbāni pana imāni cīvarāni ajigucchanīyāni,

None of these robes are innately repulsive

### Imam pūti-kāyam patvā

But touching this unclean body

## Ativiya jigucchanīyāni jāyanti.

They become disgusting indeed.

## Yathā-paccayam pavattamānam dhātu-mattamev'etam

Composed of only elements according to causes and conditions

## Yadidam piṇḍapāto. Tadupabhuñjako ca puggalo

Is this almsfood and so is the person eating it

#### Dhātu-mattako

Merely elements,

#### **Nissatto**

Not a being,

#### Nijjīvo

Without a soul

#### Suñño.

And empty of self.

## Sabbo panāyam piņdapāto ajigucchanīyo,

None of this almsfood is innately repulsive

#### Imam pūti-kāyam patvā

But touching this unclean body

### Ativiya jigucchanīyo jāyati.

It becomes disgusting indeed.

Yathā-paccayam pavattamānam dhātumattam-ev'etam

Composed of only elements according to causes and conditions

Yadidaṃ senāsanaṃ. Tadupabhuñjako ca puggalo

Is this dwelling and so is the person using it;

Dhātu-mattako

Merely elements,

**Nissatto** 

Not a being,

Nijjīvo

Without a soul

Suñño.

And empty of self.

Sabbāni pana imāni senāsanāni ajigucchanīyāni,

None of these dwellings are innately repulsive

Imam pūti-kāyam patvā

But touching this unclean body

Ativiya jigucchanīyāni jāyanti.

They become disgusting indeed.

## Yathā-paccayam pavattamānam dhātumattam-ev'etam

Composed of only elements according to causes and conditions

## Yadidam gilāna-paccaya-bhesajjaparikkhāro. Tadupabhuñjako ca puggalo

Is this medicinal requisite and so is the person that takes it;

#### Dhātu-mattako

Merely elements,

#### **Nissatto**

Not a being,

#### Nijjīvo

Without a soul

#### Suñño.

And empty of self.

## Sabbo panāyam gilāna-paccaya-bhesajjaparikkhāro ajigucchanīyo,

None of this medicinal requisite is innately repulsive

#### Imam pūti-kāyam patvā

But touching this unclean body

## Ativiya jigucchanīyo jāyati.

It becomes disgusting indeed.

## Sabbapatti-dāna-gāthā

Verses on the Sharing of Merits (Handa mayaṃ sabbapatti-dāna-gāthāyo bhaṇāma se.)

Puññass'idāni katassa yān'aññāni katāni me, tesañ-ca bhāgino hontu sattānantāppamāṇakā.

May whatever living beings,
Without measure without end
Partake of all the merit
From the good deeds Î have done:

Ye piyā guṇavantā ca mayham mātā-pitā-dayo, diṭṭhā me cāpy-adiṭṭhā vā aññe majjhatta-verino.

Those loved and full of goodness,
My mother and my father dear,
Beings seen by me and those unseen,
Those neutral and averse,

Sattā tiṭṭhanti lokasmiṃ te bhummā catu-yonikā, pañc'eka-catu-vokārā saṃsarantā bhavābhave.

Beings established in the world,
From the three planes and four grounds of birth,
With five aggregates or one or four,
Wand'ring on from realm to realm,

Ñātaṃ ye patti-dānam-me anumodantu te sayaṃ, ye c'imaṃ nappajānanti devā tesaṃ nivedayuṃ.

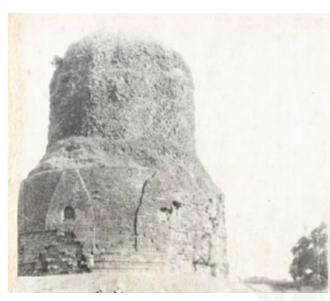
Those who know my act of dedication,
May they all rejoice in it
And as for those yet unaware,
May the devas let them know.

Mayā dinnāna puññānam anumodana-hetunā, sabbe sattā sadā hontu averā sukha-jīvino, khemappadañ-ca pappontu tesāsā sijjhatam subhā.

By rejoicing in my sharing
May all beings live at ease,
In freedom from hostility,
May their good wishes be fulfilled
And may they all reach safety.











Old Photographs of the Four Buddhist Holy Sites

## **EVENING CHANTING\***

(Begin by chanting the same Dedication of Offerings and Preliminary Homage as in Morning Chanting on page 1.)

## Recollection of the Buddha

## (Handa mayam buddhānussatinayam karoma se.)

[Now let us chant the recollection of the Buddha.]

# Taṃ kho pana bhagavantaṃ evaṃ kalyāṇo kittisaddo abbhuggato,

A good word of the Blessed One's reputation has spread as follows:

## Itipi so bhagavā »

He, the Blessed One, »

#### Araham »

Is indeed the Pure One, »

#### Sammāsambuddho,

The Perfectly Enlightened One;

### Vijjācaraņa-sampanno

He is impeccable in conduct and understanding,

#### Sugato

The Accomplished One,

<sup>\*</sup> If chanting in the standardized Forest Sangha version, either chant only the Pali or English in full.

#### Lokavidū,

The Knower of the Worlds;

## Anuttaro purisadamma-sārathi

He trains perfectly those who wish to be trained;

## Satthā deva-manussānam

He is Teacher of gods and humans;

#### Buddho »

He is Awake »

#### Bhagavā'ti.

And Holy.



## Supreme Praise of the Buddha

(Handa mayam buddhābhigītim karoma se.)

[Now let us chant the supreme praise of the Buddha.]

### Buddh'vārahanta-varatādiguņābhiyutto

The Buddha, the truly worthy one, endowed with such excellent qualities,

### Suddhābhiñāṇa-karuṇāhi samāgatatto

Whose being is composed of purity, transcendental wisdom and compassion,

### Bodhesi yo sujanatam kamalam va sūro

Who has enlightened the wise like the sun awakening the lotus—

## Vandāmahaṃ tamaraṇaṃ sirasā jinendaṃ.

I bow my head to that peaceful chief of conquerors.

## Buddho yo sabbapāṇīnaṃ saraṇaṃ khemamuttamaṃ

The Buddha, who is the safe, secure refuge of all beings—

## Paṭhamānussatiṭṭhānaṃ vandāmi taṃ sirenahaṃ

As the first object of recollection, I venerate him with bowed head.

## Buddhassāhasmi dāso (dāsī\*) va, buddho me sāmikissaro

I am indeed the Buddha's servant, the Buddha is my Lord and Guide.

## Buddho dukkhassa ghātā ca vidhātā ca hitassa me

The Buddha is sorrow's destroyer, who bestows blessings on me.

## Buddhassāham niyyādemi sarīrañjīvitañcidam

To the Buddha I dedicate this body and life, Vandantoham (vandantīham\*) carissāmi, buddhasseva subodhitam

And in devotion I will walk the Buddha's Path of Awakening.

# Natthi me saraṇaṃ aññaṃ, buddho me saraṇaṃ varaṃ

For me there is no other refuge, the Buddha is my excellent refuge.

# Etena saccavajjena, vaddheyyam satthu sāsane

By the utterance of this truth may I grow in the Master's Way.

<sup>\*</sup>Women chant the word in brackets instead

## Buddham me vandamānena (vandamānāya\*), yam puññam pasutam idha

By my devotion to the Buddha, and the blessing of this practice—

#### Sabbepi antarāyā me, māhesum tassa tejasā.

By its power, may all obstacles be overcome.

(Chant while in the bowing posture)

## Kāyena vācāya va cetasā vā

By body, speech or mind,

## Buddhe kukammam pakatam mayā yam,

For whatever wrong action I have committed towards the Buddha,

## Buddho paṭiggaṇhatu accayantaṃ

May my acknowledgement of fault be accepted,

#### Kālantare samvaritum va buddhe.

That in future there may be restraint regarding the Buddha.

<sup>\*</sup>Women chant the word in brackets instead

## Recollection of the Dhamma

(Handa mayam dhammānussatinayam karoma se.)

[Now let us chant the recollection of the Dhamma.]

#### Svākkhāto bhagavatā dhammo,

The Dhamma is well-expounded by the Blessed One,

#### Sanditthiko,

Apparent here and now,

#### Akāliko,

Timeless,

#### Ehipassiko,

Encouraging investigation,

#### Opanayiko,

Leading inwards,

#### Paccattam veditabbo viññūhī'ti.

To be experienced individually by the wise.





# Supreme Praise of the Dhamma

(Handa mayam dhammābhigītim karoma se.)

[Now let us chant the supreme praise of the Dhamma.]

Svākkhātatādiguņa-yoga-vasena seyyo

It is excellent because it is 'well-expounded',

Yo maggapāka-pariyatti-vimokkha-bhedo

And it can be divided into Path and Fruit, Learning and Liberation.

Dhammo kuloka-patanā tada-dhāri-dhārī

The Dhamma holds those who uphold it from falling into delusion.

Vandāmaham tamaharam varadhammametam.

I revere the excellent Teaching, that which removes darkness—

Dhammo yo sabbapāṇīnaṃ saraṇaṃ

khemamuttamam

The Dhamma, which is the supreme, secure refuge of all beings—

Dutiyānussatiţţhānam vandāmi tam sirenaham

As the second object of recollection, I venerate it with bowed head.

## Dhammassāhasmi dāso (dāsī\*) va, dhammo me sāmikissaro

I am indeed the Dhamma's servant, the Dhamma is my Lord and Guide.

## Dhammo dukkhassa ghātā ca vidhātā ca hitassa me

The Dhamma is sorrow's destroyer and it bestows blessings on me.

## Dhammassāham niyyādemi sarīrañjīvitañcidam

To the Dhamma I dedicate this body and life Vandantoham (vandantīham\*) carissāmi, dhammasseva sudhammatam

And in devotion I will walk this excellent way of Truth.

# Natthi me saraṇaṃ aññaṃ, dhammo me saraṇaṃ varaṃ

For me there is no other refuge, the Dhamma is my excellent refuge.

# Etena saccavajjena, vaḍḍheyyaṃ satthu sāsane

By the utterance of this truth may I grow in the Master's Way.

<sup>\*</sup>Women chant the word in brackets instead

## Dhammam me vandamānena (vandamānāya\*), yam puññam pasutam idha

By my devotion to the Dhamma, and the blessing of this practice—

### Sabbepi antarāyā me, māhesum tassa tejasā.

By its power, may all obstacles be overcome.

(Chant while in the bowing posture)

### Kāyena vācāya va cetasā vā

By body, speech or mind,

#### Dhamme kukammam pakatam mayā yam,

For whatever wrong action I have committed towards the Dhamma,

## Dhammo pațigganhatu accayantam

May my acknowledgement of fault be accepted,

#### Kālantare samvaritum va dhamme.

That in future there may be restraint regarding the Dhamma.

<sup>\*</sup>Women chant the word in brackets instead

## Recollection of the Sangha

(Handa mayam sanghānussatinayam karoma se.)

[Now let us chant the recollection of the Sangha.]

### Supațipanno bhagavato sāvaka-sangho,

They are the Blessed One's disciples who have practised well,

## Ujupațipanno bhagavato sāvaka-sangho,

Who have practised directly,

## Ñāyapaṭipanno bhagavato sāvaka-saṅgho,

Who have practised insightfully,

### Sāmīcipaṭipanno bhagavato sāvaka-saṅgho,

Those who practise with integrity—

#### Yadidam »

That is »

#### Cattāri purisayugāni attha purisapuggalā,

The four pairs, the eight kinds of noble beings-

## Esa bhagavato sāvaka-saṅgho,

These are the Blessed One's disciples.

## Āhuneyyo

Such ones are worthy of gifts,

#### Pāhuneyyo

Worthy of hospitality,

## Dakkhineyyo

Worthy of offerings,

Añjali-karaṇīyo,

Worthy of respect;

Anuttaram puññakkhettam lokassā'ti.

They give occasion for incomparable goodness to arise in the world.



## Supreme Praise of the Sangha

(Handa mayam sanghābhigītim karoma se.)

[Now let us chant the supreme praise of the Sangha.]

### Saddhammajo supațipattiguņādiyutto

Born of the Dhâmma, that Sangha which has practised well,

## Yoṭṭhabbidho ariyapuggala-saṅghaseṭṭho

The field of the Sangha formed of eight kinds of noble beings,

### Sīlādidhamma-pavarāsaya-kāya-citto

Guided in body and mind by excellent morality and virtue.

# Vandāmahaṃ tamariyāna gaṇaṃ susuddham.

I revere that assembly of noble beings perfected in purity.

## Saṅgho yo sabbapāṇīnaṃ saraṇaṃ

khemamuttamam

The Sangha, which is the supreme, secure refuge of all beings—

# Tatiyānussatiṭṭhānaṃ vandāmi taṃ sirenahaṃ

As the third object of recollection, I venerate it with bowed head.

## Saṅghassāhasmi dāso (dāsī\*) va, saṅgho me sāmikissaro

I am indeed the Sangha's servant, the Sangha is my Lord and Guide.

## Saṅgho dukkhassa ghātā ca vidhātā ca hitassa me

The Sangha is sorrow's destroyer and it bestows blessings on me.

## Saṅghassāhaṃ niyyādemi sarīrañjīvitañcidaṃ

To the Sangha I dedicate this body and life, Vandantoham (vandantīham\*) carissāmi, saṅghasso-paṭipannatam

And in devotion I will walk the well-practised way of the Sangha.

## Natthi me saraṇaṃ aññaṃ, saṅgho me saraṇaṃ varaṃ

For me there is no other refuge, the Sangha is my excellent refuge.

## Etena saccavajjena, vaddheyyam satthu sāsane

By the utterance of this truth may I grow in the Master's Way.

<sup>\*</sup>Women chant the word in brackets instead

Saṅghaṃ me vandamānena (vandamānāya\*), yaṃ puññaṃ pasutaṃ idha

By my devotion to the Sangha, and the blessing of this practice—

Sabbepi antarāyā me, māhesum tassa tejasā.

By its power, may all obstacles be overcome.

(Chant while in the bowing posture)

Kāyena vācāya va cetasā vā

By body, speech or mind,

Sanghe kukammam pakatam mayā yam,

For whatever wrong action I have committed towards the Sangha,

Sangho pațigganhatu accayantam

May my acknowledgement of fault be accepted,

Kālantare samvaritum va sanghe.

That in future there may be restraint regarding the Sangha.

(end of Evening Chanting)

<sup>\*</sup>Women chant the word in brackets instead

## Atītapaccavekkhaņa-pātha

Reflection After Using the Requisites (Handa mayam atītapaccavekkhaṇapāṭham bhaṇāma se.)

Ajja mayā apaccavekkhitvā yam cīvaram paribhuttam, »

Whatever robe I used today without wisely reflecting, »

Tam yāvadeva sītassa paţighātāya, »

Was only to ward off cold, »

Uņhassa paţighātāya, »

To ward off heat, »

Daṃsa-makasa-vātātapa-siriṃsapasamphassānaṃ paṭighātāya, »

To ward off the touch of flies, mosquitoes, wind, burning and creeping things, »

Yāvadeva hirikopina-paṭicchādanattham.

Only for the sake of modesty.

Ajja mayā apaccavekkhitvā yo piṇḍapāto paribhutto, »

Whatever alms food I used today without wisely reflecting, »

So neva davāya »

Was not for fun, »

#### Na madāya »

Not for pleasure, »

### Na maṇḍanāya »

Not for fattening, »

#### Na vibhūsanāya, »

Not for beautification, »

### Yāvadeva imassa kāyassa thitiyā »

Only for the maintenance and nourishment of this body, »

#### Yāpanāya »

For keeping it healthy, »

#### Vihimsuparatiyā »

For helping »

### Brahmacariyānuggahāya, »

With the Holy Life; »

### Iti purāņañca vedanam paţihankhāmi »

Thinking thus, 'I will allay hunger »

## Navañca vedanam na uppādessāmi, »

Without overeating, »

# Yātrā ca me bhavissati anavajjatā ca phāsuvihāro cā'ti.

So that I may continue to live blamelessly and at ease.'

# Ajja mayā apaccavekkhitvā yam senāsanam paribhuttam, »

Whatever lodging I used today without wisely reflecting »

## Tam yāvadeva sītassa paţighātāya, »

Was only to ward off cold, »

## Uņhassa paţighātāya, »

To ward off heat, »

## Daṃsa-makasa-vātātapa-siriṃsapa-

### samphassānam paţighātāya, »

To ward off the touch of flies, mosquitoes, wind, burning and creeping things, »

# Yāvadeva utuparissaya-vinodanam paṭisallānārāmattham.

Only to remove the danger from weather, and for living in seclusion.

## Ajja mayā apaccavekkhitvā yo gilāna-paccayabhesajja-parikkhāro paribhutto, »

Whatever supports for the sick and medicinal requisites I used today without wisely reflecting, »

# So yāvadeva uppannānam veyyābādhikānam vedanānam paṭighātāya, »

Was only to ward off painful feelings that have arisen, »

## Abyāpajjha-paramatāyā'ti.

For the maximum freedom from disease.



## Pabbajita-abhinhapaccavekkhana-pāṭha

Ten Subjects for Frequent Recollection by One who
has Gone Forth
(Handa mayam pabbajita-abhinha-paccavekkhanapāṭham bhanāma se.)

#### Dasa ime bhikkhave dhammā »

Bhikkhus, there are ten dhammas »

## Pabbajitena abhinham paccavekkhitabbā. »

Which should be reflected upon again and again by one who has gone forth. »

#### Katame dasa?

What are these ten?

Vevaņņiyamhi ajjhūpagato'ti, pabbajitena abhiņham paccavekkhitabbam.

'I am no longer living according to worldly aims and values.' This should be reflected upon again and again by one who has gone forth.

Parapațibaddhā me jīvikā'ti, pabbajitena abhiņham paccavekkhitabbam.

'My very life is sustained through the gifts of others.' This should be reflected upon again and again by one who has gone forth.

Añño me ākappo karaņīyo'ti, pabbajitena abhiņham paccavekkhitabbam.

'I should strive to abandon my former habits.'
This should be reflected upon again and again by one who has gone forth.

Kacci nu kho me attā sīlato na upavadatī'ti, pabbajitena abhiņham paccavekkhitabbam.

'Does regret over my conduct arise in my mind?' This should be reflected upon again and again by one who has gone forth.

Kacci nu kho mam anuvicca viññū, sabrahmacārī sīlato na upavadantī'ti, pabbajitena abhinham paccavekkhitabbam.

'Could my spiritual companions find fault with my conduct?' This should be reflected upon again and again by one who has gone forth.

Sabbehi me piyehi manāpehi, nānābhāvo vinābhāvo'ti, pabbajitena abhiņham paccavekkhitabbam.

'All that is mine, beloved and pleasing, will become otherwise, will become separated from me.' This should be reflected upon again and again by one who has gone forth.

Kammassakomhi kammadāyādo, kammayoni kammabandhu kammapaṭisaraṇo, yaṃ kammaṃ karissāmi, kalyāṇaṃ vā pāpakaṃ vā, tassa dāyādo bhavissāmī'ti, pabbajitena abhiṇhaṃ paccavekkhitabbaṃ.

'I am the owner of my kamma, heir to my kamma, born of my kamma, related to my kamma, abide supported by my kamma; whatever kamma I shall do, for good or for ill, of that I will be the heir.' This should be reflected upon again and again by one who has gone forth.

Kathambhūtassa me rattindivā vītipatantī'ti, pabbajitena abhiņham paccavekkhitabbam.

'The days and nights are relentlessly passing; how well am I spending my time?' This should be reflected upon again and again by one who has gone forth.

Kacci nu khoham suññāgāre abhiramāmī'ti, pabbajitena abhinham paccavekkhitabbam.

'Do I delight in solitude or not?' This should be reflected upon again and again by one who has gone forth.

Atthi nu kho me uttari-manussa-dhammā, alamariya-ñāṇa-dassana-viseso adhigato, sohaṃ pacchime kāle sabrahmacārīhi, puṭṭho na maṅku bhavissāmī'ti, pabbajitena abhiṇhaṃ paccavekkhitabbaṃ.

'Has my practice borne fruit with freedom or insight so that at the end of my life I need not feel ashamed when questioned by my spiritual companions?' This should be reflected upon again and again by one who has gone forth.

Ime kho bhikkhave dasa dhammā »

Bhikkhus, these are the ten dhammas »

Pabbajitena abhinham paccavekkhitabbā

To be reflected upon again and again by one who has gone forth.

§ Iti.

§ And so it is.

 $<sup>\</sup>S$  indicates the lines are not chanted when chanting in the standardized Forest Sangha version.

## Uddissanādhitthāna-gāthā

## Verses of Sharing and Aspiration (Handa mayaṃ uddissanādhiṭṭhāna-gāthāyo bhanāma se.)

[Now let us chant the verses of sharing and aspiration.]

#### Iminā puññakammena »

Through the goodness that arises from my practice,

## Upajjhāyā guņuttarā

May my spiritual teachers »

## Ācariyūpakārā ca »

And guides of great virtue,

## Mātāpitā ca ñātakā

My mother, my father, and my relatives,

## Suriyo candimā rājā »

The Sun and the Moon, »

### Guṇavantā narāpi ca

And all virtuous leaders of the world,

#### Brahma-mārā ca indā ca »

May the highest gods and evil forces;

## Lokapālā ca devatā

Celestial beings, guardian spirits of the Earth, »

#### Yamo mittā manussā ca »

And the Lord of Death; | May those who are friendly, »

## Majjhattā verikāpi ca

Indifferent or hostile;

#### Sabbe sattā sukhī hontu

## Puññāni pakatāni me

May all beings receive the blessings of my life.

### Sukham ca tividham dentu »

May they soon attain the threefold bliss »

## Khippam pāpetha vomatam

And realise the Deathless.

## Iminā puññakammena »

Through the goodness that arises from my practice,

#### Iminā uddisena ca

And through this act of sharing,

## Khippāham sulabhe ceva

## Tanhupādāna-chedanam

May all desires and attachments quickly cease

#### Ye santāne hinā dhammā »

And all harmful states of mind.

#### Yāva nibbānato mamam

Until I realise Nibbāna,

#### Nassantu sabbadā yeva

### Yattha jāto bhave bhave

In every kind of birth, may I have an upright mind,

### Ujucittam sati-paññā »

With mindfulness and wisdom, »

## Sallekho viriyamhinā

Austerity and vigour.

## Mārā labhantu nokāsam »

May the forces of delusion not take hold »

## Kātuñca viriyesu me

Nor weaken my resolve.

## Buddhādipavaro nātho »

The Buddha is my excellent refuge,

#### Dhammo nātho varuttamo

Unsurpassed is the protection of the Dhamma,

## Nātho paccekabuddho ca »

The Solitary Buddha is my noble guide,

## Sangho nāthottaro mamam

The Sangha is my supreme support.

#### Tesottamānubhāvena »

Through the supreme power of all these,

## Mārokāsam labhantu mā

May darkness and delusion be dispelled.

### § Dasapuññānubhāvena »

§ By the power of the ten merits\*,

### § Mārokāsam labhantu mā.

§ May Māra gain no opening.



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- (\*) Puññakiriyā-vatthu: Bases of meritorious action
- 1. Dānamaya: meritorious action based in generosity; merit acquired by giving
- 2. Sīlamaya: by observing the precepts or moral behaviour
- 3. Bhāvanāmaya: by mental development or meditation
- 4. Apacāyanamaya: by humility or reverence
- 5. Veyyāvaccamaya: by rendering services
- 6. Pattidānamaya: by sharing or giving out merit
- 7. Pattānumodanāmaya: by rejoicing in others' merit
- 8. Dhammassavanamaya: by listening to the Doctrine or right teaching
- 9. Dhammadesanāmaya: by teaching the Doctrine or showing truth
- 10. Diṭṭhujukamma: by straightening one's views or forming correct views

# Reflections on Universal Well-Being

(Handa mayam mettāpharanam karoma se.)

[Now let us chant the reflections on universal well-being.]

Aham sukhito homi, »

May I abide in well-being, »

Niddukkho homi, »

In freedom from affliction, »

Avero homi, »

In freedom from hostility, »

Abyāpajjho homi, »

In freedom from ill-will, »

Anīgho homi, »

In freedom from anxiety, »

Sukhī attānam pariharāmi.

And may I maintain well-being in myself.

Sabbe sattā sukhitā hontu, »

May everyone abide in well-being, »

Sabbe sattā averā hontu, »

In freedom from hostility, »

Sabbe sattā abyāpajjhā hontu, »

In freedom from ill-will, »

## Sabbe sattā anīghā hontu, »

In freedom from anxiety, »

## Sabbe sattā sukhī attānam pariharantu.

And may they maintain well-being in themselves.

## Sabbe sattā sabbadukkhā pamuñcantu.

May all beings be released from all suffering, Sabbe sattā laddha-sampattito mā vigacchantu.

And may they not be parted from the good fortune they have attained.

# Sabbe sattā kammassakā kammadāyādā kammayonī kammabandhū kammapaṭisaraṇā.

When they act upon intention, all beings are the owners of their action and inherit its results. Their future is born from such action, companion to such action, and its results will be their home.

# Yam kammam karissanti, kalyāņam vā pāpakam vā, tassa dāyādā bhavissanti.

All actions with intentions, be they skilful or harmful—of such acts they will be the heirs.

# Dvattimsākāra-pāṭha

Reflection on the Thirty-Two Parts
(Handa mayaṃ dvattiṃsākāra-pāṭhaṃ
bhaṇāma se.)

Ayam kho me kāyo »

This, which is my body, »

Uddham pādatalā »

From the soles of the feet up, »

Adho kesamatthakā »

And down from the crown of the head, »

Taca-pariyanto »

Is a sealed bag of skin »

Pūro nānappakārassa asucino

Filled with unattractive things.

Atthi imasmim kāye

In this body there are:

Kesā Hair of the head

Lomā Hair of the body

Nakhā Nails

**Dantā** Teeth

Taco Skin

Mamsam Flesh

Nahārū Sinews

**Atthi** Bones

Aṭṭhimiñjaṃ Bone marrow

Vakkam Kidneys
Hadayam Heart
Yakanam Liver

Kilomakam Membranes

PihakamSpleenPapphāsamLungsAntamBowelsAntaguņamEntrails

**Udariyam** Undigested food

Karīsam Excrement

Pittam Bile

Semham Phlegm

**Pubbo** Pus

Lohitam Blood

Sedo Sweat

Medo Fat

**Assu** Tears

**Vasā** Grease

KheļoSpittleSiṅghāṇikāMucus

Lasikā Oil of the joints

Muttam Urine
Matthake Brain

matthalungam





Evamayam me kāyo »

This, then, which is my body, »

Uddham pādatalā »

From the soles of the feet up, »

Adho kesamatthakā »

And down from the crown of the head, »

Tacapariyanto »

Is a sealed bag of skin »

Pūro nānappakārassa asucino.

Filled with unattractive things.

# Abhinha-paccavekkhana-pāṭha

Five Subjects for Frequent Recollection (Handa mayam abhinha-paccavekkhana-pāṭham bhanāma se.)

## Jarā-dhammomhi jaram anatīto (anatītā\*),

I am of the nature to age; I have not gone beyond ageing.

# Byādhi-dhammomhi byādhim anatīto (anatītā\*),

I am of the nature to sicken; I have not gone beyond sickness.

# Maraṇa-dhammomhi maraṇaṃ anatīto (anatītā\*),

I am of the nature to die; I have not gone beyond dying.

# Sabbehi me piyehi manāpehi nānābhāvo vinābhāvo,

All that is mine, beloved and pleasing, will become otherwise, will become separated from me.

<sup>\*</sup>Women chant the word in brackets instead

Kammassakomhi (kammassakāmhi\*)
kammadāyādo (kammadāyādā\*) kammayoni
kammabandhu kammapaṭisaraṇo
(kammapaṭisaraṇā\*) »

I am the owner of my kamma, heir to my kamma, born of my kamma, related to my kamma, abide supported by my kamma. »
Yam kammam karissāmi, kalyāṇam vā pāpakam vā, tassa dāyādo (dāyādā\*)
bhavissāmi,

Whatever kamma I shall do, for good or for ill, of that I will be the heir.

Evam amhehi abhinham paccavekkhitabbam.

Thus we should frequently recollect.

<sup>\*</sup>Women chant the word in brackets instead

## Reflection on Impermanence

#### Sabbe sankhārā aniccā

All conditioned things are impermanent;

#### Sabbe sankhārā dukkhā

All conditioned things are dukkha.

#### Sabbe dhammā anattā

Everything is void of self.

#### Adhuvam jīvitam

Life is not for sure;

#### Dhuvam maranam

Death is for sure;

## Avassam mayā maritabbam

It is inevitable that I'll die;

## Maraṇa-pariyosānaṃ me jīvitaṃ

Death is the culmination of my life.

### Jīvitam me aniyatam

My life is uncertain;

#### Maranam me niyatam

My death is certain.

#### Vata

Indeed,

### Ayam kāyo

This body

#### Aciram

Will soon

## Apeta-viññāņo

Be void of consciousness

#### Chuddo

And cast away.

#### Adhisessati

It will lie

### Pathavim

On the ground

## Kalingaram iva

Just like a rotten log,

#### Nirattham

Completely void of use.

#### Aniccā vata sankhārā

Truly, conditioned things cannot last,

## Uppāda-vaya-dhammino

Their nature is to rise and fall,

## Uppajjitvā nirujjhanti

Having arisen things must cease,

## Tesam vūpasamo sukho.

Their stilling is true happiness.







## Sāmaņerasikkhā

The Novices' Training

Anuññāsi kho bhagavā,

Permitted by the Blessed One

Sāmaņerānam dasa sikkhāpadāni

Are the ten rules of training for novices,

Tesu ca sāmaņerehi sikkhitum:

And by these, novices are to train themselves:

Pāņātipātā veramaņī,

Refraining from killing living beings;

Adinnādānā veramaņī,

Refraining from taking what is not given;

Abrahmacariyā veramaņī,

Refraining from unchaste conduct;

Musā-vādā veramaņī,

Refraining from false speech;

Surā-meraya-majja-pamādaṭṭhānā veramaņī,

Refraining from intoxicating liquors and drugs that lead to carelessness;

Vikāla-bhojanā veramaņī,

Refraining from eating at the wrong time;

## Nacca-gīta-vādita-visūkadassanā veramaņī,

Refraining from dancing, singing, music, and watching shows;

## Mālā-gandha-vilepana-dhāraṇa-maṇḍanavibhūsanaṭṭhānā veramaṇī,

Refraining from wearing garlands, perfumes, and beautifying with cosmetics;

## Uccāsayana-mahāsayanā veramaņī,

Refraining from high and luxurious seats and beds.

## Jāta-rūpa-rajata-paţiggahaṇā veramaṇī.

Refraining from accepting gold and silver (money).

## Anuññāsi kho bhagavā,

Permitted by the Blessed One

# Dasahi aṅgehi samannāgataṃ sāmaṇeraṃ nāsetuṃ.

Is the expulsion of a novice who has done any of these ten things.

#### Katamehi dasahi?

What ten?

## Pāṇātipātī hoti,

He is a killer of living creatures;

## Adinnādāyī hoti,

He is a taker of what is not given;

#### Abrahmacārī hoti,

He is a practicer of unchastity;

#### Musā-vādī hoti,

He is a speaker of falsity;

### Majjapāyī hoti,

He is a drinker of intoxicants;

## Buddhassa avannam bhāsati,

He speaks in dispraise of the Buddha;

## Dhammassa avannam bhāsati,

He speaks in dispraise of the Dhamma;

## Sanghassa avannam bhāsati,

He speaks in dispraise of the Sangha;

### Micchādiţţhiko hoti,

He holds wrong views;

#### Bhikkhunīdūsako hoti.

He is a molester of bhikkhunis.

## Anuññāsi kho bhagavā,

Permitted by the Blessed One

## Imehi dasahi angehi samannagatam

sāmaņeram nāsetun'ti.

Is the expulsion of a novice who has done any of these ten things.

## Anuññāsi kho bhagavā,

Permitted by the Blessed One

# Pañcahi aṅgehi samannāgatassa sāmaṇerassa daṇḍakammaṃ kātuṃ.

Is punishment for a novice who has done any of these five things.

## Katamehi pañcahi?

What five?

## Bhikkhūnam alābhāya parisakkati,

He endeavors for the non-gain of bhikkhus;

## Bhikkhūnam anatthāya parisakkati,

He endeavors for the non-benefit of bhikkhus;

## Bhikkūnam anāvāsāya parisakkati,

He endeavors for the non-dwelling of bhikkhus;

## Bhikkhū akkosati paribhāsati,

He insults and abuses bhikkhus;

#### Bhikkhū bhikkhūhi bhedeti.

He divides bhikkhus against bhikkhus.

## Anuññāsi kho bhagavā,

Permitted by the Blessed One

## Imehi pañcahi angehi samannagatassa

## sāmaņerassa daņḍakammam kātun'ti.

Is punishment for a novice who has done any of these five things.



# Khemākhema-saraņa-dīpikāgāthā

Verses on going to True and False Refuges
[Handa mayaṃ khemākhema-saraṇadīpikāgāthāyo bhaṇāma se.]

Bahuṃ ve saraṇaṃ yanti Pabbatāni vanāni ca Ārāma-rukkha-cetyāni Manussā bhaya-tajjitā

To many refuges they go—
To mountain slopes and forest glades,
To parkland shrines and sacred sites—
People overcome by fear.

N'etaṃ kho saraṇaṃ khemaṃ N'etaṃ saraṇam-uttamaṃ N'etaṃ saraṇam-āgamma Sabba-dukkhā pamuccati.

Such a refuge is not secure,
Such a refuge is not supreme,
Such a refuge does not bring
Complete release from suffering.

Yo ca Buddhañca Dhammañca Saṅghañca saraṇaṃ gato Cattāri ariya-saccāni Sammappaññāya passati

Whoever goes to refuge
In the Triple Gem
Sees with right discernment
The Four Noble Truths:

Dukkham dukkha-samuppādam Dukkhassa ca atikkamam Ariyañ-c'aṭṭh'aṅgikam maggam Dukkhūpasama-gāminam

Suffering and its origin
And that which lies beyond—
The Noble Eightfold Path
That leads the way to suff'ring's end.

Etaṃ kho saraṇaṃ khemaṃ Etaṃ saraṇam-uttamaṃ Etaṃ saraṇam-āgamma Sabba-dukkhā pamucca'ti.

Such a refuge is secure
Such a refuge is supreme
Such a refuge truly brings
Complete release from all suffering.

# Ariya-dhana-gāthā

Verses on the Riches of a Noble One [Handa mayaṃ ariya-dhana-gāthāyo bhaṇāma se.]

Yassa saddhā Tathāgate Acalā supatițțhitā »

One whose faith in the Tathagata
Is unshaken and established well, »

Sīlañca yassa kalyāņam

Ariya-kantam pasamsitam

Whose virtue is beautiful, The Noble Ones enjoy and praise;

Saṅghe pasādo yass'atthi

Uju-bhūtañca dassanam »

Whose trust is in the Sangha, Who sees things rightly as they are, »

Adaliddo'ti tam āhu Amoghantassa jīvitam

It is said that not in vain And undeluded is their life.

Tasmā saddhañca sīlañca Pasādaṃ dhamma-dassanaṃ Anuyuñjetha medhāvī Saraṃ buddhāna sāsanaṃ.

To virtue and to faith,

To trust, to seeing truth,

To these the wise devote themselves

The Buddha's teaching in their mind.

## Ti-lakkhaņ'ādi-gāthā

Verses on the Three Characteristics [Handa mayaṃ ti-lakkhaṇ'ādi-gāthāyo bhaṇāma se.]

Sabbe sankhārā aniccā'ti

Yadā paññāya passati »

"Impermanent are all conditioned things."— When with wisdom this is seen »

## Atha nibbindati dukkhe Esa maggo visuddhiyā

One feels weary of all dukkha; This is the path to purity.

Sabbe sankhārā dukkhā'ti

Yadā paññāya passati »

"Dukkha are all conditioned things."— When with wisdom this is seen »

## Atha nibbindati dukkhe Esa maggo visuddhiyā

One feels weary of all dukkha; This is the path to purity.

Sabbe dhammā anattā'ti

Yadā paññāya passati »

"There is no self in anything."— When with wisdom this is seen »

Atha nibbindati dukkhe

Esa maggo visuddhiyā

One feels weary of all dukkha; This is the path to purity.

## Appakā te manussesu Ye janā pāragāmino »

Few amongst humankind Are those who go beyond »

## Athāyam itarā pajā Tīramevānudhāvati

Yet there are the many folks Ever wand'ring on this shore.

#### Ye ca kho sammadakkhāte

#### Dhamme dhammanuvattino »

Wherever Dhamma is well-taught, Those who train in line with it »

## Te janā pāramessanti

### Maccu-dheyyam sud'uttaram.

Are the ones who will cross over The realm of death so hard to flee.

## Kanham dhammam vippahāya

## Sukkam bhāvetha pandito »

Abandoning the darker states, The wise pursue the bright; »

## Okā anokamāgamma Viveke yattha dūramam Tatrābhiratimiccheyya Hitvā kāme akiñcano

From the floods dry land they reach Living withdrawn so hard to do. Such rare delight one should desire, Sense pleasures cast away, Not having anything.

## Bhāra-sutta-gāthā

Verses on the Burden

[Handa mayam bhāra-sutta-gāthāyo bhanāma se.]

Bhārā have pañcakkhandhā »

The five aggregates indeed are burdens, »

Bhāra-hāro ca puggalo »

The beast of burden though is man. »

Bhār'ādānam dukkham loke »

In this world to take up burdens is dukkha. »

Bhāra-nikkhepanam sukham

Putting them down brings happiness.

Nikkhipitvā garum bhāram »

A heavy burden cast away. »

Aññam bhāram anādiya »

Not taking on another load, »

Samūlam tanham abbuyha »

With craving pulled out from the root, »

Nicchāto parinibbuto.

Desires stilled one is released.

# Bhadd'eka-ratta-gāthā

Verses on a Shining Night of Prosperity [Handa mayaṃ bhadd'eka-ratta-gāthāyo bhaṇāma se.]

Atītaṃ nānvāgameyya

Nappațikankhe anagatam »

One should not revive the past
Nor speculate on what's to come; »

Yadatītam-pahīnan-tam

Appattañca anāgatam

The past is left behind,
The future is un-realised.

Paccuppannañca yo dhammam

Tattha tattha vipassati,

Asamhiram asankuppam

Tam viddhā manubrūhaye

In every presently arisen state
There just there one clearly sees;
Unmoved unagitated,
Such insight is one's strength.

Ajj'eva kiccamātappam

Ko jaññā maraṇam suve »

Ardently doing one's task today, Tomorrow who knows death may come; » Na hi no saṅgarantena Mahā-senena maccunā

Facing the mighty hordes of death, Indeed one cannot strike a deal.

Evaṃ vihārimātāpiṃ
Aho-rattam-atanditaṃ,
Taṃ ve bhadd'eka-ratto'ti
Santo ācikkhate muni.

To dwell with energy aroused
Thus for a night of non-decline
"That is a night of shining prosperity"
So it was taught by the Peaceful Sage.

## Dhamma-gārav'ādi-gāthā

Verses on Respect for the Dhamma [Handa mayaṃ dhamma-gārav'ādi-gāthāyo bhaṇāma se.]

Ye ca atītā Sambuddhā Ye ca Buddhā anāgatā Yo c'etarahi Sambuddho Bahunnaṃ soka-nāsano

All the Buddhas of the past,
All the Buddhas yet to come,
The Buddha of this current age—
Dispellers of much sorrow.

Sabbe saddhamma-garuno Vihariṃsu vihāti ca Athāpi viharissanti Esā Buddhāna dhammatā

Those having lived or living now,
Those living in the future,
All do revere the True Dhamma—
That is the nature of all Buddhas.

Tasmā hi atta-kāmena Mahattamabhikaṅkhatā Saddhammo garu-kātabbo Saraṃ Buddhāna sāsanaṃ. Therefore desiring one's own welfare, Pursuing greatest aspirations, One should revere the True Dhamma, Recollecting the Buddha's teaching.

Na hi dhammo adhammo ca

Ubho sama-vipākino »

What is true Dhamma and what not Will never have the same results, »

Adhammo nirayam neti

Dhammo pāpeti suggatim.

While lack of Dhamma leads to hell-realms True Dhamma takes one on a good course.

Dhammo have rakkhati dhamma-cārim »

The Dhamma guards who lives in line with it »

Dhammo suciņņo sukhamāvahāti »

And leads to happiness when practised well—»

Esānisaṃso dhamme suciņņe

This is the blessing of well-practised Dhamma.

# Paṭhama-buddhabhāsita-gāthā

Verses on the Buddha's First Exclamation [Handa mayam paṭhama-buddha-bhāsita-gāthāyo bhaṇāma se.]

Aneka-jāti-saṃsāraṃ

Sandhāvissam anibbisam »

For many lifetimes in the round of birth, Wandering on endlessly, »

Gaha-kāram gavesanto

Dukkhā jāti punappunam

For the builder of this house I searched— How painful is repeated birth

Gaha-kāraka diţţho'si

Puna geham na kāhasi »

House-builder you've been seen, Another home you will not build, »

Sabbā te phāsukā bhaggā

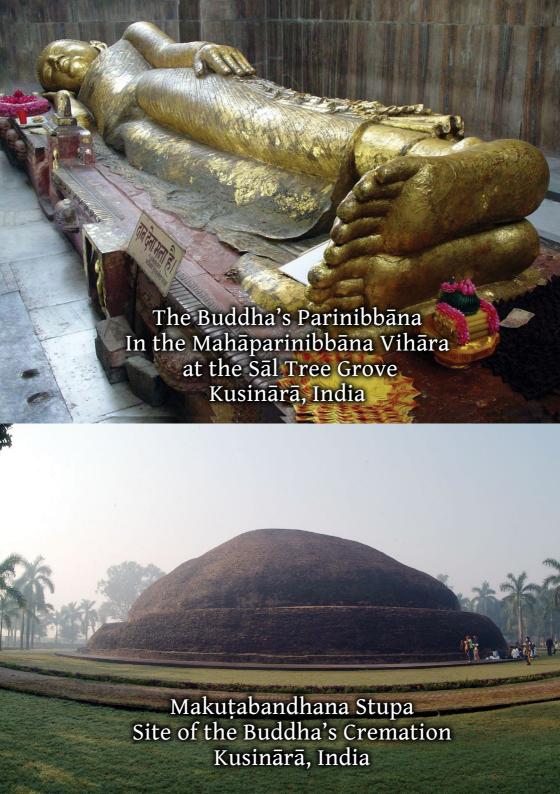
Gaha-kūṭaṃ visaṅkhataṃ »

All your rafters have been snapped, Dismantled is your ridge-pole; »

Visankhāra-gatam cittam

Taṇhānaṃ khayam-ajjhagā.

The non-constructing mind Has come to craving's end.





# Pacchima-buddhovāda-pāṭha

The Last Words of the Buddha [Handa mayam pacchima-buddhovādapāṭham bhaṇāma se.]

Handadāni bhikkhave āmantayāmi vo,

Now, bhikkhus, I declare to you,

Vaya-dhammā sankhārā,

Change is the nature of conditioned things;

Appamādena sampādetha.

Perfect yourselves, not being negligent:

Ayam tathāgatassa pacchimā vācā.

These are the Tathagata's final words.

# Ovāda-pāṭimokkha-gāthā

Verses on the Patimokkha Exhortation [Handa mayaṃ ovāda-pāṭimokkhagāthāyo bhaṇāma se.]

#### Sabba-pāpassa akaraņam

Not doing any evil;

#### Kusalassūpasampadā

To be committed to the good;

#### Sacitta-pariyodapanam

To purify one's mind:

#### Etam buddhāna sāsanam

These are the teachings of all Buddhas.

# Khantī paramam tapo tītikkhā

Patient endurance is the highest practice, burning out defilements;

# Nibbānam paramam vadanti buddhā

The Buddhas say Nibbana is supreme.

### Na hi pabbajito parūpaghātī

Not a renunciant is one who injures others;

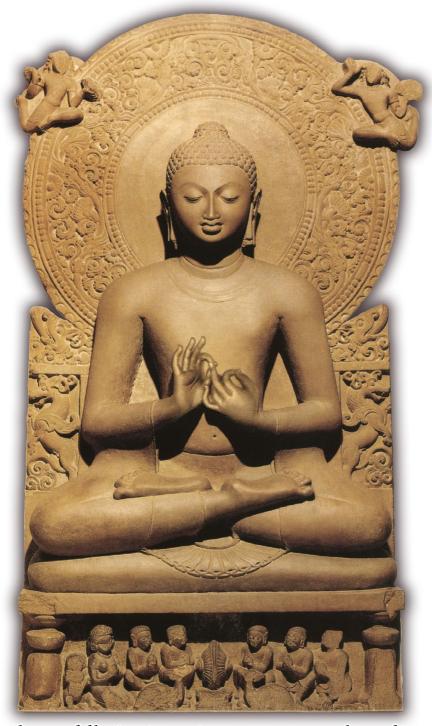
### Samaņo hoti param vihețhayanto.

Whoever troubles others can't be called a monk.

#### Anūpavādo anūpaghāto

Not to insult and not to injure;





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#### Pāţimokkhe ca samvaro

To live restrained by training rules;

#### Mattaññutā ca bhattasmim

Knowing one's measure at the meal;

#### Pantañca sayanāsanam

Retreating to a lonely place;

#### Adhicitte ca āyogo

Devotion to the higher mind:

#### Etam buddhāna sāsanam.

These are the teachings of all Buddhas.

# Dhamma-cakkappavattanasutta-pāṭha

Teachings from the Discourse that Set the
Wheel of Dhamma in Motion
[Handa mayaṃ dhamma-cakkappavattana
sutta-pāṭhaṃ bhaṇāma se.]

#### Dve me bhikkhave antā

Bhikkhus, there are these two extremes

#### Pabbajitena na sevitabbā,

That should not be pursued by one who has gone forth:

# Yo cāyam kāmesu kāma-sukh'allikānuyogo,

That is, whatever is tied up to sense pleasures, within the realm of sensuality,

#### Hīno

Which is low,

#### Gammo

Common,

#### Pothujjaniko

The way of the common folks,

#### **Anariyo**

Not the way of the Noble Ones,

#### Anattha-sañhito,

And pointless;

#### Yo cāyam atta-kilamathānuyogo,

Then there is whatever is tied up with self-deprivation,

#### Dukkho

Which is painful,

#### **Anariyo**

Not the way of the Noble Ones,

#### Anattha-sañhito.

And pointless.

# Ete te bhikkhave ubho ante anupagamma,

#### majjhimā paţipadā »

Bhikkhus, without going to either of these extremes, »

#### Tathāgatena abhisambuddhā,

The Tathagata has ultimately awakened to a middle way of practice,

#### Cakkhu-karaņī

Giving rise to vision,

#### Ñāṇa-karaṇī

Making for insight,

#### Upasamāya

Leading to calm,

#### Abhiññāya

To heightened knowing,

#### Sambodhāya

Awakening

Nibbānāya samvattati.

And to Nibbāna.

Katamā ca sā bhikkhave majjhimā

paţipadā?...

And what, bhikkhus, is that middle way of practice?

Ayam-eva ariyo aṭṭhaṅgiko maggo.

It is this Noble Eightfold Path,

Seyyathīdam.

Which is as follows:

Sammā-diţţhi

Right View,

Sammā-sankappo,

Right Intention,

Sammā-vācā

Right Speech,

Sammā-kammanto

Right Action,

Sammā-ājīvo,

Right Livelihood,

Sammā-vāyāmo

Right Effort,

#### Sammā-sati

Right Mindfulness,

#### Sammā-samādhi.

Right Concentration.

# Ayam kho sā bhikkhave majjhimā paṭipadā

This, bhikkhus, is the middle way of practice

#### Tathāgatena abhisambuddhā,

That the Tathagata has ultimately awakened to,

#### Cakkhu-karaņī

Giving rise to vision,

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#### Nibbānāya samvattati.

And to Nibbāna.

# Idam kho pana bhikkhave dukkham ariyasaccam.

This, bhikkhus, is the Noble Truth of dukkha:

#### Jātipi dukkhā

Birth is dukkha,

#### Jarāpi dukkhā

Ageing is dukkha,

### Maraṇampi dukkham,

And death is dukkha.

# Soka-parideva-dukkha-domanassupāyāsāpi dukkhā,

Sorrow, lamentation, pain, grief and despair are dukkha,

#### Appiyehi sampayogo dukkho

Association with the disliked is dukkha,

### Piyehi vippayogo dukkho

Separation from the liked is dukkha,

# Yampiccham na labhati tampi dukkham,

Not attaining one's wishes is dukkha;

# Sankhittena pancupādānakkhandhā dukkhā.

In brief the five focuses of identity are dukkha.

# Idam kho pana bhikkhave dukkha-samudayo ariya-saccam.

This, bhikkhus, is the Noble Truth of the cause of dukkha:

#### Yā'yam tanhā

It is this craving

#### Ponobbhavikā

Which leads to rebirth,

#### Nandi-rāga-sahagatā

Accompanied by delight and lust,

#### Tatra-tatrābhinandinī.

Delighting now here, now there.

#### Seyyathīdam.

Namely:

#### Kāma-tanhā

Craving for sensuality,

#### Bhava-tanhā

Craving to become,

#### Vibhava-tanhā.

Craving not to become.

# Idam kho pana bhikkhave dukkha-nirodho ariya-saccam.

This, bhikkhus, is the Noble Truth of the cessation of dukkha:

#### Yo tassāy'eva taṇhāya asesa-virāga-nirodho

It is the remainderless fading away and cessation of that very craving,

#### Cāgo

Its relinquishment,

#### Paținissaggo

Letting go,

#### Mutti

Release,

#### Anālayo.

Without any attachment.

# Idam kho pana bhikkhave dukkha-nirodhagāminī-paṭipadā ariya-saccam.

This, bhikkhus, is the Noble Truth of the way of practice leading to the cessation of dukkha:

### Ayam-eva ariyo aṭṭh'aṅgiko maggo.

It is just this Noble Eightfold Path.

### Seyyathīdam.

Which is as follows:

#### Sammā-diţţhi

Right View,

### Sammā-sankappo,

Right Intention,

#### Sammā-vācā

Right Speech,

#### Sammā-kammanto

Right Action,

Sammā-ājīvo,

Right Livelihood,

Sammā-vāyāmo

Right Effort,

Sammā-sati

Right Mindfulness,

Sammā-samādhi.

Right Concentration.

Idam dukkham ariya-saccan'ti me bhikkhave, pubbe ananussutesu dhammesu, cakkhum udapādi, ñāṇam udapādi, paññā udapādi, vijjā udapādi, āloko udapādi.

Bhikkhus, in regard to things unheardof before, vision arose, insight arose, discernment arose, knowledge arose, light arose: this is the Noble Truth of dukkha.

Taṃ kho pan'idaṃ dukkhaṃ ariya-saccaṃ pariññeyyan'ti...

...Now, this Noble Truth of dukkha should be completely understood.

Taṃ kho pan'idaṃ dukkhaṃ ariya-saccaṃ pariññātan'ti...

...Now, this Noble Truth of dukkha has been

completely understood...

dukkha.

Idam dukkha-samudayo ariya-saccan'ti me bhikkhave, pubbe ananussutesu dhammesu, cakkhum udapādi, ñāṇam udapādi, paññā udapādi, vijjā udapādi, āloko udapādi.

Bhikkhus, in regard to things unheardof before, vision arose, insight arose, discernment arose, knowledge arose, light arose: This is the Noble Truth of the cause of

Taṃ kho pan'idaṃ dukkha-samudayo ariya-saccaṃ pahātabban'ti...

...Now this cause of dukkha should be abandoned;

Taṃ kho pan'idaṃ dukkha-samudayo ariyasaccaṃ pahīnan'ti...

...Now this cause of dukkha has been abandoned...

Idam dukkha-nirodho ariya-saccan'ti me bhikkhave, pubbe ananussutesu dhammesu, cakkhum udapādi, ñāṇam udapādi, paññā udapādi, vijjā udapādi, āloko udapādi.

Bhikkhus, in regard to things unheardof before, vision arose, insight arose, discernment arose, knowledge arose, light arose:

This is the Noble Truth of the cessation of dukkha.

Taṃ kho pan'idaṃ dukkha-nirodho ariyasaccaṃ sacchikātabban'ti...

...Now the cessation of dukkha should be experienced directly;

Taṃ kho pan'idaṃ dukkha-nirodho ariyasaccaṃ sacchikatan'ti...

...Now the cessation of dukkha
has been experienced directly...
Idam dukkha-nirodha-gāminī-paṭipadā
ariya-saccan'ti me bhikkhave,
pubbe ananussutesu dhammesu,
cakkhum udapādi, ñāṇam udapādi,
paññā udapādi, vijjā udapādi, āloko udapādi.

Bhikkhus, in regard to things unheardof before, vision arose, insight arose, discernment arose, knowledge arose, light arose:

This is the Noble Truth of the way of practice

leading to the cessation of dukkha;

Taṃ kho pan'idaṃ dukkha-nirodha-gāminīpaṭipadā ariya-saccaṃ bhāvetabban'ti...

...Now this way of practice leading to the cessation of dukkha should be developed.

Taṃ kho pan'idaṃ dukkha-nirodha-gāminī-paṭipadā ariya-saccaṃ bhāvitan'ti...

...Now this way of practice leading to the cessation of dukkha has been developed...

Yāva-kīvañca me bhikkhave imesu catūsu ariya-saccesu, evan-ti-parivaṭṭaṃ dvādas'ākāraṃ yathā-bhūtaṃ ñāṇa-dassanaṃ na suvisuddhaṃ ahosi.

As long, bhikkhus, as my knowledge and understanding, as it actually is, of these Four Noble Truths, with their three phases and twelve aspects, was not entirely pure, N'eva tāvāhaṃ bhikkhave sadevake loke samārake sabrahmake, sassamaṇa-

abhisambuddho paccaññāsim.

Did I not claim, bhikkhus, in this world of devas, Māra, and Brahmā, amongst mankind with its priests and renunciants, kings and commoners, an ultimate awakening to unsurpassed perfect enlightenment.

Yato ca kho me bhikkhave imesu catūsu ariya-saccesu, evan-ti-parivaṭṭaṃ dvādas'ākāraṃ yathā-bhūtaṃ ñāṇadassanaṃ suvisuddhaṃ ahosi.

But when, bhikkhus, my knowledge and understanding as it actually is of these Four Noble Truths, With their three phases and twelve aspects, was indeed entirely pure,

Athāhaṃ bhikkhave sadevake loke samārake sabrahmake, sassamaṇa-brāhmaṇiyā pajāya sadeva-manussāya, anuttaraṃ sammāsambodhiṃ abhisambuddho paccaññāsiṃ.

Then indeed did I claim, bhikkhus, in this world of devas, Māra, and Brahmā, amongst mankind with its priests and renunciants, kings and commoners, an ultimate awakening to unsurpassed

perfect enlightenment.

Ñāṇañ-ca pana me dassanam udapādi,

Now knowledge and understanding arose in me:

Akuppā me vimutti,

My release is unshakeable,

Ayam-antimā jāti,

This is my last birth,

N'atthidani punabbhavo-ti.

There won't be any further becoming.





# Ariyatthangika-magga-patha

An Exposition of the Noble Eightfold Path [Handa mayam ariyaṭṭhaṅgika-magga-pāṭhaṃ bhaṇāma se.]

Ayameva ariyo aṭṭh'angiko maggo.

This is the Noble Eightfold Path,

Seyyathīdam.

Which is as follows:

Sammā-diţţhi

Right View,

Sammā-sankappo,

Right Intention,

Sammā-vācā

Right Speech,

Sammā-kammanto

Right Action.

Sammā-ājīvo,

Right Livelihood,

Sammā-vāyāmo

Right Effort,

Sammā-sati

Right Mindfulness,

Sammā-samādhi.

Right Concentration.

#### Katamā ca bhikkhave sammā-diţţhi.

And what, bhikkhus, is Right View?

#### Yam kho bhikkhave dukkhe ñāṇam

Knowledge of suffering;

#### Dukkha-samudaye ñāṇaṃ

Knowledge of the origin of suffering;

#### Dukkha-nirodhe ñāṇaṃ

Knowledge of the cessation of suffering;

# Dukkha-nirodha-gāminiyā paṭipadāya ñānam.

Knowledge of the path leading to the cessation of suffering.

### Ayam vuccati bhikkhave sammā-diţţhi.

This, bhikkhus, is called Right View.

### Katamo ca bhikkhave sammā-sankappo.

And what, bhikkhus, is Right Intention?

#### Nekkhamma-sankappo

The intention of renunciation;

#### Abyāpāda-sankappo

The intention of non-ill-will;

#### Avihimsā-sankappo.

The intention of non-cruelty.

# Ayam vuccati bhikkhave sammā-sankappo.

This, bhikkhus, is called Right Intention.

Katamā ca bhikkhave sammā-vācā.

And what, bhikkhus, is Right Speech?

Musā-vādā veramaņī,

Abstaining from false speech;

Pisuņāya vācāya veramaņī,

Abstaining from malicious speech;

Pharusāya vācāya veramaņī,

Abstaining from harsh speech;

Samphappalāpā veramaņī.

Abstaining from idle chatter.

Ayam vuccati bhikkhave sammā-vācā.

This, bhikkhus, is called Right Speech.

Katamo ca bhikkhave sammā-kammanto.

And what, bhikkhus, is Right Action?

Pāņātipātā veramaņī,

Abstaining from killing living beings;

Adinnādānā veramaņī,

Abstaining from taking what is not given;

Kāmesu-micchācārā veramaņī.

Abstaining from sexual misconduct.

Ayam vuccati bhikkhave sammā-kammanto.

This, bhikkhus, is called Right Action.

Katamo ca bhikkhave sammā-ājīvo.

And what, bhikkhus, is Right Livelihood?

Idha bhikkhave ariya-sāvako

Here, bhikkhus, a Noble Disciple

Micchā-ājīvam pahāya,

Having abandoned wrong livelihood,

Sammā-ājīvena jīvikam kappeti.

Earns his living by right livelihood.

Ayam vuccati bhikkhave sammā-ājīvo.

This, bhikkhus, is called Right Livelihood.

Katamo ca bhikkhave sammā-vāyāmo.

And what, bhikkhus, is Right Effort?

Idha bhikkhave bhikkhu »

Here, bhikkhus, â bhikkhu »

Anuppannānam pāpakānam akusalānam dhammānam anuppādāya, chandam janeti, vāyamati, viriyam ārabhati, cittam pagganhāti padahati.

Awakens zeal for the non-arising of unarisen, evil, unwholesome states; he puts forth effort, arouses energy, exerts his mind and strives.

Uppannānam pāpakānam akusalānam dhammānam pahānāya, chandam janeti, vāyamati, viriyam ārabhati, cittam pagganhāti padahati.

He awakens zeal for the abandoning of arisen, evil unwholesome states; he puts forth effort, arouses energy, exerts his mind and strives.

Anuppannānam kusalānam dhammānam uppādāya, chandam janeti, vāyamati, viriyam ārabhati, cittam pagganhāti padahati.

He awakens zeal for the arising of unarisen, wholesome states; he puts forth effort, arouses energy, exerts his mind and strives.

Uppannānam kusalānam dhammānam, thitiyā, asammosāya, bhiyyobhāvāya, vepullāya bhāvanāya pāripūriyā, chandam janeti, vāyamati, viriyam ārabhati, cittam pagganhāti padahati.

He awakens zeal for the continuance, non-disappearance, strengthening, increase and fulfilment by development of arisen, wholesome states; he puts forth effort, arouses energy, exerts his mind and strives.

Ayam vuccati bhikkhave sammā-vāyāmo.

This, bhikkhus, is called Right Effort.

Katamā ca bhikkhave sammā-sati.

And what, bhikkhus, is Right Mindfulness?

#### Idha bhikkhave bhikkhu »

Here, bhikkhus, a bhikkhu »

#### Kāye kāyānupassī viharati.

Abides contemplating the body as a body.

#### Ātāpī sampajāno satimā, ¦

#### Vineyya loke abhijjhā-domanassam.

Ardent, fully aware, and mindful, | having put away covetousness and grief for the world;

#### Vedanāsu vedanānupassī viharati.

He abides contemplating feelings as feelings.

# Ātāpī sampajāno satimā, ¦

### Vineyya loke abhijjhā-domanassam.

Ardent, fully aware, and mindful, | having put away covetousness and grief for the world;

#### Citte cittānupassī viharati.

He abides contemplating mind as mind.

# Ātāpī sampajāno satimā, ¦

# Vineyya loke abhijjhā-domanassam.

Ardent, fully aware, and mindful, | having put away covetousness and grief for the world.

#### Dhammesu dhammānupassī viharati.

He abides contemplating mind-objects as

mind-objects.

#### Ātāpī sampajāno satimā, ¦

#### Vineyya loke abhijjhā-domanassam.

Ardent, fully aware, and mindful, | having put away covetousness and grief for the world.

#### Ayam vuccati bhikkhave sammā-sati.

This, bhikkhus, is called Right Mindfulness.

#### Katamo ca bhikkhave sammā-samādhi.

And what, bhikkhus, is Right Concentration?

#### Idha bhikkhave bhikkhu

Here, bhikkhus, a bhikkhu

#### Vivicceva kāmehi

Quite secluded from sensual pleasures,

#### Vivicca akusalehi dhammehi,

Secluded from unwholesome states,

# Savitakkam savicāram viveka-jampīti-sukham paṭhamam jhānam upasampajja viharati.

Enters upon and abides in the first jhāna, accompanied by applied and sustained thought, with rapture and pleasure born of seclusion.

#### Vitakka-vicārānam vūpasamā,

With the stilling of applied and sustained thought,

Ajjhattam sampasādanam cetaso, ekodibhāvam avitakkam avicāram, samādhi-jampīti-sukham dutiyam jhānam upasampajja viharati.

He enters upon and abides in the second jhāna, accompanied by self-confidence and singleness of mind, without applied and sustained thought, with rapture and pleasure born of concentration.

#### Pītiyā ca virāgā

With the fading away as well of rapture

Upekkhako ca viharati, | sato ca sampajāno,

He abides in equanimity, | mindful and fully aware,

Sukhañca kāyena paţisamvedeti.

Still feeling pleasure with the body,

Yantam ariyā ācikkhanti, upekkhako satimā sukha-vihārī'ti. »

He enters upon and abides »

Tatiyam jhānam upasampajja viharati.

In the third jhāna, on account of which the Noble Ones announce, 'He has a pleasant abiding, with equanimity and is mindful.'

#### Sukhassa ca pahānā

With the abandoning of pleasure

#### Dukkhassa ca pahānā,

And the abandoning of pain,

Pubbeva somanassa domanassānam atthangamā,

With the previous disappearance of joy and grief,

Adukkham-asukham upekkhā-satipārisuddhim, catuttham jhānam upasampajja viharati.

He enters upon and abides in the fourth jhāna,

accompanied by neither-pain nor-pleasure, and purity of mindfulness due to equanimity.

Ayam vuccati bhikkhave sammā-samādhi.

This, bhikkhus, is called Right Concentration.

\* (Ayam-eva ariyo aṭṭh'aṅgiko maggo

This is the Noble Eightfold Path )



st In the standardised Forest Sangha version only.



# Ānāpānasati-sutta-pāṭha

The Teaching on Mindfulness of Breathing [Handa mayam ānāpānasati-sutta-pāṭham bhanāma se.]

# Ānāpānasati bhikkhave bhāvitā bahulī-katā

Bhikkhus, when mindfulness of breathing is developed and cultivated

Mahapphalā hoti mahā-nisaṃsā.

It is of great fruit and great benefit.

#### Ānāpānasati bhikkhave bhāvitā bahulī-katā

When mindfulness of breathing is developed and cultivated

#### Cattāro satipaṭṭhāne paripūrenti,

It fulfills the Four Foundations of Mindfulness.

#### Cattāro satipatthānā bhāvitā bahulī-katā

When the Four Foundations of Mindfulness are developed and cultivated

#### Satta bojjhange paripūrenti,

They fulfill the Seven Factors of Awakening.

#### Satta bojjhangā bhāvitā bahulī-katā

When the Seven Factors of Awakening are developed and cultivated

### Vijjā vimuttim paripūrenti.

They fulfill true knowledge and deliverance.

# Katham bhāvitā ca bhikkhave ānāpānasati, katham bahulī-katā

And how, bhikkhus, is mindfulness of breathing developed and cultivated

#### Mahapphalā hoti mahā-nisaṃsā.

So that it is of great fruit and great benefit?

#### Idha bhikkhave bhikkhu

Here, bhikkhus, a bhikkhu

#### Arañña-gato vā

Gone to the forest,

#### Rukkha-mūla-gato vā

To the foot of a tree,

### Suññāgāra-gato vā,

Or to an empty hut,

#### Nisīdati pallankam ābhujitvā

Sits down having crossed his legs,

# Ujum kāyam paņidhāya parimukham satim upaṭṭhapetvā.

Sets his body erect having established mindfulness in front of him.

#### So sato-va assasati, sato passasati.

Ever mindful he breathes in; mindful he breathes out.

Dīgham vā assasanto, dīgham assasāmī'ti pajānāti,

Breathing in long, he knows 'I breathe in long.'

Dīgham vā passasanto, dīgham passasāmī'ti pajānāti,

Breathing out long, he knows 'I breathe out long.'

Rassam vā assasanto, rassam assasāmī'ti pajānāti,

Breathing in short, he knows 'I breathe in short.'

Rassam vā passasanto, rassam passasāmī'ti pajānāti,

Breathing out short, he knows 'I breathe out short.'

Sabba-kāya-paṭisaṃvedī assasissāmī'ti sikkhati,

He trains thus, 'I shall breathe in experiencing the whole body.'

Sabba-kāya-paţisaṃvedī passasissāmī'ti sikkhati,

He trains thus, 'I shall breathe out experiencing the whole body.'

# Passambhayam kāya-sankhāram assasissāmī'ti sikkhati,

He trains thus, 'I shall breathe in tranquillising the bodily formations.'

# Passambhayam kāya-sankhāram passasissāmī'ti sikkhati,

He trains thus, 'I shall breathe out tranquillising the bodily formations.'

# Pīti-pațisamvedī assasissāmī'ti sikkhati,

He trains thus, 'I shall breathe in experiencing rapture.'

### Pīti-pațisamvedī passasissāmī'ti sikkhati,

He trains thus, 'I shall breathe out experiencing rapture.'

# Sukha-pațisamvedī assasissāmī'ti sikkhati,

He trains thus, 'I shall breathe in experiencing pleasure.'

# Sukha-pațisamvedī passasissāmī'ti sikkhati,

He trains thus, 'I shall breathe out experiencing pleasure.'

# Citta-sankhāra-paṭisaṃvedī assasissāmī'ti sikkhati,

He trains thus, 'I shall breathe in experiencing the mental formations.'

# Citta-sankhāra-paţisamvedī passasissāmī'ti sikkhati,

He trains thus, 'I shall breathe out experiencing the mental formations.'

# Passambhayam citta-sankhāram assasissāmī'ti sikkhati,

He trains thus, 'I shall breathe in tranquilllising the mental formations.'

# Passambhayam citta-sankhāram passasissāmī'ti sikkhati,

He trains thus, 'I shall breathe out tranquillising the mental formations.'

# Citta-pațisamvedī assasissāmī'ti sikkhati,

He trains thus, 'I shall breathe in experiencing the mind.'

# Citta-pațisamvedī passasissāmī'ti sikkhati,

He trains thus, 'I shall breathe out experiencing the mind.'

# Abhippamodayam cittam assasissāmī'ti sikkhati,

He trains thus, 'I shall breathe in gladdening the mind.'

# Abhippamodayam cittam passasissāmī'ti sikkhati,

He trains thus, 'I shall breathe out gladdening the mind.'

# Samādaham cittam assasissāmī'ti sikkhati,

He trains thus, 'I shall breathe in concentrating the mind.'

#### Samādaham cittam passasissāmī'ti sikkhati,

He trains thus, 'I shall breathe out concentrating the mind.'

# Vimocayam cittam assasissāmī'ti sikkhati,

He trains thus, 'I shall breathe in liberating the mind.'

#### Vimocayam cittam passasissāmī'ti sikkhati,

He trains thus, 'I shall breathe out liberating the mind.'

### Aniccānupassī assasissāmī'ti sikkhati,

He trains thus, 'I shall breathe in contemplating impermanence.'

#### Aniccānupassī passasissāmī'ti sikkhati,

He trains thus, 'I shall breathe out contemplating impermanence.'

### Virāgānupassī assasissāmī'ti sikkhati,

He trains thus, 'I shall breathe in contemplating the fading away of passions.'

# Virāgānupassī passasissāmī'ti sikkhati,

He trains thus, 'I shall breathe out contemplating the fading away of passions.'

### Nirodhānupassī assasissāmī'ti sikkhati,

He trains thus, 'I shall breathe in contemplating cessation.'

#### Nirodhānupassī passasissāmī'ti sikkhati,

He trains thus, 'I shall breathe out contemplating cessation.'

#### Paținissaggānupassī assasissāmī'ti sikkhati,

He trains thus, 'I shall breathe in contemplating relinquishment.'

### Paţinissaggānupassī passasissāmī'ti sikkhati.

He trains thus, 'I shall breathe out contemplating relinquishment.'

# Evam bhāvitā kho bhikkhave ānāpānasati, evam bahulī-katā

Bhikkhus, that is how mindfulness of breathing is developed and cultivated

#### Mahapphalā hoti mahā-nisaṃsā

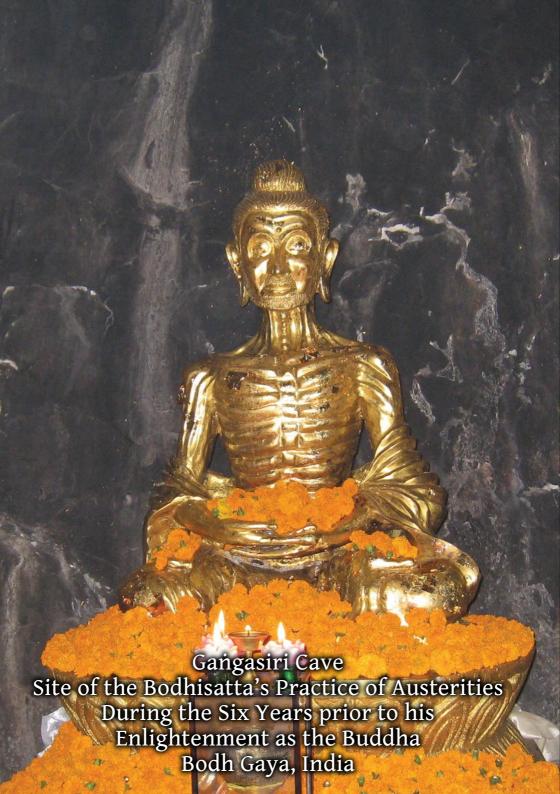
So that it is of great fruit and great benefit.

§ Iti.

§ Thus was it said.

<sup>§</sup> Not chanted in the standardised Forest Sangha version.





## Dhamma-pahamsana-pāṭha

A Teaching on Striving According to Dhamma

[Handa mayaṃ Dhamma-pahaṃsanasamādapanādi-vacanapāṭhaṃ bhaṇāma se.]

#### Evam svākkhāto bhikkhave mayā dhammo

Bhikkhus, the Dhamma has thus been well expounded by me,

#### Uttāno

Elucidated,

#### Vivațo

Disclosed,

#### **Pakāsito**

Revealed,

#### Chinna-pilotiko.

And stripped of patchwork.

## § Evam svākkhāte kho bhikkhave mayā dhamme,

§ When, bhikkhus, the Dhamma has thus been well expounded by me,

<sup>§</sup> Not chanted in the standardised Forest Sangha version.

#### Alameva »

This is enough »

#### Saddhā-pabbajitena kula-puttena viriyam ārabhitum

For a clansman who has gone forth out of faith to arouse his energy thus:

#### Kāmam taco ca nahāru ca aṭṭhi ca avasissatu,

'Willingly let only my skin, sinews and bones remain,

#### Sarīre upasussatu mamsa-lohitam,

And let the flesh and blood in this body wither away,

# Yantam purisa-thāmena purisa-viriyena purisa-parakkamena pattabbam, »

As long as whatever is to be attained by human strength, by human energy, by human effort »

## Na tam apāpuņitvā purisassa viriyassa saņţhānam bhavissatī'ti.

Has not been attained, let not my efforts stand still.'

#### Dukkham bhikkhave kusīto viharati,

Bhikkhus, the lazy person dwells in suffering,

#### Vokinno pāpakehi akusalehi dhammehi,

Soiled by evil, unwholesome states,

#### Mahantañca sadattham parihāpeti.

And great is the personal good that he neglects.

# Āraddha-viriyo ca kho bhikkhave sukham viharati,

The energetic person though dwells happily,

#### Pavivitto pāpakehi akusalehi dhammehi,

Well withdrawn from unwholesome states,

#### Mahantañca sadattham paripūreti.

And great is the personal good that he achieves.

#### Na bhikkhave hīnena aggassa patti hoti.

Bhikkhus, it is not by lower means that the supreme is attained;

#### Aggena ca kho aggassa patti hoti.

But, bhikkhus, it is by the supreme that the supreme is attained.

#### Mandapeyyam-idam bhikkhave

#### brahmacariyam,

Bhikkhus, this holy life is like the cream of the milk;

#### Satthā sammukhī-bhūto.

The Teacher is present.

#### Tasmā'tiha bhikkhave viriyam ārabhatha,

Therefore, bhikkhus, start to arouse your energy

#### Appattassa pattiyā

For the attainment of the as yet unattained,

#### Anadhigatassa adhigamāya

For the achievement of the as yet unachieved,

#### Asacchikatassa sacchikiriyāya.

For the realization of the as yet unrealized.

#### Evam no ayam amhākam pabbajjā »

Thinking, in such a way: 'Our Going Forth »

#### Avankatā avanjhā bhavissati

Will not be barren,

#### Saphalā sa-udarayā.

But will become fruitful and fertile;

Yesam mayam paribhuñjāma cīvarapiṇḍapāta-senāsana-gilāna-paccaya-

#### bhesajja-parikkhāram.»

And all our use of robes, almsfood, lodgings and medicinal requisites, »

#### Tesam te kārā amhesu

Given by others for our support,

#### Mahapphalā bhavissanti mahā-nisaṃsā'ti.

Will reward them with great fruit and great benefit.'

Evam hi vo bhikkhave sikkhitabbam.

Bhikkhus, you should train yourselves thus:

Att'attham vā hi bhikkhave sampassamānena Considering your own good,

Alameva appamādena sampādetum;

It is enough to strive for the goal without negligence;

Par'attham vā hi bhikkhave sampassamānena

Bhikkhus, considering the good of others,

Alameva appamādena sampādetum;

It is enough to strive for the goal without negligence;

Ubhaya'ttham vā hi bhikkhave sampassamānena

Bhikkhus, considering the good of both,

Alameva appamādena sampādetun'ti.

It is enough to strive for the goal without negligence.

## Paṭiccasamuppādadhamma-pāṭha

Teaching on Dependent Origination (Idappaccayatā)

(Handa mayam paṭiccasamuppāda-dhammesu idappaccayatādi-dhamma-pāṭham bhaṇāma se.)

Katamo ca bhikkhave paţiccasamuppādo?

What, bhikkhus, is dependent origination?

1. Jāti-paccayā bhikkhave jarā-maraṇaṃ.

With birth as condition, bhikkhus, there is old age and death.

(\* Uppādā vā bhikkhave tathāgatānam,

Anuppādā vā tathāgatānam,

(\* Whether, bhikkhus, Tathāgatas arise or do not arise,

Thitāva sā dhātu

There yet remains that element,

Dhammațțhitatā

Steadfastness of Dhamma,

**Note:** When chanting, use the parts of section 1 marked with (\* ... \*) and (\*\* ... \*\*) to substitute (\* ... \*) and (\*\* ... \*\*) in sections 2 through 10. Section 11 is written out in full.

#### Dhammaniyāmatā,

Orderliness of Dhamma:

#### Idappaccayatā.

Specific conditionality—that with this as a condition that arises.

#### Tam tathagato abhisambujjhati abhisameti,

The Tathāgata directly awakens to that, breaks through to that.

#### Abhisambujjhitvā abhisametvā

Directly awakening and breaking through to that,

#### Ācikkhati deseti,

He declares it, teaches it,

#### Paññapeti pațțhapeti,

Describes it, sets it forth.

#### Vivarati vibhajati

He reveals it, explains it,

#### Uttānī-karoti: \*)

And makes it plain: \*)

#### Passathāti cāha, jāti-paccayā bhikkhave jarāmaraṇaṃ.

"See," he says, "with birth as condition, bhikkhus, there is old age and death."

#### (\*\* Iti kho bhikkhave

(\*\* So, bhikkhus, that herein

#### Yātatra tathatā

Which is suchness—being the way it is,

#### Avittathatā

Non-deviation from suchness,

#### Anaññathatā

Not-otherness,

#### Idappaccayatā.

Specific conditionality—that with this as a condition that arises:

#### Ayam vuccati bhikkhave paţiccasamuppādo. \*\*)

That, bhikkhus, is called dependent origination. \*\*)

#### 2. Bhava-paccayā bhikkave jāti.

With becoming as condition, bhikkhus, there is birth.

#### (\* Uppādā vā bhikkhave [...] Uttānī-karoti: \*)

(\* Whether, bhikkhus [...] And makes it plain: \*)

#### Passathāti cāha, bhava-paccayā bhikkave jāti.

"See," he says, "with becoming as condition, bhikkhus, there is birth."

- (\*\* Iti kho bhikkhave [...] paṭiccasamuppādo. \*\*)

  (\*\* So, bhikkhus, that herein [...] is called
  dependent origination. \*\*)
- **3. Upādāna-paccayā bhikkave bhavo.**With clinging as condition, bhikkhus, there is becoming.
- (\* Uppādā vā bhikkhave [...] Uttānī-karoti: \*) (\* Whether, bhikkhus [...] And makes it plain: \*) Passathāti cāha, upādāna-paccayā bhikkave

Passathāti cāha, upādāna-paccayā bhikkave bhavo.

"See," he says, "with clinging as condition, bhikkhus, there is becoming."

- (\*\* Iti kho bhikkhave [...] paṭiccasamuppādo. \*\*)

  (\*\* So, bhikkhus, that herein [...] is called
  dependent origination. \*\*)
- **4.** Taṇhā-paccayā bhikkave upādānaṃ.

  With craving as condition, bhikkhus, there is clinging.
- (\* Uppādā vā bhikkhave [...] Uttānī-karoti: \*)
  (\* Whether, bhikkhus [...] And makes it plain: \*)

# Passathāti cāha, taṇhā-paccayā bhikkave upādānaṃ.

"See," he says, "with craving as condition, bhikkhus, there is clinging."

# (\*\* Iti kho bhikkhave [...] paṭiccasamuppādo. \*\*) (\*\* So, bhikkhus, that herein [...] is called dependent origination. \*\*)

#### 5. Vedanā-paccayā bhikkave taņhā.

With feeling as condition, bhikkhus, there is craving.

#### (\* Uppādā vā bhikkhave [...] Uttānī-karoti: \*)

(\* Whether, bhikkhus [...] And makes it plain: \*)

# Passathāti cāha, vedanā-paccayā bhikkave taṇhā.

"See," he says, "with feeling as condition, bhikkhus, there is craving."

# (\*\* Iti kho bhikkhave [...] paṭiccasamuppādo. \*\*) (\*\* So, bhikkhus, that herein [...] is called dependent origination. \*\*)

#### 6. Phassa-paccayā bhikkave vedanā.

With contact as condition, bhikkhus, there is feeling.

(\* Uppādā vā bhikkhave [...] Uttānī-karoti: \*)

(\* Whether, bhikkhus [...] And makes it plain: \*)

Passathāti cāha, phassa-paccayā bhikkave vedanā.

"See," he says, "with contact as condition, bhikkhus, there is feeling."

- (\*\* Iti kho bhikkhave [...] paṭiccasamuppādo. \*\*)

  (\*\* So, bhikkhus, that herein [...] is called
  dependent origination. \*\*)
- 7. Saļāyatana-paccayā bhikkave phasso.

  With the six sense media as condition, bhikkhus, there is contact.
- (\* Uppādā vā bhikkhave [...] Uttānī-karoti: \*)

  (\* Whether, bhikkhus [...] And makes it plain: \*)

  Passathāti cāha, saļāyatana-paccayā bhikkave
  phasso.

"See," he says, "with the six sense media as condition, bhikkhus, there is contact."

(\*\* Iti kho bhikkhave [...] paṭiccasamuppādo. \*\*)

(\*\* So, bhikkhus, that herein [...] is called
dependent origination. \*\*)

- 8. Nāma-rūpa-paccayā bhikkave saļāyatanam.
  - With name and form as condition, bhikkhus, there are the six sense media.
- (\* Uppādā vā bhikkhave [...] Uttānī-karoti: \*)

(\* Whether, bhikkhus [...] And makes it plain: \*)

Passathāti cāha, nāma-rūpa-paccayā bhikkave saļāyatanam.

"See," he says, "with name and form as condition, bhikkhus, there are the six sense media."

- (\*\* Iti kho bhikkhave [...] paṭiccasamuppādo. \*\*)

  (\*\* So, bhikkhus, that herein [...] is called
  dependent origination. \*\*)
- 9. Viññāṇa-paccayā bhikkave nāma-rūpaṃ.

  With consciousness as condition, bhikkhus, there are name and form.
- (\* Uppādā vā bhikkhave [...] Uttānī-karoti: \*)

  (\* Whether, bhikkhus [...] And makes it plain: \*)

  Passathāti cāha, viññāṇa-paccayā bhikkave
  nāma-rūpaṃ.

"See," he says, "with consciousness as condition, bhikkhus, there are name and form."

- (\*\* Iti kho bhikkhave [...] paṭiccasamuppādo. \*\*)

  (\*\* So, bhikkhus, that herein [...] is called
  dependent origination. \*\*)
- **10.** Saṅkhāra-paccayā bhikkave viññāṇaṃ.

  With karmic formations as condition, bhikkhus, there is consciousness.
- (\* Uppādā vā bhikkhave [...] Uttānī-karoti: \*)

  (\* Whether, bhikkhus [...] And makes it plain: \*)

  Passathāti cāha, saṅkhāra-paccayā bhikkave

  viñānam.

"See," he says, "With karmic formations as condition, bhikkhus, there is consciousness."

- (\*\* Iti kho bhikkhave [...] paṭiccasamuppādo. \*\*)

  (\*\* So, bhikkhus, that herein [...] is called
  dependent origination. \*\*)
- 11. Avijjā-paccayā bhikkave sankhārā.

With ignorance as condition, bhikkhus, there are karmic formations.

Uppādā vā bhikkhave tathāgatānam, Anuppādā vā tathāgatānam,

Whether, bhikkhus, Tathāgatas arise or do not arise,

#### Ţhitā va sā dhātu

There yet remains that element,

#### Dhammațțhitatā

Steadfastness of Dhamma,

#### Dhammaniyāmatā,

Orderliness of Dhamma:

#### Idappaccayatā.

Specific conditionality—that with this as a condition that arises.

#### Tam tathāgato abhisambujjhati abhisameti,

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Directly awakening and breaking through to that,

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He declares it, teaches it,

#### Paññapeti pațțhapeti,

Describes it, sets it forth.

#### Vivarati vibhajati

He reveals it, explains it,

#### Uttānī-karoti:

And makes it plain:

## Passathāti cāha, avijjā-paccayā bhikkave saṅkhārā.

"See," he says, "With ignorance as condition, bhikkhus, there are karmic formations."

#### Iti kho bhikkhave

So, bhikkhus, that herein

#### Yātatra tathatā

Which is suchness—being the way it is,

#### Avittathatā

Non-deviation from suchness,

#### **Anaññathatā**

Not-otherness,

#### Idappaccayatā.

Specific conditionality—that with this as a condition that arises:

#### Ayam vuccati bhikkhave pațiccasamuppādo

That, bhikkhus, is called dependent origination.

#### Iti.

Thus it is.

## Anumodanārambha-gāthā

Rejoicing in Merit

Yathā vārivahā pūrā

Paripūrenti sāgaram

Just as rivers full of water Entirely fill up the sea

Evameva ito dinnam

Petānam upakappati

So will what's here been given Bring blessings to departed spirits.

Icchitam patthitam tumham

May all your hopes and all your longings

Khippameva samijjhatu

Come true in no long time.

Sabbe pūrentu sankappā

May all your wishes be fulfilled

Cando pannaraso yathā

Like on the fifteenth day the moon

Maņi jotiraso yathā.

Or like a bright and shining gem.

## Sāmaññānumodanā-gāthā

Sabbītiyo vivajjantu

May all misfortunes be avoided,

Sabba-rogo vinassatu

May all illness be dispelled,

Mā te bhavatvantarāyo

May you never meet with dangers,

Sukhī dīghāyuko bhava

May you be happy and live long.

Abhivādana-sīlissa

Niccam vuddhāpacāyino

Cattaro dhamma vaddhanti

Āyu vaṇṇo sukham balam.

For those who are respectful,
Who always honour the elders,
Four are the qualities which will increase:
Life, beauty, happiness, and strength.

### Bhavatu Sabba-mangalam

#### Bhavatu sabba-mangalam

May every blessing come to be

#### Rakkhantu sabba-devatā

And all good spirits guard you well.

#### Sabba-buddhānubhāvena

Through the power of all Buddhas,

#### Sabba-dhammānubhāvena

Through the power of all Dhammas,

#### Sabba-sanghānubhāvena

Through the power of all Sanghas,

#### Sadā sotthī bhavantu te.

May you always be at ease.

# Requesting the Three Refuges and the Five Precepts

Mayam bhante ti-saranena saha pañca sīlāni yācāma.

We, Venerable Sir, request the Three Refuges and the Five Precepts.

Dutiyampi mayam bhante ti-saranena saha pañca sīlāni yācāma.

For the second time, we, Venerable Sir, request the Three Refuges and the Five Precepts.

Tatiyampi mayam bhante ti-saranena saha pañca sīlāni yācāma.

For the third time, we, Venerable Sir, request the Three Refuges and the Five Precepts.

Namo tassa bhagavato arahato sammāsambuddhassa. (3x)

Homage to the Blessed, Noble, and Perfectly Enlightened One.

Buddham saranam gacchāmi.

To the Buddha I go for refuge.

Dhammam saranam gacchāmi.

To the Dhamma I go for refuge.

Sangham saranam gacchāmi.

To the Sangha I go for refuge.

#### Dutiyampi buddham saranam gacchāmi.

For the second time to the Buddha I go for refuge.

#### Dutiyampi dhammam saranam gacchāmi.

For the second time to the Dhamma I go for refuge.

#### Dutiyampi sangham saranam gacchāmi.

For the second time to the Sangha I go for refuge.

#### Tatiyampi buddham saranam gacchāmi.

For the third time to the Buddha I go for refuge.

#### Tatiyampi dhammam saranam gacchāmi.

For the third time to the Dhamma I go for refuge.

#### Tatiyampi sangham saranam gacchāmi.

For the third time to the Sangha I go for refuge.

[The bhikkhu will chant:]

#### Tisaraṇa-gamanam niṭṭhitham

This completes the going to the Three Refuges.

[Response by the Laypeople:]

#### Āma bhante

Yes, Venerable Sir.

#### Pāṇātipātā veramaṇī sikkhā-padaṃ samādiyāmi.

I undertake the precept to refrain from taking the life of any living creature.

#### Adinnādānā veramaņī sikkhā-padam samādiyāmi.

I undertake the precept to refrain from taking that which is not given.

Kāmesu micchācārā veramaņī sikkhā-padaṃ samādiyāmi.

I undertake the precept to refrain from sexual misconduct.

Musā-vādā veramaņī sikkhā-padaṃ samādiyāmi.

I undertake the precept to refrain from lying.

Surā-meraya-majja-pamādaṭṭhānā veramaṇī sikkhā-padaṃ samādiyāmi.

I undertake the precept to refrain from consuming intoxicating drink and drugs which lead to carelessness.

[The bhikkhu giving the precepts will conclude:]

#### Imāni pañca sikkhā-padāni:

These are the five precepts:

#### Sīlena sugatim yanti,

Virtue is the source of happiness,

#### Sīlena bhoga-sampadā,

Virtue is the source of true wealth,

#### Sīlena nibbutim yanti,

Virtue is the source of peacefulness,

#### Tasmā sīlam visodhaye.

Therefore let virtue be purified.

# Requesting the Three Refuges and the Eight Precepts

Mayaṃ bhante ti-saraṇena saha, aṭṭha sīlāni yācāma [or] aṭṭhaṅgasamannāgataṃ uposathaṃ yācāma.

We, Venerable Sir, request the Three Refuges together with the Eight Precepts [or] the eightfold uposatha sīla.

Dutiyampi mayam bhante ti-saranena saha, aṭṭha sīlāni yācāma [or] aṭṭhaṅgasamannāgatam uposatham yācāma.

For the second time, we, Venerable Sir, request the Three Refuges together with the Eight Precepts [or] the eight-fold uposatha sīla.

Tatiyampi mayam bhante ti-saranena saha, aṭṭha sīlāni yācāma [or] aṭṭhaṅgasamannāgatam uposatham yācāma.

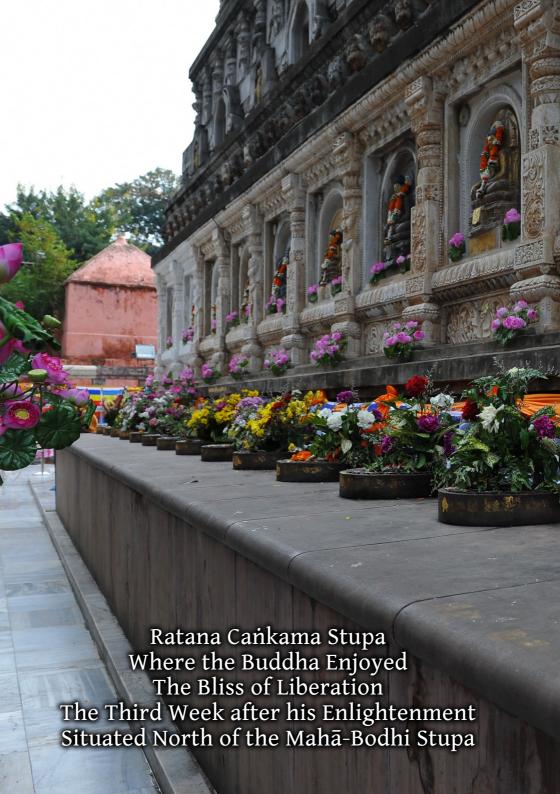
For the third time, we, Venerable Sir, request the Three Refuges together with <u>the Eight</u>

<u>Precepts</u> [or] <u>the eight-fold uposatha sīla</u>.

Namo tassa bhagavato arahato sammā-sambuddhassa. (3x)

Homage to the Blessed, Noble, and Perfectly Enlightened One.





Buddham saranam gacchāmi.

To the Buddha I go for refuge.

Dhammam saranam gacchāmi.

To the Dhamma I go for refuge.

Sangham saranam gacchāmi.

To the Sangha I go for refuge.

Dutiyampi buddham saranam gacchāmi.

For the second time to the Buddha I go for refuge.

Dutiyampi dhammam saranam gacchāmi.

For the second time to the Dhamma I go for refuge.

Dutiyampi sangham saranam gacchāmi.

For the second time to the Sangha I go for refuge.

Tatiyampi buddham saranam gacchāmi.

For the third time to the Buddha I go for refuge.

Tatiyampi dhammam saranam gacchāmi.

For the third time to the Dhamma I go for refuge.

Tatiyampi sangham saranam gacchāmi.

For the third time to the Sangha I go for refuge.

[The bhikkhu will chant:]

Tisaraņa-gamanam niţţhitam

This completes the going to the Three Refuges.

[Response by the Laypeople:]

Āma bhante

Yes, Venerable Sir.

# Pāṇātipātā veramaṇī sikkhā-padaṃ samādiyāmi.

I undertake the precept to refrain from taking the life of any living creature.

## Adinnādānā veramaņī sikkhā-padaṃ samādiyāmi.

I undertake the precept to refrain from taking that which is not given.

# Abrahmacariyā veramaņī sikkhā-padaṃ samādiyāmi.

I undertake the precept to refrain from any intentional sexual activity.

# Musā-vādā veramaņī sikkhā-padaṃ samādiyāmi.

I undertake the precept to refrain from lying.

# Surā-meraya-majja-pamādaṭṭhānā veramaṇī sikkhā-padaṃ samādiyāmi.

I undertake the precept to refrain from consuming intoxicating drink and drugs which lead to carelessness.

# Vikāla-bhojanā veramaņī sikkhā-padaṃ samādiyāmi.

I undertake the precept to refrain from eating at inappropriate times.

Nacca-gīta-vādita-visūkadassana-mālā-gandhavilepana-dhāraṇa-maṇḍana-vibhūsanaṭṭhānā veramaṇī sikkhā-padaṃ samādiyāmi.

I undertake the precept to refrain from entertainment, beautification, and adornment.

Uccāsayana-mahāsayanā veramaņī sikkhāpadaṃ samādiyāmi.

I undertake the precept to refrain from lying on a high or luxurious sleeping place.

Imāni aṭṭha sikkhā-padāni samādiyāmi. (3x)
I undertake these Eight Precepts.

(This concludes the ceremony of taking the Three Refuges and the Eight Precepts)

## Offering Saṅgha Dāna

Imāni mayaṃ bhante, <u>bhattāni</u>, saparivārāni, bhikkhu-saṅghassa, oṇojayāma.
Sādhu no bhante, bhikkhu-saṅgho, imāni, <u>bhattāni</u>, saparivārāni, paṭiggaṇhātu, <u>amhākaṃ</u>, dīgha-rattaṃ, hitāya, sukhāya.

We present these foods of ours, together with these accompanying articles to the Bhikkhu Sangha. May the Bhikkhu Sangha accept these foods, together with these accompanying articles, for the long-term welfare and happiness of ourselves, our parents, our relatives living and deceased, beings we have harmed in the past, and all beings.

Note—if offering food for someone who has died:

Change **bhattāni** to **mataka-bhattāni** 

Change amhākam to amhākañceva mātā-pitu-ādīnañca ñātakānam

<u>kālakatānam</u>

Change <u>these foods of ours</u>/ <u>these foods</u> to <u>this food offering for the deceased</u>.

## **Offering Forest Cloth**

Imāni mayam bhante, pamsukūlacīvarāni, saparivārāni, bhikkhu-sanghassa, onojayāma. Sādhu no bhante, bhikkhusangho, imāni, pamsukūla-cīvarāni, saparivārāni, paṭigganhātu, amhākam, dīgha-rattam, hitāya, sukhāya.

We present these cast-off cloths of ours, together with these accompanying articles to the Bhikkhu Sangha. May the Bhikkhu Sangha accept these cast-off cloths, together with these accompanying articles, for our long-term welfare and happiness.

## **Asking for Forgiveness**

(Asker) Sanghe¹ / Ācariye² / (Mahā)there³
pamādena, dvārattayena kataṃ,
sabbaṃ aparādhaṃ khamatu¹/
khamatha²,³ me⁴/no⁵ bhante. (3x)

(Receiver) Ahaṃ khamāmi, tayāpi⁴/tumhehipi⁵ me khamitabbaṃ.

(Asker) Khamāmi<sup>4</sup>/Khamāma<sup>5</sup> bhante.

<sup>1.</sup> Use with Sangha , 2. Use with an Ajahn , 3. Use with a Thera or Mah $\bar{\rm a}$  -thera

<sup>4.</sup> For an individual person/monk , 5. For more than one person/monk

## Offering Kathina Cloth

Imam bhante, saparivāram, kaṭhina-cīvara-dussam, saṅghassa, oṇojayāma. Sādhu no bhante, saṅgho, imam, saparivāram, kaṭhina-cīvara-dussam, paṭiggaṇhātu, paṭiggahetvā ca, iminā dussena, kaṭhinam, attharatu, amhākam, dīgha-rattam, hitāya, sukhāya.

Venerable Sirs, we present this kathina-robe cloth, together with these accompanying articles, to the Sangha. May the Sangha please accept this kathina-robe cloth, together with these accompanying articles, and having accepted it, spread the kathina with this cloth for our long-term welfare and happiness.

## Requesting a Dhamma Discourse

Brahmā ca lokādhipatī sahampati Kat'añjalī andhivaram ayācatha: Santīdha sattāpparajakkha-jātikā Desetu dhammam anukampimam pajam.

The Brahma god Sahampati, Lord of the World, with palms joined in reverence, requested a favour: 'Beings are here with but little dust in their eyes, pray, teach the Dhamma out of compassion for them.'

## Taking Leave of the Bhikkhus

[Laypeople:] Handadāni, mayam bhante, āpucchāma, bahukiccā mayam, bahukaraṇīyā.

We ask to take leave of you, Venerable Sirs, for we have many tasks and duties to which we must attend.

[Senior Monk:] Yassadāni tumhe kālaṃ maññatha.

You know the appropriate time.

[Laypeople:] Sādhu bhante.

It is well, Venerable Sirs.

## **Requesting Paritta Chanting**

Vipatti-paṭibāhāya Sabba-sampatti-siddhiyā, Sabba-dukkha-vināsāya
Parittaṃ brūtha maṅgalaṃ.
Vipatti-paṭibāhāya Sabba-sampatti-siddhiyā, Sabba-bhaya-vināsāya
Parittaṃ brūtha maṅgalaṃ.
Vipatti-paṭibāhāya Sabba-sampatti-siddhiyā, Sabba-roga-vināsāya
Parittaṃ brūtha maṅgalaṃ.

For warding off misfortune, for the arising of good fortune,
For the dispelling of all dukkha,

May you chant a blessing and protection.

For warding off misfortune, for the arising of good fortune,

For the dispelling of all fear,

May you chant a blessing and protection.

For warding off misfortune, for the arising of good fortune,

For the dispelling of all sickness,

May you chant a blessing and protection.

#### An Invitation to the Devas

**BEGINNING FOR ROYAL CEREMONIES:** 

Sarajjam sasenam sabandhum narindam, Parittānubhāvo sadā rakkhatū'ti.

May the power of the Parittas protect the king, His treasures, his relatives, and his advisors at all times.

BEGINNING FOR CŪĻARĀJAPARITTAM (7 CHRONICLES):

Pharitvāna mettam samettā bhadantā, Avikkhitta-cittā parittam bhanantu. (Continue at the \*, page 164)

Kind, venerable sirs, having spread thoughts of good will, listen to the chant with undistracted mind.

BEGINNING FOR MAHĀRĀJAPARITTAM (12 CHRONICLES):

Samantā cakkavāļesu

Atrāgacchantu devatā

From all universes may the devas come here.

Saddhammam muni-rājassa Suņantu sagga-mokkhadam.

May they listen to the True Dhamma of the King of Sages, leading to heaven and emancipation.

#### \* Sagge kāme ca rūpe

#### Giri-sikharatațe cantalikkhe vimāne

Those in the heavens of sensuality and form, on peaks and mountain precipices, in palaces floating in the sky,

#### Dīpe raṭṭhe ca gāme

#### Taruvana-gahane geha-vatthumhi khette,

In islands, countries, and towns,
In groves of trees and thickets, around
homesites and fields.

#### Bhummā cāyantu devā

## Jala-thala-visame yakkha-gandhabba-nāgā,

And the earth-devas, spirits, heavenly minstrels, and nagas, In water, on land, in badlands and nearby:

#### Tiţţhantā santike yam

### Muni-vara-vacanam sādhavo me suņantu.

May they come and listen with approval.

As I recite the word of the excellent sage.

## Dhammassavana-kālo ayam-bhadantā.

#### (Repeat 3 times.)

This is the time to listen to the Dhamma, Venerable Sirs.

## PARITTA CHANTING

## **Great Homage**

Namo tassa bhagavato arahato sammā-sambuddhassa. (3x)

Homage to the Blessed, Noble, and Perfectly Enlightened One.

# Going to the Triple Refuge

Buddham saranam gacchāmi.

To the Buddha I go for refuge.

Dhammam saranam gacchāmi.

To the Dhamma I go for refuge.

Sangham saranam gacchāmi.

To the Sangha I go for refuge.

(repeat 2 more times:

Second time add **Dutiyampi**... before each line Third time chant **Tatiyampi**... before each line)

## Sambuddhe

#### The Fully Enlightened Buddhas

Sambuddhe aṭṭhavīsañca

Dvādasañca sahassake

Pañca-sata-sahassāni Namāmi sirasā aham

I pay homage with my head to the 512,028 Buddhas.

Tesam dhammañca sanghañca

Ādarena namāmiham

I pay devoted homage to their Dhamma and Sangha.

Namakārānubhāvena

Hantvā sabbe upaddave

Anekā antarāyāpi Vinassantu asesato.

Through the power of this homage, having demolished all misfortunes, may countless dangers be destroyed without trace.

Sambuddhe pañca-paññāsañca

Catuvīsati-sahassake

Dasa-sata-sahassāni Namāmi sirasā aham

I pay homage with my head to the 1,024,055 Buddhas.

Tesam dhammañca sanghañca Ādarena namāmiham

I pay devoted homage to their Dhamma and Sangha.

Namakārānubhāvena

Hantvā sabbe upaddave

Anekā antarāyāpi Vinassantu asesato.

Through the power of this homage, having demolished all misfortunes, may countless dangers be destroyed without trace.

Sambuddhe navuttarasate

Ațțhacattāļīsa-sahassake

Vīsati-sata-sahassāni Namāmi sirasā aham

I pay homage with my head to the 2,048,109 Buddhas.

Tesaṃ dhammañca saṅghañca Ādarena namāmihaṃ

I pay devoted homage to their Dhamma & Sangha.

Namakārānubhāvena

Hantvā sabbe upaddave

Anekā antarāyāpi Vinassantu asesato.

Through the power of this homage, having demolished all misfortunes, may countless dangers be destroyed without trace.

# Namakāra-siddhi-gāthā

Verses on Success through Homage

## Yo cakkhumā moha-malāpakaṭṭho Sāmaṃ va buddho sugato vimutto

The One with vision,
with the stain of delusion removed,
Self-Awakened, Well-Gone, and Released,

Mārassa pāsā vinimocayanto Pāpesi khemam janatam vineyyam.

Freed from the snares of mortal temptation, He leads humanity from evil to security.

## Buddham varantam sirasā namāmi Lokassa nāthañca vināyakañca

I pay homage with my head to that excellent Buddha,

The Protector And Mentor for the world.

## Tan-tejasā te jaya-siddhi hotu Sabb'antarāyā ca vināsamentu.

By the power of this, may you have triumph and success, And may all your dangers be destroyed.

## Dhammo dhajo yo viya tassa satthu Dassesi lokassa visuddhi-maggam

The Teacher's Dhamma, like a banner, Shows the path of purity to the world.

## Niyyāniko dhamma-dharassa dhārī Sātāvaho santikaro suciņņo.

Leading out, upholding those who uphold it, Rightly accomplished, it brings pleasure, makes peace.

## Dhammam varantam sirasā namāmi Mohappadālam upasanta-dāham

I pay homage with my head to that excellent Dhamma, Which pierces delusion and makes fever grow calm.

## Tan-tejasā te jaya-siddhi hotu Sabb'antarāyā ca vināsamentu.

By the power of this,
may you have triumph and success,
And may all your dangers be destroyed.

## Saddhamma-senā sugatānugo yo Lokassa pāpūpakilesa-jetā

The True Dhamma's army, following the One Well-Gone, Is victor over the evils and corruptions of the world.

Santo sayam santi-niyojako ca Svākkhāta-dhammam viditam karoti.

Self-calmed, it is calming and without fetter, And makes the well-taught Dhamma be known.

Saṅghaṃ varantaṃ sirasā namāmi Buddhānubuddhaṃ sama-sīla-diṭṭhiṃ

I pay homage with my head to that excellent Saṅgha, Awakened after the Awakened, harmonious in virtue and view.

Tan-tejasā te jaya-siddhi hotu Sabb'antarāyā ca vināsamentu.

> By the power of this, may you have triumph and success, And may all your dangers be destroyed.

# Namo-kār-atthaka-gāthā

The Homage Octet

Namo <u>a</u>rahato sammā-

Sambuddhassa mahesino

Homage to the Great Seer, The Worthy One, Perfectly Self-awakened.

Namo uttama-dhammassa

Svākkhātasseva tenidha

Homage to the highest Dhamma, Well-taught by him here.

Namo mahā-sanghassāpi

Visuddha-sīla-diţţhino

And homage to the Great Saṅgha, Pure in virtue and view.

Namo omātyāraddhassa

Ratanattayassa sādhukam

Homage to the Triple Gem Beginning auspiciously with <u>AUM</u>.

Namo omakātītassa

Tassa vatthuttayassapi

And homage to those three objects That have left base things behind.

## Namo-kārappabhāvena

#### Vigacchantu upaddavā

By the potency of this homage, May misfortunes disappear.

#### Namo-kārānubhāvena

#### Suvatthi hotu sabbadā

By the potency of this homage, May there always be well-being.

### Namo-kārassa tejena

#### Vidhimhi homi tejavā.

By the power of this homage, May success in this ceremony be mine.

# Mangala-sutta

#### The Discourse on Blessings

#### Asevanā ca bālānam

#### Paṇditānañca sevanā

Avoiding those of foolish ways, Associating with the wise,

### Pūjā ca pūjanīyānam

#### Etam-mangalam-uttamam.

And honouring those worthy of honour: These are the highest blessings.

#### Paţirūpa-desa-vāso ca

### Pubbe ca kata-puññatā

Living in places of suitable kinds, With the fruits of past good deeds

## Atta-sammā-paṇidhi ca

### Etam-mangalam-uttamam.

And guided by the rightful way: These are the highest blessings.

### Bāhu-saccañca sippañca

#### Vinayo ca susikkhito

Accomplished in learning and craftsman's skills, With discipline, highly trained,

#### Subhāsitā ca yā vācā

Etam-mangalam-uttamam.

And speech that is true and pleasant to hear:

These are the highest blessings.

### Mātā-pitu-upaṭṭhānaṃ

#### Putta-dārassa sangaho

Providing for mother and father's support And cherishing family,

#### Anākulā ca kammantā

#### Etam-mangalam-uttamam.

And ways of work that harm no being:

These are the highest blessings.

#### Dānañca dhamma-cariyā ca

#### Ñātakānañca saṅgaho

Generosity and a righteous life,
Offering help to relatives and kin,

#### Anavajjāni kammāni

#### Etam-mangalam-uttamam.

And acting in ways that leave no blame:

These are the highest blessings.

### Āratī viratī pāpā

#### Majja-pānā ca saññamo

Steadfast in restraint, and shunning evil ways, Avoiding intoxicants that dull the mind,

#### Appamādo ca dhammesu

#### Etam-mangalam-uttamam.

And heedfulness in all things that arise:

These are the highest blessings.

Gāravo ca nivāto ca

Santuțțhī ca kataññutā

Respectfulness and being of humble ways, Contentment and gratitude,

Kālena dhammassavanam

Etam-mangalam-uttamam.

And hearing the Dhamma frequently taught: These are the highest blessings.

Khantī ca sovacassatā

Samaṇānañca dassanam

Patience and willingness to accept one's faults, Seeing venerated seekers of the truth,

Kālena dhamma-sākacchā

Etam-mangalam-uttamam.

And sharing often the words of Dhamma:

These are the highest blessings.

Tapo ca brahma-cariyañca

Ariya-saccāna dassanam

Ardent, committed to the Holy Life, Seeing for oneself the Noble Truths,

Nibbāna-sacchi-kiriyā ca

Etam-mangalam-uttamam.

And the realization of Nibbana:

These are the highest blessings.

Phuṭṭhassa loka-dhammehi Cittaṃ yassa na kampati

> Although in contact with the world, Unshaken the mind remains,

Asokam virajam khemam

Etam-mangalam-uttamam.

Beyond all sorrow, spotless, secure: These are the highest blessings.

Etādisāni katvāna

Sabbattham-aparājitā

They who live by following this path Know victory wherever they go,

Sabbattha sotthim gacchanti

Tan-tesam mangalam-uttaman'ti.

And every place for them is safe: These are their highest blessings.

#### Ratana-sutta

Six Protective Verses from the Discourse on Treasures

Yaṅkiñci vittaṃ idha vā huraṃ vā Saggesu vā yam ratanam panītam

Whatever wealth in this world or the next, whatever exquisite treasure in the heavens,

## Na no samaṃ atthi tathāgatena Idam-pi buddhe ratanaṃ paṇītaṃ

Is not, for us, equal to the Tathāgata. This, too, is an exquisite treasure in the Buddha

#### Etena saccena suvatthi hotu.

By this truth may there be well-being.

## Khayam virāgam amatam paṇītam Yad-ajjhagā sakyamunī samāhito

The exquisite Deathless—dispassion, ending—discovered by the Sakyan Sage while in concentration:

## Na tena dhammena sam-atthi kiñci Idam-pi dhamme ratanam paṇītam

There is nothing equal to that Dhamma. This, too, is an exquisite treasure in the Dhamma,

#### Etena saccena suvatthi hotu.

By this truth may there be well-being.

### Yam-buddha-seṭṭho parivaṇṇayī suciṃ Samādhim-ānantarik-aññam-āhu

What the excellent Awakened One extolled as pure and called the concentration of unmediated knowing:

## Samādhinā tena samo na vijjati Idam-pi dhamme ratanam paṇītam

No equal to that concentration can be found.

This, too, is an exquisite treasure in the Dhamma.

#### Etena saccena suvatthi hotu.

By this truth may there be well-being.

## Ye puggalā aṭṭha satam pasatthā

#### Cattāri etāni yugāni honti

The eight persons—the four pairs—praised by those at peace:

## Te dakkhiņeyyā sugatassa sāvakā

### Etesu dinnāni mahapphalāni

They, disciples of the One Well-Gone, deserve offerings. What is given to them bears great fruit.

### Idam-pi saṅghe ratanam paṇītam Etena saccena suvatthi hotu.

This, too, is an exquisite treasure in the

Saṅgha. By this truth may there be well-being.

## Ye suppayuttā manasā daļhena

#### Nikkāmino gotama-sāsanamhi

Those who, devoted, firm-minded, apply themselves to Gotama's message,

#### Te pattipattā amatam vigayha

#### Laddhā mudhā nibbutim bhuñjamānā

On attaining their goal, plunge into the Deathless, freely enjoying the Liberation they've gained.

## Idam-pi saṅghe ratanaṃ paṇītaṃ Etena saccena suvatthi hotu.

This, too, is an exquisite treasure in the Sangha. By this truth may there be well-being.

## Khīṇaṃ purāṇaṃ navaṃ natthi sambhavaṃ Viratta-cittāyatike bhavasmiṃ

Ended the old, there is no new taking birth. Dispassioned their minds toward further becoming,

## Te khīṇa-bījā aviruļhi-chandā Nibbanti dhīrā yathāyam-padīpo

They, with no seed, no desire for growth, the wise, they go out like this flame.

## Idam-pi saṅghe ratanam paṇītam Etena saccena suvatthi hotu.

This, too, is an exquisite treasure in the Saṅgha. By this truth may there be well-being.

# Karaṇīya-metta-sutta

### The Buddha's Words on Lovingkindness

[Now let us chant the Buddha's words on loving-kindness.]

Karaṇīyam-attha-kusalena Yantaṃ santaṃ padaṃ abhisamecca Sakko ujū ca suhujū ca Suvaco cassa mudu anatimānī

[This is what should be done]

By one who is skilled in goodness,

And who knows the path of peace:

Let them be able and upright,

Straightforward and gentle in speech,

Humble and not conceited,

Santussako ca subharo ca Appakicco ca sallahuka-vutti Santindriyo ca nipako ca Appagabbho kulesu ananugiddho

> Contented and easily satisfied, Unburdened with duties and frugal in their ways.

Peaceful and calm, and wise and skilful, Not proud and demanding in nature. Na ca khuddam samācare kiñci Yena viññū pare upavadeyyum Sukhino vā khemino hontu Sabbe sattā bhavantu sukhitattā

That the wise would later reprove, Wishing: In gladness and in safety, May all beings be at ease.

Ye keci pāṇa-bhūtatthi Tasā vā thāvarā vā anavasesā Dīghā vā ye mahantā vā Majjhimā rassakā aṇuka-thūlā

Whatever living beings there may be,
Whether they are weak or strong, omitting none,

The great or the mighty, medium, short or small,

Diṭṭhā vā ye ca adiṭṭhā Ye ca dūre vasanti avidūre Bhūtā vā sambhavesī vā Sabbe sattā bhavantu sukhitattā.

The seen and the unseen,

Those living near and far away,

Those born and to be born,

May all beings be at ease.

Na paro param nikubbetha Nātimaññetha katthaci nam kiñci Byārosanā paṭīgha-saññā Nāññam-aññassa dukkham-iccheyya.

Let none deceive another,
Or despise any being in any state.
Let none through anger or ill-will
Wish harm upon another.

Mātā yathā niyam puttam Āyusā eka-puttam-anurakkhe, Evam-pi sabba-bhūtesu Māna-sambhāvaye aparimāṇam.

> Even as a mother protects with her life Her child, her only child, So with a boundless heart Should one cherish all living beings;

Mettañca sabba-lokasmiṃ Māna-sambhāvaye aparimāṇaṃ Uddhaṃ adho ca tiriyañca Asambādhaṃ averaṃ asapattaṃ.

Radiating kindness over the entire world:

Spreading upwards to the skies,

And downwards to the depths,

Outwards and unbounded,

Freed from hatred and ill-will.

Tiṭṭhañ-caraṃ nisinno vā Sayāno vā yāvatassa vigatam-iddho Etaṃ satiṃ adhiṭṭheyya Brahmam-etaṃ vihāraṃ idham-āhu.

Whether standing or walking, seated,
Or lying down - free from drowsiness One should sustain this recollection.

This is said to be the sublime abiding.

Dițțhiñca anupagamma sīlavā

Dassanena sampanno, Kāmesu vineyya gedham

Na hi jātu gabbha-seyyam punaretī'ti.

By not holding to fixed views,

The pure-hearted one, having clarity of vision,

Being freed from all sense-desires, Is not born again into this world.

# Khandha-paritta

#### **The Group Protection**

#### Virūpakkhehi me mettam

I have good will for the Virupakkhas,

#### Mettam erāpathehi me

The Erapathas,

#### Chabyā-puttehi me mettam

The Chabya descendants,

#### Mettam kanhā-gotamakehi ca

And the Black Gotamakas.

#### Apādakehi me mettam

I have good will for footless beings,

### Mettam dipādakehi me

Two-footed.

#### Catuppadehi me mettam

Four-footed.

#### Mettam bahuppadehi me

And many-footed beings.

#### Mā mam apādako himsi

May footless beings,

#### Mā mam himsi dipādako

Two-footed beings,

#### Mā mam catuppado himsi

Four-footed beings,

#### Mā mam himsi bahuppado

And many-footed beings do me no harm.

#### Sabbe sattā sabbe pāņā

May all creatures, all breathing things,

#### Sabbe bhūtā ca kevalā

All beings—each and every one—

#### Sabbe bhadrāni passantu

Meet with good fortune.

#### Mā kiñci pāpamāgamā

May none of them come to any evil.

#### Appamāņo Buddho

The Buddha is limitless,

#### Appamāņo Dhammo

The Dhamma is limitless,

### Appamāņo Sangho

The Sangha is limitless.

## Pamāṇa-vantāni siriṃ-sapāni ahi vicchikā

#### Satapadī uṇṇānābhī sarabū mūsikā

There is a limit to creeping things—snakes, scorpions, centipedes, spiders, lizards, and rats.

#### Katā me rakkhā katā me parittā

I have made this protection, I have made this spell.

### Pațikkamantu bhūtāni

May the beings depart.

### So'ham namo bhagavato

I pay homage to the Blessed One,

#### Namo sattannam sammā-sambuddhānam.

Homage to the seven
Perfectly Self-awakened Ones.

# Vattaka-paritta

The Baby Quail's Protection Atthi loke sīla-guņo Saccaṃ soceyy-anuddayā Tena saccena kāhāmi Sacca-kiriyam-anuttaraṃ

There is in this world the quality of virtue,
Truth, purity, tenderness.
In accordance with this truth, I will make
An unsurpassed vow of truth.

Āvajjitvā dhamma-balaṃ Saritvā pubbake jine Sacca-balam-avassāya Sacca-kiriyam-akāsa'haṃ

Sensing the strength of the Dhamma,
Calling to mind the victors of the past,
In dependence on the strength of truth,
I made an unsurpassed vow of truth:

Santi pakkhā apattanā Santi pādā avañcanā Mātā pitā ca nikkhantā Jāta-veda paṭikkama

Here are wings with no feathers,
Here are feet that can't walk.
My mother and father have left me.
Fire, go back!

Saha sacce kate mayham Mahāpajjalito sikhī Vajjesi soļasa karīsāni Udakam patvā yathā sikhī Saccena me samo n'atthi Esā me sacca-pāramī'ti.

When I made my vow with truth,

The great crested flames

Avoided the sixteen acres around me

As if they had come to a body of water.

My truth has no equal:

Such is my perfection of truth.

# Mora-paritta

The Peacock's Protection

Udetayañ-cakkhumā eka-rājā
Harissa-vaṇṇo paṭhavippabhāso
Taṃ taṃ namassāmi harissa-vaṇṇaṃ
paṭhavippabhāsaṃ
Tayajja guttā viharemu divasaṃ

The One King, rising, with vision,
Golden-hued, illumining the Earth:
I pay homage to you,
Golden-hued, illumining the Earth.
Guarded today by you, may I live through the day.

Ye brāhmaṇā vedagu sabba-dhamme Te me namo te ca maṃ pālayantu. Namatthu buddhānaṃ namatthu bodhiyā Namo vimuttānaṃ namo vimuttiyā

Those Brahmans who are knowers of all truths,
I pay homage to them;

May they keep watch over me.

Homage to the Awakened Ones.

Homage to Awakening.

Homage to the Released Ones.

Homage to Release.

Imam so parittam katvā Moro carati esanā.

Having made this protection,

The peacock sets out in search for food.

Apetayañ-cakkhumā eka-rājā Harissa-vaṇṇo paṭhavippabhāso Taṃ taṃ namassāmi harissa-vaṇṇaṃ paṭhavippabhāsaṃ

Tayajja guttā viharemu rattim

The One King, setting, with Vision, Golden-hued, illumining the Earth:

I pay homage to you,
Golden-hued, illumining the Earth.

Guarded today by you,

May I live through the night,

Ye brāhmaṇā vedagu sabba-dhamme Te me namo te ca maṃ pālayantu Namatthu buddhānaṃ namatthu bodhiyā Namo vimuttānaṃ namo vimuttiyā

Those Brahmans who are knowers of all truths,

I pay homage to them;

May they keep watch over me.

Homage to the Awakened Ones.

Homage to Awakening.

Homage to the Released Ones.

Homage to Release.

Imam so parittam katvā Moro vāsamakappayī'ti.

Having made this protection,

The peacock arranges his nest.

# Āṭānāṭiya-paritta

#### Homage to the Seven Past Buddhas

Vipassissa namatthu

Cakkhumantassa sirīmato

Homage to Vipassī,

Possessed of vision and splendor.

Sikhissapi namatthu

Sabba-bhūtānukampino

Homage to Sikhī, sympathetic to all beings.

Vessabhussa namatthu

Nhātakassa tapassino

Homage to Vesabhū, cleansed, austere.

Namatthu Kakusandhassa

Māra-senappamaddino

Homage to Kakusandha, crusher of Mara's host.

Konāgamanassa namatthu

Brāhmaņassa vusīmato

Homage to Konāgamana,

The brahman who lived the life perfected.

Kassapassa namatthu

Vippamuttassa sabbadhi

Homage to Kassapa, entirely released.

Angīrasassa namatthu

Sakya-puttassa sirīmato

Homage to Angīrasa, splendid son of the Sakyans,

Yo imam dhammam-adesesi

#### Sabba-dukkhāpanūdanam

Who taught this Dhamma— The dispelling of all stress.

#### Ye cāpi nibbutā loke

#### Yathā-bhūtam vipassisum

Those unbound in the world, Who have seen things as they are,

#### Te janā apisuņā

#### Mahantā vītasāradā

Great Ones of gentle speech, thoroughly mature,

#### Hitam deva-manussānam

#### Yam namassanti Gotamam

Even they pay homage to Gotama,
The benefit of human and heavenly beings,

#### Vijjā-caraņa-sampannam

#### Mahantam vītasāradam

Consummate in knowledge and conduct, The Great One, thoroughly mature.

#### Vijjā-caraņa-sampannam

#### Buddham vandāma Gotaman'ti.

We revere the Buddha Gotama, Consummate in knowledge and conduct.

# Angulimāla-paritta

Ven. Angulimāla's Protection

Yato'haṃ bhagini ariyāya jātiyā jāto, Nābhijānāmi sañcicca pāṇaṃ jīvitā voropetā, Tena saccena sotthi te hotu sotthi gabbhassa. [3x]

Sister, since being born in the Noble Birth,
I am not aware that I have intentionally
Deprived a being of life.
By this truth may you be well,
And so may the child in your womb.

# Bojjhanga-paritta

#### The Factor-of-Awakening Protection

#### Bojjhango sati-sankhāto

#### Dhammanam vicayo tatha

The factors for Awakening include mindfulness, Investigation of qualities,

### Viriyam-pīti-passaddhi-

#### Bojjhangā ca tathāpare

Persistence, rapture, and serenity factors of Awakening, plus

### Samādh'upekkha-bojjhangā

#### Satt'ete sabba-dassinā

Concentration and equanimity factors of Awakening. These seven, which the All-seeing

#### Muninā sammadakkhātā

#### Bhāvitā bahulīkatā

Sage has perfectly taught, When developed and matured,

### Samvattanti abhiññāya

#### Nibbānāya ca bodhiyā

Bring about heightened knowledge, Liberation, and Awakening.

### Etena sacca-vajjena Sotthi te hotu sabbadā.

By the saying of this truth, May you always be well. Ekasmim samaye nātho

Moggallānañca kassapam

At one time, our Protector—seeing that Moggallana and Kassapa

Gilāne dukkhite disvā

Bojjhange satta desayi

Were sick and in pain—

Taught them the seven factors of Awakening.

Te ca tam abhinanditvā

Rogā muccimsu tamkhaņe

They, delighting in that,

Were instantly freed from their illness.

Etena sacca-vajjena Sotthi te hotu sabbadā.

By the saying of this truth,

May you always be well.

Ekadā dhamma-rājāpi

Gelaññenābhipīļito

Once, when the Dhamma King

Was afflicted with fever,

Cundattherena taññeva

Bhaṇāpetvāna sādaram

He had the Elder Cunda

Recite that very teaching with devotion.

Sammoditvā ca ābādhā

Tamhā vuţţhāsi ţhānaso

And as he approved, He rose up from that disease.

#### Etena sacca-vajjena Sotthi te hotu sabbadā.

By the saying of this truth, May you always be well.

#### Pahīnā te ca ābādhā

#### Tinnannam-pi mahesinam

Those diseases were abandoned By the three Great Seers,

#### Maggāhata-kilesā va

#### Pattānuppatti-dhammatam

Just as defilements are demolished by the Path In accordance with step-by-step attainment.

### Etena sacca-vajjena Sotthi te hotu sabbadā.

By the saying of this truth, May you always be well.

# Abhaya-paritta

The Fearlessness Protection

## Yan-dunnimittam avamangalañca Yo cāmanāpo sakunassa saddo

Whatever unlucky portents and ill omens, And whatever distressing bird calls,

### Pāpaggaho dussupinam akantam Buddhānubhāvena vināsamentu.

Evil planets, upsetting nightmares: By the Buddha's power may they be destroyed.

## Yan-dunnimittam avamangalañca Yo cāmanāpo sakunassa saddo

Whatever unlucky portents and ill omens, And whatever distressing bird calls,

## Pāpaggaho dussupinam akantam Dhammānubhāvena vināsamentu.

Evil planets, upsetting nightmares: By the Dhamma's power may they be destroyed.

## Yan-dunnimittam avamangalañca Yo cāmanāpo sakuņassa saddo

Whatever unlucky portents and ill omens, And whatever distressing bird calls,

## Pāpaggaho dussupinam akantam Saṅghānubhāvena vināsamentu.

Evil planets, upsetting nightmares: By the Saṅgha's power may they be destroyed.

# Pakiṇṇaka-gāthā

Having Revered the Jewel of the Buddha

Sakkatvā buddha-ratanam

Osatham uttamam varam

Having revered the Buddha-treasure, Truly the best of medicines,

Hitam deva-manussānam

Buddha-tejena sotthinā

Nassant'upaddavā sabbe

Dukkhā vūpasamentu te.

Welfare for gods and men:

By the Buddha's might may safety be,

May all distress be destroyed

and all your suffering be stilled.

Sakkatvā dhamma-ratanam

Osatham uttamam varam

Having revered the Dhamma-treasure,

Truly the best of medicines,

Pariļāhūpasamanam Dhamma-tejena sotthinā

Nassant'upaddavā sabbe

Bhayā vūpasamentu te.

Calmer of fevered passions:

By the Dhamma's might may safety be,

May all distress be destroyed,

and all your fears be stilled.

Sakkatvā sangha-ratanam

Osatham uttamam varam

Having revered the Sangha-treasure,

Truly the best of medicines,

Āhuneyyam pāhuneyyam

Sangha-tejena sotthinā

Nassant'upaddavā sabbe Rogā vūpasamentu te.

Worthy of gifts and hospitality:

By the Sangha's might may safety be,

May all distress be destroyed,

and all your ills be stilled.

N'atthi me saraṇam aññam

Buddho me saraṇam varaṃ

For me there is no other refuge,

The Buddha truly is my refuge.

Etena sacca-vajjena Hotu te jaya-mangalam.

By the speaking of this truth,

May you be blessed with victory.

N'atthi me saraṇam aññam

Dhammo me saranam varam

For me there is no other refuge,

The Dhamma truly is my refuge.

Etena sacca-vajjena Hotu te jaya-mangalam.

By the speaking of this truth,

May you be blessed with victory.

N'atthi me saraṇaṃ aññaṃ Saṅgho me saraṇaṃ varaṃ

> For me there is no other refuge, The Sangha truly is my refuge.

Etena sacca-vajjena Hotu te jaya-mangalam.

By the speaking of this truth, May you be blessed with victory.

Yaṅkiñci ratanaṃ loke Vijjati vividhaṃ puthu Ratanaṃ buddha-samaṃ natthi Tasmā sotthī bhayantu te.

Whatever treasure there is in the world,
Diverse kinds found here and there,
No treasure is equal to the Buddha,
Therefore may there be safety for you.

Yaṅkiñci ratanaṃ loke Vijjati vividhaṃ puthu Ratanaṃ dhamma-samaṃ natthi Tasmā sotthī bhavantu te.

Whatever treasure there is in the world Diverse kinds found here and there,
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Therefore may there be safety for you.

Yaṅkiñci ratanaṃ loke Vijjati vividhaṃ puthu Ratanaṃ saṅgha-samaṃ natthi Tasmā sotthī bhavantu te.

Whatever treasure there is in the world

Diverse kinds found here and there, No treasure is equal to the Sangha, Therefore may there be safety for you.

## Devatā-uyyojana-gāthā

Verses on Sending Off the Deities

Dukkhappattā ca niddukkhā Bhayappattā ca nibbhayā

Sokappattā ca nissokā Hontu sabbe'pi pāṇino

May the suffering be free from suffering, May the fear-struck be free from fear, May the grieving be free from grief, So too may all beings be.

Ettāvatā ca amhehi Sambhataṃ puñña-sampadaṃ Sabbe devānumodantu Sabba-sampatti-siddhiyā

For the sake of all attainment and success May all heavenly beings rejoice
In the extent to which we have gathered a Consummation of merit.

Dānaṃ dadantu saddhāya Sīlaṃ rakkhantu sabbadā Bhāvanābhiratā hontu Gacchantu devatā gatā. May they give gifts with conviction,
May they always maintain virtue,
May they delight in meditation,
May they go to a heavenly destination.

Sabbe buddhā balappattā
Paccekānañca yaṃ balaṃ
Arahantānañca tejena
Rakkhaṃ bandhāmi sabbaso.

By the power of all the Supreme Buddhas, By the power of all the Silent Buddhas, And by the power of the Noble Arahants, I bind this protection all around.

## Qualities of the Triple Gem\*

**Itipi so bhagavā** He, the Blessed One,

Araham Is indeed the Pure One,

Sammāsambuddho The Perfectly Enlightened

One;

<sup>(\*)</sup> The Buddha recommends recollecting the qualties of the Triple Gem in the Dhajagga Sutta (Saṃyutta Nikāya XI.3) as a protection against fear.

#### Vijjācaraņa-sampanno

He is impeccable in conduct and understanding,

Sugato The Accomplished One,

**Lokavidū** The Knower of the Worlds;

Anuttaro purisadamma-sārathi

He trains perfectly those who wish to be trained;

Satthā deva-manussānam

He is Teacher of gods and humans;

**Buddho** He is Awake

Bhagavā'ti. And Holy.

#### Svākkhāto bhagavatā dhammo

The Dhamma is well-expounded by the Blessed One,

**Sandiṭṭhiko** Apparent here and now

Akāliko Timeless

**Ehipassiko** Encouraging investigation,

Opanayiko Leading onwards

Paccattam veditabbo viññūhī'ti.

To be experienced individually by the wise.

#### Supațipanno bhagavato sāvaka-saṅgho

They are the Blessed One's disciples who have practised well,

### Ujupațipanno bhagavato sāvaka-saṅgho

Who have practised directly,

#### Ñāyapaṭipanno bhagavato sāvaka-saṅgho

Who have practised insightfully,

#### Sāmīcipațipanno bhagavato sāvaka-sangho

Those who practise with integrity;

Yadidam That is

#### Cattāri purisayugāni aṭṭha purisapuggalā

The four pairs, the eight kinds of noble beings,

#### Esa bhagavato sāvaka-saṅgho

These are the Blessed One's disciples.

**Āhuneyyo** Such ones are worthy of gifts,

**Pāhuneyyo** Worthy of hospitality,

**Dakkhineyyo** Worthy of offerings,

Añjali-karaṇīyo Worthy of respect;

#### Anuttaram puññakkhettam lokassā'ti.

They give occasion for incomparable goodness to arise in the world.

### Buddha-jaya-mangala-gatha

Verses on the Buddha's Auspicious Victories

Bāhuṃ sahassam-abhinimmita-sāvudhantaṃ Grīmekhalaṃ udita-ghora-sasena-māraṃ Dānādi-dhamma-vidhinā jitavā munindo Tan-tejasā bhavatu te jaya-maṅgalāni.

Creating a form with 1,000 arms, each equipped with a weapon, Mara, on the elephant Girimekhala, uttered a frightening roar together with his troops. The Lord of Sages defeated him by means of such qualities as generosity: by the power of this, may you have victory blessings.

Mārātirekam-abhiyujjhita-sabba-rattim Ghorampanāļavaka-makkham-athaddha-yakkham Khantī-sudanta-vidhinā jitavā munindo Tan-tejasā bhavatu te jaya-maṅgalāni.

Even more frightful than Mara making war all night was Āļavaka, the arrogant unstable ogre. The Lord of Sages defeated him by means of well-trained endurance: by the power of this, may you have victory blessings.

Nāļāgirim gaja-varam atimattabhūtam Dāvaggi-cakkam-asanīva sudāruņantam Mett'ambuseka-vidhinā jitavā munindo Tan-tejasā bhavatu te jaya-maṅgalāni.

Nāļāgiri, the excellent elephant, when maddened, was very horrific, like a forest fire, a flaming discus, a lightning bolt. The Lord of Sages defeated him by sprinkling the water of good will: by the power of this, may you have victory blessings.

Ukkhitta-khaggam-atihattha sudāruṇantaṃ Dhāvan-ti-yojana-path'aṅguli-mālavantaṃ Iddhībhisaṅkhata-mano jitavā munindo Tan-tejasā bhavatu te jaya-maṅgalāni.

Very horrific, with a sword upraised in his expert hand, Garlanded-with-Fingers ran three leagues along the path. The Lord of Sages defeated him with mind-fashioned marvels: by the power of this, may you have victory blessings.

Katvāna kaṭṭham-udaraṃ iva gabbhinīyā Ciñcāya duṭṭha-vacanaṃ jana-kāya-majjhe Santena soma-vidhinā jitavā munindo Tan-tejasā bhavatu te jaya-maṅgalāni. Having made a wooden belly to appear pregnant, Ciñca made a lewd accusation in the midst of the gathering. The Lord of Sages defeated her with peaceful, gracious means: by the power of this, may you have victory blessings.

Saccam vihāya mati-saccaka-vāda-ketum Vādābhiropita-manam ati-andhabhūtam Paññā-padīpa-jalito jitavā munindo Tan-tejasā bhavatu te jaya-maṅgalāni.

Saccaka, whose provocative views had abandoned the truth, delighting in argument had become thoroughly blind. The Lord of Sages defeated him with the light of discernment: by the power of this, may you have victory blessings.

Nandopananda-bhujagam vibudham mahiddhim Puttena thera-bhujagena damāpayanto Iddhūpadesa-vidhinā jitavā munindo Tan-tejasā bhavatu te jaya-maṅgalāni.

Nandopananda was a serpent with great power but wrong views. The Lord of Sages defeated him by means of a display of marvels, sending his son (Moggallana), the serpent-elder, to tame him: by the power of this, may you have victory blessings. Duggāha-diṭṭhi-bhujagena sudaṭṭha-hatthaṃ Brahmaṃ visuddhi-jutim-iddhi-bakābhidhānaṃ Ñāṇāgadena vidhinā jitavā munindo Tan-tejasā bhavatu te jaya-maṅgalāni.

His hands bound tight by the serpent of wrongly held views, Baka, the Brahma, thought himself pure in his radiance and power. The Lord of Sages defeated him by means of his words of knowledge: by the power of this, may you have victory blessings.

Etāpi buddha-jaya-maṅgala-aṭṭha-gāthā
Yo vācano dinadine sarate matandī
Hitvān'aneka-vividhāni c'upaddavāni
Mokkhaṃ sukhaṃ adhigameyya naro sapañño.

These eight verses of the Buddha's victory blessings: Whatever person of discernment recites or recalls them day after day without lapsing, destroying all kinds of obstacles, will attain emancipation and happiness.

# Jaya-paritta

#### The Victory Protection

Mahā-kāruṇiko nātho Hitāya sabba-pāṇinaṃ Pūretvā pāramī sabbā Patto sambodhim-uttamaṃ

Our protector (the Buddha), with great compassion,

For the welfare of all beings, Having fulfilled all the perfections, Attained the highest self-awakening.

Etena sacca-vajjena Hotu te jaya-mangalam.

Through the speaking of this truth, may you have a victory blessing.

Jayanto bodhiyā mūle Sakyānaṃ nandi-vaḍḍhano Evaṃ tvaṃ vijayo hohi Jayassu jaya-maṅgale

> Victorious at the foot of the Bodhi tree, Was he who increased the Sakyans' delight. May you have the same sort of victory, May you win victory blessings.

Aparājita-pallaṅke Sīse paṭhavi-pokkhare Abhiseke sabba-buddhānaṃ Aggappatto pamodati.

At the head of the lotus leaf of the world,
On the undefeated seat,
Consecrated by all the Buddhas,
He rejoiced in the utmost attainment.

Sunakkhattam sumangalam
Supabhātam suhuṭṭhitam
Sukhano sumuhutto ca
Suyiṭṭham brahmacārisu
Padakkhinam kāya-kammam
Vācā-kammam padakkhinam
Padakkhinam mano-kammam
Paṇidhī te padakkhinā
Padakkhināni katvāna
Labhantatthe padakkhine.

A lucky star it is, a lucky blessing,
A lucky dawn, a lucky sacrifice,
A lucky instant, a lucky moment,
A lucky offering: (i.e.) a rightful bodily act,
A rightful verbal act, a rightful mental act,
Your rightful intentions
With regard to those who lead the chaste life.
Doing these rightful things,

your rightful aims are achieved.

Bhavatu sabba-maṅgalaṃ Rakkhantu sabba-devatā Sabba-buddhānubhāvena Sadā sotthī bhavantu te.

May there be every blessing.

May all heavenly beings protect you.

Through the power of all the Buddhas, may you always be well.

Bhavatu sabba-maṅgalaṃ Rakkhantu sabba-devatā Sabba-dhammānubhāvena Sadā sotthī bhavantu te.

May there be every blessing.

May all heavenly beings protect you.

Through the power of all the Dhammas, may you always be well.

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### Jinapañjara-gāthā

The Victor's Armor (of Somdet Dto Brahmaraṃsī)

(Recite "Namo tassa..." 3x)

(LEADER:)

Puttakāmo labhe puttaṃ
Dhanakāmo labhe dhanaṃ
Atthi kāye kāyañāya
Devānaṃ piyataṃ sutvā
Itipi so bhagavā yamarājāno tau-vessuvaṇṇo
Maraṇaṃ sukhaṃ arahaṃ sugato
Namo buddhāya

(ALL:)

Jayāsanākatā buddhā Jetvā māraṃ savāhanaṃ Catu-saccāsabhaṃ rasaṃ Ye piviṃsu narāsabhā

The Buddhas, those who are bulls of men, having established the victory seat, having defeated Māra together with his mount, drank of the ambrosia of the Four Truths.

Taṇhaṅkarādayo buddhā Aṭṭhavīsati nāyakā Sabbe patiṭṭhitā mayhaṃ Matthake te munissarā Those twenty eight leaders, Buddhas, beginning with Tanhankara, are all resting on the crown of my head; they are lords and sages.

Sīse patiṭṭhito mayhaṃ Buddho dhammo dvilocane Saṅgho patiṭṭhito mayhaṃ Ure sabba-guṇākaro

The Buddhas are resting on my head, and the Dhamma on my eyes; the Sangha, the fount of all good qualities, is resting on my chest.

Hadaye me anuruddho Sārīputto ca dakkhiņe Koṇḍañño piṭṭhi-bhāgasmiṃ Moggallāno ca vāmake

On my heart is Anuruddha, Sārīputta is on my right, Koṇḍañña is on my back, and Moggallāna on my left.

Dakkhiṇe savane mayhaṃ Āsuṃ ānanda-rāhulo Kassapo ca mahānāmo Ubhāsuṃ vāma-sotake

On my right ear are resting these two: Ānanda and Rāhula; Kassapa and Mahānāma, these two are resting on my left ear.

Kesato piṭṭhi-bhāgasmiṃ Suriyo va pabhaṅkaro Nisinno siri-sampanno Sobhito muni-puṅgavo

At the end of my hair at the back—like the Sun, the light maker—is seated the glorious Sobhita, who is a bull of a sage.

Kumāra-kassapo thero Mahesī citta-vādako So mayhaṃ vadane niccaṃ Patiṭṭhāsi guṇākaro

The elder Kumāra-kassapa, great sage and beautiful speaker, that fount of good qualities, is constantly resting on my mouth.

Puṇṇo aṅgulimālo ca Upālī nanda-sīvalī Therā pañca ime jātā Nalāṭe tilakā mama

Puṇṇa, Aṅgulimāla, Upāli, Nanda, and Sīvalī these five true elders are resting like auspicious signs on my forehead.

Sesāsīti mahātherā Vijitā jina-sāvakā
Etesīti mahāthera Jitavanto jinorasā
Jalantā sīla-tejena Aṅgamaṅgesu saṇṭhitā

The remaining eighty great elders, victors, disciples of the Victor, shining with the power of virtue, are established on my limbs.

Ratanaṃ purato āsi Dakkhiṇe metta-suttakaṃ Dhajaggaṃ pacchato āsi Vāme aṅgulimālakaṃ

To the front is the Ratana Sutta, on the right the Metta Sutta, the Dhajagga Sutta is at the back, and the Aṅgulimāla Paritta is on the left.

Khandha-mora-parittañca Āṭānāṭiya-suttakaṃ Ākāse chadanaṃ āsi Sesā pākāra-saṇṭhitā

The Khandha and Mora Parittas, and the Aṭānāṭiya Sutta cover the space around me; the remainder are a fence, so to speak.

Jināṇāvara-saṃyuttā Sattappākāra-laṅkatā Vāta-pitt'ādi-sañjātā Bāhir'ajjhatt'upaddavā Asesā vinayaṃ yantu Ananta-jina-tejasā

Bound by the power of the Victors' realm, with seven fortress walls arrayed against them, may all adversities within and without—beginning with those caused by wind and bile—come to a complete end through the Victor's endless majesty.

Vasato me sakiccena Sadā sambuddha-pañjare Jina-pañjara-majjhamhi Viharantaṃ mahītale Sadā pālentu maṃ sabbe Te mahā-purisāsabhā

In all my affairs, always in the armor of the Fully Awakened Ones, standing in the center of the Victor's armor, may all of those great bulls of men watch over me forever.

Iccevamanto sugutto surakkho
Jinānubhāvena jitūpaddavo
Dhammānubhāvena jitārisaṅgho
Saṅghānubhāvena jitantarāyo
Saddhammānubhāva-pālito
Carāmi jina-pañjare'ti.

Thus being continuously well protected, with adversity defeated through the Victor's power, with the crowd of foes vanquished through the Dhamma's power, with dangers vanquished through the Sangha's power, guarded by the might of the True Dhamma, I go about in the Victor's Armor.

### Buddhānussati in Sarabhañña

Verses in Recollection of the Buddha

Iti'pi so bhagavā arahaṃ sammā-sambuddho, vijjā-caraṇa-sampanno sugato lokavidū, anuttaro purisa-damma-sārathi satthā deva-manussānaṃ buddho bhagavā'ti.

(LEADER:) Ong dai prá săm pút

The Noble Lord of Sages,

(ALL:) Sù-wí-sùt-tá săn-daan / Dtàt moon gà-lày-sa maan / Bor mí mòn mí mŏng mua

Perfectly Enlightened, uproots and destroys all evils, and completely purified he is.

Nèung nai prá-tai tâan / Gôr bèrk baan keu dòk bua / Raa-kee bor pan pua / Sù-wá-kon-tá-gamjon

In his heart, there is a blooming lotus, untainted and virtuous, with sweet fragrances spread.

Ong dai bprà-gòp dûay / Prá gà-rú-naa dang săakon / Bpròht mòo bprà-chaa-gon / Má-lá-oh-kágan-daan

The Noble Lord of Sages his compassion like rivers, delivers all beings, gives life to the barren.

Chée taang ban-tao túk / Láe chée sùk ga-săym săan / Chée taang prá ná-réu-paan / An pón sòhk wí yôhk pai

He shows the way to ease pain, and the way to true happiness. He shows the way to Nibbāna, the cessation of all suffering.

Próm bayn-jà pít-a-jàk / Sù jà-ràt wí-mon săi /
Hěn hàyt têe glâi glai / Gôr jayn jòp bprà-jàk jing
With his omniscient five eyes, he sees all far and
near, the truth from the beginning, the truth to
the end,

Gam-jàt nám jai yàap / Săn-daan bàap hàeng chaai yĭng / Sàt lôhk dâai pêung ping / Má-lá bàap bam-pen bun

Liberates men and women from all their harmful ways, redeems worldly beings from bad ways, and sets them on the path of good deeds.

Kâa kŏr bprà-nót-nóm / Sì-rá glâo bang kom kun / Săm-pút-ta gaa-run / Yá-pâap nán ní-ran-don The Noble Lord of Sages, with my head I venerate him, to his supreme sublime wisdom and compassion always.

(bow)

### Dhammānussati in Sarabhañña

Verses in Recollection of the Dhamma Svākkhāto bhagavatā dhammo, sandiṭṭhiko akāliko ehipassiko, opanayiko paccattaṃ veditabbo viññūhī'ti.

(LEADER:) Tam-má keu kú-naa gon

The Dhamma is the source of virtues,

(ALL:) Sùan chôp săa-ton / Dùt duang bprà-têep chá-chá-waan

The supreme sublime wisdom, the bright burning lamp

Hàeng ong prá sàa-sà-daa-jaan / Sòng sàt săn-daan / Sà-wàang grà-jàang jai mon

Lit by the supreme Lord of Sages, illuminating the living, destroying all darkness.

Tam dai náp doi mák pŏn / Bpen bpàet peung yon / Láe gâo gàp táng ná-réu-paan

The Dhamma is numbered eight by Magga and Phala, numbered nine including Nibbāna,

Sŏm-yaa lôhk-u-don pí-sà-daan / An léuk ohlaan / P

í-sùt pí-sàyt sùk săi

Named the astounding supramundane, the deepest of the depths, the brightest of the brilliants.

Èek tam dtôn taang kan-lai / Naam kà-năan kăan-kăi / Bpà-dtì-bàt bpà-rí-yát bpen sŏng

But the beginning of the path is dubbed twofold: the study and the practice.

Keu taang dam-nern dù-jà klong / Hâi lûang lú bpong / Yang lôhk-u-don doi dtrong

And this twofold way leads directly to the Deathless beyond the world.

Kâa kŏr ohn òn u-dtà-mong / Nóp tam jamnong / Dûay jìt láe gaai waa-jaa

To the supreme sublime Dhamma, with my body, speech and mind, I humbly offer my reverence always.

(bow)

### Saṅghānussati in Sarabhañña

Verses in Recollection of the Sangha

Supaṭipanno bhagavato sāvaka-saṅgho, ujupaṭipanno bhagavato sāvaka-saṅgho, ñāyapaṭipanno bhagavato sāvaka-saṅgho, sāmīcipaṭipanno bhagavato sāvaka-saṅgho, yadidaṃ cattāri purisayugāni aṭṭha purisapugalā, esa bhagavato sāvaka-saṅgho āhuneyyo pāhuneyyo dakkhiṇeyyo

añjali-karaṇīyo, anuttaraṃ puññakkhettaṃ lokassā'ti.

(LEADER:) Sŏng dai săa-wók sàa-sà-daa

The disciples of the Blessed One

(ALL:) Ráp bpà-dtì-bàt maa / Dtàe ong sŏm-dèt
pá-ká-wan

Inherit the upright practice, from the Perfectly Enlightened One.

Hĕn jâeng jà-dtù-sàt sèt ban / Lú taang têe an / Rá-ngáp láe dàp túk pai

Seeing the Four Noble Truths, they reach the final goal, the cessation of all suffering.

Doi sà-dèt prá pôo dtràt dtrai / Bpan-yaa pòng săi / Sà-àat láe bpràat mua mŏng

By the Lord of Sages' teaching, their wisdom is realized, their minds are cleansed and purified.

Hĕrn hàang taang kâa-sèuk bpong / Bor mí lam-pong / Dûay gaai láe waa-jaa jai

Beyond the reach of evils, the disciples with perfect peace of body, speech and mind

Bpen néua naa bun an pai / Săan dàe loh-gai / Láe gèrt pí-boon poon pŏn

Are like immense fertile land that yields abundant fruits, the great benefactors of the world.

Sŏm-yaa ao-rót tó-sà-pon / Mee koon a-non / A-nàyk jà náp lĕua dtraa

Named sons of the Buddha, worthy beyond boundary, worthy beyond compare.

Kâa kŏr nóp mòo prá sà-raa / Pók song kú-naa / Nú kun bprà-dùt-jà ram-pan

The disciples of the Blessed One, I pay reverence to those, so valuable beyond any words.

Dûay dàyt bun kâa a-pí wan / Prá dtrai-rát an / U-dom dì-ràyk ní-rát-săi

By the power of this merit of highest reverence I pay, to the supreme sublime Triple Gem,

Jong chûay kà-jàt poi pai / An-dtà-raai dai dai / Jong dàp láe glàp sèuam sŏon

May all obstacles, all harm and all dangers, forever be destroyed and forever disappear. (bow)

## Buddhajayasiddhi-gāthā

Verses of the Buddha's Auspicious Victories

Bāhuṃ sahassamabhinimmita-sāvudhantaṃ Grīmekhalaṃ udita-ghora-sasena-māraṃ Dānādi-dhamma-vidhinā jitavā munindo Tan-tejasā bhavatu te jaya-siddhi niccaṃ. (LEADER:) **Bpaang mêua prá ong bpà-rá-má pút**When the Lord of Sages,

(ALL:) Tá wí-sùt-tá sàa-sà-daa / Dtràt-sà-róo a-nú-dtà-rá sà-maa / Tí ná poh-tí-ban-lang

By himself purified, attained Perfect Enlightenment under the Bodhi tree,

Kŭn maan sà-hàt sà-pá-hù paa / Hù wí-chaa wí chít klăng / Kèe kee-rí-may-ka-lá bprà-tang / Ká-chá hîam grà hĕrm hăan

King Mara of thousand arms, ever so ferocious and powerful, seated atop his trumpeting fierce elephant Girimekhala,

Sâeng sàyk-sà-răa wú-tá bprà-dìt / Gà-là kít jà ron raan / Room pon pá-hŏn pá-yú-hà bpaan / Prá-sà-mùt-tá-nong-maa

Bearing horrendous weapons, ready for the war, assembled all his countless troops, like the wind of ocean storm.

Wăng pêua pà-jon wa-ra mú-nin / Tá-sù chí-ná raa-chaa / Prá bpràap pá-hŏn pá-yú-hà maa / Rá má leuang má-laai sŏon

His intention was to destroy the Great Sage of ten perfections. Conquered by the Lord, Soon all vicious evils disappeared. Dûay day-chá ong prá tó-sà-pon / Sù-wí-monlá pai-boon / Taa-naa-tí tam-má wí-tí-goon / Chá ná nóm má-noh dtaam

By means of the Lord's most excellent virtues, he delivered his Dhamma to their hearts and cleansed the hatred.

Dûay day-chá sàt-jà wá jà naa / Láe ná-maa mí ong săam / Kŏr jong ní gon pá-lá sà-yăam / Chá-yá sìt-tí túk waan

By the power of this truth, and reverence to the Sublime Three, may all people of this kingdom enjoy victory always.

Těung máe jà mee a-rí wí-sàyt / Pá-lá daychá tiam maan / Kŏr tai pà-jon pí chí dtà plăan / A-rí máen mú-ní ná-ton

Even should there be enemies as great and powerful as King Mara, may they be conquered and defeated, just as the Lord has succeeded.

(bow)



