

1 Sutra Service

## **PURIFICATION**

(Sung version)

All of the ancient twisted karma

Timeless greed, hatred and ignorance
Born of my body, mouth and thought
I confess openly and fully

(Chanted version — palms together)

All the ancient twisted karma

From beginningless greed, hatred and ignorance
Born of my body, mouth and thought
I now confess openly and fully

# TI-SARANA

(Chanted)

I take refuge in awakening
I take refuge in the way
I take refuge in my companions

(Sung — 3 times)

Buddham saranam gacchami Dhammam saranam gacchami Sangham saranam gacchami Buddham Dhammam Sangham

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## THE GREAT PRAINA PARAMITA HEART SUTRA

Avalokiteshvara Bodhisattva, practicing deep Prajna Paramita

clearly saw that all five skandhas are empty,

transforming all suffering and distress.

Shariputra, form is no other than emptiness, emptiness no other than form;

form is exactly emptiness, emptiness exactly form;

sensation, perception, mental reaction, consciousness are also like this.

Shariputra, all things are essentially empty—

not born, not destroyed; not stained, not pure; without loss, without gain.

Therefore in emptiness there is no form, no sensation, perception, mental reaction,

consciousness;

no eye, ear, nose, tongue, body, mind;

no color, sound, smell, taste, touch, object of thought;

no seeing and so on to no thinking;

no ignorance and also no ending of ignorance,

and so on to no old age and death and also no ending of old age and death;

no suffering, cause of suffering, cessation, path, no wisdom, and no attainment.

Since there is nothing to attain, the bodhisattva lives by Prajna Paramita,

with no hindrance in the mind; no hindrance, and therefore no fear;

far beyond delusive thinking, right here is Nirvana.

All Buddhas of past, present and future live by Prajna Paramita,

attaining Anuttara-samyak-sambodhi.

Therefore know that Prajna Paramita

is the great sacred mantra, the great vivid mantra,

the unsurpassed mantra, the supreme mantra,

which completely removes all suffering.

This is truth, not mere formality.

Therefore set forth the Prajna Paramita mantra.

Set forth this mantra and proclaim:

Gaté Gaté Paragaté

sare sare i aragan

Parasamgaté Bodhi Svaha! (Gone, gone, gone beyond

to the other shore.

awakening, fulfilled. Oh great joy!)

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### RICHIE'S HEART SUTRA

Avalokiteshvara Bodhisattva

Living in deep prajna paramita

Clearly saw all five skandhas empty

Crossed beyond all suffering and misery

Listen, Shariputra, listen

Form is emptiness

Emptiness is form

Form is exactly emptiness

Emptiness exactly form

The same is true of feeling and perception

The same is true of intellect and consciousness

Listen Shariputra, listen

All things are marked by emptiness

Not born, not destroyed

Not stained, not pure

Without loss, without gain

In emptiness no form, no feeling

No perception, no intellect, no consciousness

No eye no ear no nose

No tongue no body no mind

No color no sound no smell

No taste no touch no phenomena

No seeing and so on to no thinking

No ignorance, no end of ignorance

No old age and no death

No ending of old age and death

No suffering, cause or end to suffering

No path, no wisdom and no gain

Since there is nothing to gain

The bodhisattva lives in prajna paramita

Since there is no hindrance in the mind
There is no fear
Far beyond all delusion
Nirvana is already here
All past, present and future Buddhas
Know the blessing of prajna paramita
Awakened to perfect enlightenment
Therefore know that prajna paramita
The sacred and bright mantra
The supreme and unsurpassed mantra
By which all suffering is gone
Is truth, not deception



## SHO SAI MYO KICHIJO DHARANI

(Ancient Spell to Ward Off Danger)

(3 times)

NO MO SAM MAN DA MOTO NAN
OHA RA CHI KOTO SHA SONO NAN
TO JI TO EN GYA GYA GYA KI GYA KI UN NUN
SHIFU RA SHIFU RA HARA SHIFU RA HARA SHIFU RA
CHISHU SA CHISHU SA CHISHU RI CHISHU RI
SOHA JA SOHA JA SEN CHI GYA SHIRI EI SO MO KO



## FIRST DEDICATION: THANKS

(Palms together)

## Cantor:

Buddha nature pervades the whole universe, existing right here now.

The wind blows, waves fall on the shore, and Guanyin finds us in the dark and broken roads.

We give thanks to all the ancestors of meditation in the still halls, the unknown women, centuries of enlightened women, ants and sticks and grizzly bears.

Let wisdom go to every corner of the house, let people have joy in each other's joy.

All:

All Buddhas throughout space and time all Awakened Beings, Great Beings the Heart of Perfect Wisdom

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### HAKUIN EKAKU: PRAISE SONG for MEDITATION

All beings are Buddha by nature, just as water and ice are the same. Without water there's no ice; outside of beings, no Buddha.

People miss what's in front of them and go searching far from home.

It's sad, like someone standing in water and crying out in thirst, or a child from a rich family, struggling among the poor.

We cycle through heavens and hells because we keep setting out on the dark roads of ignorance—dark road after dark road, when will we be free from birth and death?

Mahayana meditation
can't be praised enough.

The good effects of generosity and discipline,
prayer, self-reflection, and practice,
have their source in meditation.

With what you gain from just one sitting, all your crimes are wiped away.

Then where are those heavens and hells?

The Pure Land comes near.

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If this way moves you the first time you hear it, and you simply follow it, endless blessings come to you.

Even more, if you turn the light inward and witness your own nature, your nature which is empty nature, you go beyond any doctrine.

The gate opens: Cause and effect are one, there's no two, no three.

The formless form comes into form; going or returning, we are in the right place.

Thinking thoughts without thought, singing and dancing are the voice of the Way.

The vast emptiness of deep meditation,
the brightness of the bright moon of wisdom—
is anything missing from this moment?
Nirvana appears before us.
This very place is Paradise,
This very body the Buddha.

## TOREI ZENJI: BODHISATTVA'S VOW

When I look deeply

into the real form of the universe,

everything reveals the mysterious truth of the Tathagata.

This truth never fails:

in every moment and every place

things can't help but shine with this light.

Realizing this, our ancestors gave reverent care

to animals, birds, and all beings.

Realizing this, we ourselves know that our daily food,

clothing and shelter are the warm body and beating heart of the Buddha.

How can we be ungrateful to anyone or anything?

Even though someone may be a fool,

we can be compassionate.

If someone turns against us,

speaking ill of us and treating us bitterly,

it's best to bow down:

this is the Buddha appearing to us,

finding ways to free us from our own attachments -

the very ones that have made us suffer

again and again and again.

Now on each flash of thought

a lotus flower blooms,

and on each flower: a Buddha.

The light of the Tathagata

appears before us, soaking into our feet.

May we share this mind with all beings

so that we and the world together

may grow in wisdom.

## **GUANYIN SUTRA OF ENDLESS LIFE**

(Sung — 3 times)

Kanzeo-o-o-on Kanzeo-o-o-on

Kanzeo-o-o-o-on Kanzeon

(Spoken—once) (Chanted)

Kanzeon KANZEON

Praise awakening NAMU BUTSU

We are born with awakening YO BUTSU U IN

We grow with awakening YO BUTSU U EN

We grow with awakening, BUPPO SO EN

the Way, and our companions

Eternity is full of joy, the self is pure JO RAKU GA JO

Morning's thought is Kanzeon CHO NEN KANZEON

Evening's thought is Kanzeon BO NEN KANZEON

Thought after thought rises in the mind NEN NEN JU SHIN KI

Thought after thought is the mind NEN NEN FU RI SHIN

(Sung — 3 times)

Kanzeo-o-o-on Kanzeo-o-o-on

Kanzeo-o-o-o-on Kanzeon

# SECOND DEDICATION: REMEMBRANCE

(Palms together)

### Cantor:

All living things are one seamless body and pass quickly from dark to dark.

We remember you who cared for us and are gone, you in the generations yet to be born.

You who are ill, you who are at war, who are hungry and who are in pain—

may you heal and have peace.

We especially dedicate our service to:

## All:

[Speak names of personal dedications]



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### THE FOUR BOUNDLESS VOWS

I vow to wake the beings of the world
I vow to set endless heartache to rest
I vow to walk through every wisdom gate
I vow to live the great Buddha way



All beings one body, I vow to save them all
Blind passions spinning round and round, I vow to put them down
Knocking on countless Dharma doors, I vow to walk on through
The unsurpassed Buddha Way, I vow to live it every, every, every, everyday

## **CELTIC BLESSING**

Deep peace of the running wave to you

Deep peace of the silent stars

Deep peace of the flowing air to you

Deep peace of the quiet earth

May peace may peace may peace fill your soul

Let peace let peace let peace make you whole

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