



# Gate of Sweet Nectar Liturgy



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(Run and 3 bows)

(Officiant offers incense)

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## Gate of Sweet Nectar

Ø (Sung 3x)

Calling out to hungry hearts

Everywhere through endless time

You who wander, you who thirst

I offer you this bodhi mind.

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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 your sorrow  
I make mine.

(Officiant offers incense)

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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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

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Being One with all the Formless Forms throughout space and time

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Being One with the great Manjusri Bodhisattva

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Being One with the great compassionate Avalokitesvara Bodhisattva

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Being One with our original teacher Shakyamuni Buddha

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Being One with our lineage from Mahakasyapa Sonja

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Being One with the Mahayana Saddharma Pundarika Sutra

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## **Supplication for the Raising of the Bodhi Mind**

### **Vow to feed the hungry spirits**

° (officiant bows at altar) Attention! ° (halfway to bowing cushion)

Attention!

° 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**

° 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.**

Ø I further beseech you to sustain me day and night and give me courage to fulfill my vows.

## **Prayer for transferring the merit of this practice.**

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

## **Repeated prayer to attain the Enlightened Way.**

Ø With all our love, with all our spirit, and with all our energy, \\ 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 of the Manifestation of all the Gods and Demons**

Ø NOBO BO HO RI GYA RI TA RI ° TA  
TA GYA TA YA

Ø Being one with the Unconditioned ° Tathagata.

## **Dharani of Hell Crushing and Hungry Spirit Throat Opening**

Ø OM BO HO TEI RI GYA TA RI ° TA  
TA GYA TA YA

Ø Being one with the Boundless ° Tathagata.

## **Dharani of Expansion Prayer upon the Food and Drink**

Ø NO MAKU SA RA BA TA TA GYA TA BARO KI TEI OM°

SAN BA RA SAN BA RA UN

Ø Being one with all Tathagatas and Avalokitesvara Bodhisattva, °  
please nourish and sustain us.

## **Dharani upon the Dharma Taste of the Sweet Nectar**

Ø NO MAKU SO RO BA YA TA TA GYA TA YA TA

NYA TA OM

SO RO SO RO HA RA SO RO ° HA RA SO RO SO WA KA

Ø Being one with the Inconceivable Body Tathagata, let the nectar of  
Dharma ° spring forth.

## **Dharani of feeding all the Hungry Spirits (Gassho)**

(Repeat 14 times:)

Ø(1st x) NO MAKU SAN MAN DA°

(14thx) BO TA NAN BAN

(Repeat 7 times:)

Ø(1st x)Being One with all Buddhas, °

(7th x) I turn the water wheel of compassion.

## **Dharanis for Inviting the Buddhas of the Five Families**

(Sanskrit 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°

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**

ØNA 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 °

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**

ØNA 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 °

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**

ØNA 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 °

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**

ØNA 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 °

Being one with all Buddhas in the Service Spheres, • all sufferings of the  
Hungry Spirits • are healed.

## **Dharani for Raising the Bodhi Mind**

(Everyone in Gassho)

(Once) Officiant: OM BO JI SHI TA BO DA HA DA YA MI °

All: OM BO JI SHI TA BO DA HA DA YA MI

(Twice) Officiant: Now I have raised the Bodhi Mind. °

All: Now I have raised the Bodhi Mind

## **Dharani of Giving the Bodhisattva Samaya Precepts (Everyone in Gassho)**

(Once) Officiant: OM SAN MA YA SA TO BAN °

All: OM SAN MA YA SA TO BAN

(Twice) Officiant: I am the Buddhas and they are me. °

All: I am the Buddhas and they are me.

## **Gatha for Transference of Merit**

Ø 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.°

## 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.

## Closing Verse

(Everyone in Gassho)

Ø (1st, 3rd and 4thx)

This is our life,

The length of our days.

Day and night

We meditate upon it.

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