

VERSE OF ATONEMENT

All evil karma ever committed
by me since of old,
On account of my beginningless
greed, anger, and ignorance,
Born of my body, mouth, and thought,
Now I atone for it all.

VERSE OF THE ROBE

Vast is the robe of liberation,
a formless field of benefaction.
I wear the Tathagata teaching,
saving all sentient beings.

GATHA ON OPENING THE SUTRA

The Dharma, incomparably
profound and infinitely subtle,
is rarely encountered, even
in millions of ages.
Now we see it, hear it, receive
and maintain it.
May we completely realize the
Tathagata's true meaning

FOUR VOWS

Sentient beings are numberless.
I vow to serve them.
Delusions are inexhaustible.
I vow to put an end to them.
Dharma gates are boundless.
I vow to enter them.
The Buddha Way is unsurpassable.
I vow to embody it.