

GATE OF SWEET NECTAR

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(officiant enters, offers incense, and bows)

∅ *first time Chanter, second time all:*

Calling out to hungry hearts
Everywhere through endless time
You who wander, you who thirst
I offer you this bodhi mind.

Calling out to hungry spirits
Everywhere through endless time
Calling out to hungry hearts
All the lost and left behind

Gather round and share this meal
Your joy and sorrow
I make mine

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Chanter: Gate of Sweet Nectar

INVITATION FOR ALL OUR ASPECTS TO BE IN ATTENDANCE

(everyone in gassho)

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Buddham Saranam Gacchami

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Dhammam Saranam Gacchami

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Sangham Saranam Gacchami

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Buddham Saranam Gacchami

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Dhammam Saranam Gacchami

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Sangham Saranam Gacchami
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Being One with the Buddhas in the Ten Directions
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Being One with the Dharma in the Ten Directions
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Being One with the Sangha in the Ten Directions
∅
Being One with all the Formless Forms throughout space and time
∅
Being One with the great Manjusri Bodhisattva
∅
Being One with the great compassionate Avalokitesvara
Bodhisattva
∅
Being One with our original teacher Shakyamuni Buddha
∅
Being One with our lineage from Mahakasyapa Sonja
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Being One with the Mahayana Saddharma Pundarika Sutra
∅
Being One with Maha Prajna Paramita, the Mother of all Buddhas
∅

SUPPLICATION FOR THE RAISING OF THE BODHI MIND

Vow to feed the hungry spirits.

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

Prayer of food sharing.

∅ I pray that all who receive this offering will return its merits to all Buddhas and to all creations throughout space and time: in this way they will be thoroughly satisfied.

Prayer for raising the Bodhi Mind.

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

Prayer for fulfilling these vows.

∅ I further beseech all Buddhas to sustain me day and night and give me courage to fulfill my vows.

Prayer for transferring the merit of this practice.

Δ In offering this meal, I pray that all Buddhas give its merits equally to all creations in the Dharma worlds. Please transfer the merits of this offering to the Dharma world of Thusness, to unsurpassable enlightenment, and to all the Buddha wisdoms.

Repeated prayer to attain the Enlightened Way.

∅ With all our love, with all our spirit, and with all our being, inviting misery and suffering no longer, we vow to accomplish the Way. May all creations in the Dharma world swiftly ° accomplish the Buddha Way together.

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

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

∅ Being one with the Unconditioned Δ Tathagata.

Dharani of Hell Crushing and Hungry Spirit Throat Opening

∅ **OM BO HO TEI RI GYA TA RI Δ TA TA GYA TA YA**
∅ Being one with the Boundless Δ Tathagata.

Dharani of Expansion Prayer upon the Food and Drink

∅ **NO MAKU SA RA BA TA TA GYA TA BARO KI TEI OM Δ**
SAN BA RA SAN BA RA UN
∅ Being one with all Tathagatas and Avalokitesvara Bodhisattva, Δ
please nourish and sustain us.

Dharani upon the Dharma Taste of the Sweet Nectar

∅ **NO MAKU SO RO BA YA TA TA GYA TA YA TA NYA TA OM**
SO RO SO RO HA RA SO RO Δ HA RA SO RO SO WA KA
∅ Being one with the Inconceivable Body Tathagata,
let the nectar of Dharma Δ spring forth.

Dharani of feeding all the Hungry Spirits

(everyone in gassho)

∅
14 x **NO MAKU SAN MAN DA (14th x Δ) BO TA NAN BAN**

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7 x Being One with all Buddhas, (7th x Δ) I turn the water wheel of
compassion.

DHARANIS FOR INVITING THE BUDDHAS OF THE FIVE FAMILIES

(mantra is read once, English twice. Everyone in gassho)

Invitation for the Manifestation of the Buddhas
in the Padma Family

- Ø NA MU TA **HO NYO RAI NO** BO BA GYA BA **TEI HA RA BO TA A RA TAN NO**
YA TA **TA GYA TA YA JO KEN TON GO FU KU CHI EN MAN Δ**
Being one with all Buddhas in the Unifying spheres, integrating all families,
wealth and wisdom are in abundance.

Invitation for the Manifestation of the Buddhas
in the Ratna Family

- Ø NA MU **MYO SHIKI SHIN NYO RAI NO** BO BA GYA BA **TEI SO RO BA YA TA**
TA GYA TA YA HA SHU RO GYO EN MAN SO KO Δ
Being one with all Buddhas in the Livelihood Spheres, extending generosity,
perfection of both body and mind appears.

Invitation for the Manifestation of the Buddhas
in the Buddha Family

- Ø NA MU **KAN RO O NYO RAI NO** BO BA GYA BA **TEI A MI RI TEI A RAN JA**
YA TA **TA GYA TA YA KAN PO SHIN JIN RYO JU KE RA KU Δ**
Being one with all Buddhas in the Formless Spheres, bodies overflow with
boundless Dharma and our life is fulfilled.

Invitation for the Manifestation of the Buddhas
in the Vajra Family

- Ø NA MU **KO HAKU SHIN NYO RAI NO** BO BA GYA BA **TEI BI HO RA GYA TA**
RA YA TA **TA GYA TA YA IN KO KO DAI ON JIKI JU BO Δ**
Being one with all Buddhas in the Study Spheres, throats are opened
and eating and drinking fully satisfy.

Invitation for the Manifestation of the Buddhas
in the Karma Family

Ø NA MU RI FU I NYO **RAI NO** BO BA GYA BA **TEI A** BA **EN** GYA RA YA TA **TA**
GYA TA YA **KU** SHITSU JO RI GA KI SHU **Δ**
Being one with all Buddhas in the Service Spheres, (2ndx •)
all sufferings of the Hungry Spirits (2ndx **Δ**) are healed.

Dharani for Raising the Bodhi Mind
(everyone in gassho)

卍 Officiant: **OM BO JI SHI TA BO DA HA DA YA MI Δ**
All: **OM BO JI SHI TA BO DA HA DA YA MI**

卍 Officiant: Now I have raised the Bodhi Mind. **Δ** (2x)
All: Now I have raised the Bodhi Mind. (2x)

Dharani of Giving the Bodhisattva Samaya Precepts
(everyone in gassho)

卍 Officiant: **OM SAN MA YA SA TO BAN Δ**
All: **OM SAN MA YA SA TO BAN**

卍 Officiant: I am the Buddhas and they are me. **Δ** (2x)
All: I am the Buddhas and they are me. (2x)

Gatha for Transference of Merit

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

Dedication

Chanter:

Buddha nature pervades the whole universe, existing right here right now.
In reciting the Gate of Sweet Nectar we dedicate its merits to: •
The all-pervading and everlasting Three Treasures,
all Buddhas and Bodhisattvas in the realm of prajna wisdom,
all protectors of the Dharma
and all beings in the Dharma worlds. •
Let us forever remember the causes of suffering.
Let us forever believe in the end to suffering.
May we always have the courage to bear witness,
to see ourselves as Other and Other as ourselves.
May penetrating light dispel the darkness of ignorance.
Let all karma be resolved and the mind flower bloom in
eternal spring.
May we all ascend to enlightenment, great peace and love
and let us vow to feed all the hungry spirits together.

