

Kuan Yin Compassion Ceremony



Sacred Mountain Sangha

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Seated, Chant Together

Na Mwo Da Bei Kuan Shr Yin Pu Sa

I return my life to the Greatly Compassionate Bodhisattva who listens to the sounds of the world at ease.

Stand

Recite/ Chant. Then Bow

With one mind I bow to the everlasting Triple Jewel of the ten directions.

Kneel or Sit: As the leader recites

All in this assembly with incense and flowers make offerings to adorn the Dharma realm.

Recite Together

May this fragrant flower cloud fully pervade the ten directions. May one by one all realms be adorned. May the Bodhisattva path be fulfilled and all beings realise the perfect peace of the pure heart.

Bowing Head: As the leader recites

This offering pervades the ten directions making a tower of subtle wonderful light. All heavenly music, incense and countless precious objects are offered everywhere to the Triple Jewel of the ten directions. Each offering entirely pervades the Dharma realm, each one unimpeded, exhausting the bounds of the future, doing the Buddha's work and spreading fragrance everywhere over all living beings. Having received the fragrance, they bring forth the Bodhi Mind, the Mind and Heart of Awakening and together they enter the unconditioned and realise the Buddha's wisdom.

Recite Together

Namo the former Buddha Light of Dharma, now known as Kuan Shr Yin Bodhisattva, perfect in miraculous merit, complete in great compassion, who in a single body and mind manifests a thousand hands and a thousand eyes, who illumines and looks upon the Dharma realm and protects and upholds living beings and causes them to bring forth the great mind of the way, who teaches them to hold the perfect spiritual mantra to leave forever the unwholesome paths and to be reborn at the time of a Buddha. Obstructive karma and illnesses that bind the body are caused to melt away. No one can exhaust the praises of Kuan Yin's awesome spiritual might; therefore, with one mind I return my life in worship.

Stand

Recite/ Chant Together

With one mind I bow to my original teacher Sakyamuni Buddha, world honoured one. **Bow**

Reflect Silently: As the leader recites

The worshipped and the worshipper are empty and still in nature. The response and the way are intertwined inconceivably. This Way-place of mine is like a wish fulfilling pearl. The Buddha (reflect on name) appears before me as I appear before (name of Buddha). Bowing down I return my life in worship.

Stand When Bell Rings

With one mind I bow to Amitabha Buddha of the Land of Ultimate Bliss, world honoured one.
Bow, Reflect as Leader Recites. Then Stand When Bell Rings

Continue for Each Buddha & Bodhisattva

With one mind I bow to Medicine Master Buddha of the Lapis Lazuli Land, world honoured one.

With one mind I bow to King of a Thousand Lights Buddha of countless aeons past, world honoured one.

With one mind I bow to all the Buddhas of the past, many as the sands of countless Ganges rivers, world honoured ones.

With one mind I bow to all the Buddhas of the ten directions, world honoured ones.

With one mind I bow to the spiritual, wonderful, words of the Dharani of the greatly compassionate mind, perfect, full, unimpeded, vast and great.

Bow & Reflect Silently: As the leader recites

The Dharma nature like emptiness cannot be seen. The everlasting Dharma Jewel is difficult to conceive of. With my three karmas of body, speech and mind, now in accord with Dharma, I pray that it will manifest and accept this offering.

Recite/ Chant Together

With one mind I bow to the greatly kind, greatly compassionate Kuan Shr Yin Bodhisattva who with a thousand hands and a thousand eyes contemplates at ease the sounds of the world.

Reflect Silently: As leader recites

The worshipped and worshipper are empty and still in nature. The response and the way are intertwined inconceivably. This Way-place of mine is like a wish fulfilling pearl. The Greatly Compassionate Bodhisattva manifests in it and I now manifest before the Greatly Compassionate One as I seek to dissolve all obstacles.

Repeat Homage to Kuan Yin Three Times

Recite/ Chant Together:

With one mind I bow to the Bodhisattva who has attained Great Strength

Bow After Each Bodhisattva. Reflect Silently As the leader recites

The worshipped and worshipper are empty and still in nature. The response and the way are intertwined inconceivably. This Way-place of mine is like a wish fulfilling pearl. (Name of the Bodhisattva) manifests in it and I now manifest before (Bodhisattva's name) as I seek to dissolve all obstacles.

Stand When Bell Rings

With one mind I bow to Sunlight Bodhisattva and Moonlight Bodhisattva.

With one mind I bow to Manjushri Bodhisattva of Great Wisdom.

With one mind I bow to Earth Store Bodhisattva, liberator of those in states of woe.

With one mind I bow to Samantabhadra Bodhisattva, holder of great vows.

With one mind I bow to Maitreya Bodhisattva, the future Buddha.

With one mind I bow to all the Bodhisattvas of the ten directions and the three periods of time.

With one mind I bow to Mahakassapa, Mahapajapati, Ananda, and all the Elders of the immeasurable Savaka Sangha.

With one mind I bow to all the countless saints and sages of the Dharma realm, past, present and future.

With one mind I bow to the Triple Jewel on behalf of my parents, ancestors and the family of all living beings.

With one mind I bow on behalf of all the heavenly gods, dragons, Dharma protectors, the spirits of empty space, the spirits of rivers and oceans, the spirits of fountains and springs, the spirits of streams and pools, the spirits of herbs, grasses and woods. The household spirits, the water spirits, the fire spirits, the wind spirits, the earth spirits, the mountain spirits - all the gods, dragons, devas and spirits who protect those who hold mantras, each with his or her retinue, on their behalf, I bow to the Triple Jewel.

Kneel: As the leader recites

The Sutra says if there are those who wish to recite and bear in mind this mantra and bring forth a heart of kindness and compassion for all living beings, they should join me in making these vows.

Recite/ Chant Together

Namo Greatly Compassionate Kuan Shr Yin, I vow that I will quickly know all Dharmas.

Namo Greatly Compassionate Kuan Shr Yin, I vow that I will soon obtain the wisdom eye.

Namo Greatly Compassionate Kuan Shr Yin, I vow that I will quickly cross over the sea of suffering.

Namo Greatly Compassionate Kuan Shr Yin, I vow that I will cultivate good skill in means.

Namo Greatly Compassionate Kuan Shr Yin, I vow that I will cross all living beings over the sea of suffering.

Namo Greatly Compassionate Kuan Shr Yin, I vow that I will soon attain precepts, samadhi and the way.

Namo Greatly Compassionate Kuan Shr Yin, I vow that I will quickly dwell in the unconditioned.

Namo Greatly Compassionate Kuan Shr Yin, I vow that I will soon unite with the Dharma nature body.

Namo Greatly Compassionate Kuan Shr Yin, I vow that I will climb Nirvana Mountain.

Namo Greatly Compassionate Kuan Shr Yin, I vow that I will board the Prajna Wisdom boat.

If I face the hells, intense pain, hatred and despair, they will be transformed and disappear.

If I face the hungry ghosts, loss, anguish, burning need, hunger and thirst, they will become nourished and full.

If I face the asuras, harsh competition, merciless judgement and heartless disregard, their angry thoughts will be tamed.

If I face animals bound by exploitation, fear, blind instinct and dullness, they will attain freedom and wisdom.

Chant Together

Namo Kuan Shr Yin Pu Sa

Namo Amitabha Buddha

Recite Together

Kuan Shr Yin Bodhisattva said to the Buddha: “World Honoured One, if any living being who recites and holds the spiritual mantra of great compassion should fall into the three lower paths, I vow not to attain full enlightenment.

If any living being that recites and holds this spiritual mantra of great compassion should not be reborn in any Buddha land, I vow not to attain full enlightenment.

If any living being that recites and holds the spiritual mantra of great compassion should not attain immeasurable samadhis and eloquence, I vow not to attain full enlightenment.

If any living being who recites and holds the spiritual mantra of great compassion should not obtain whatever they seek in this present life, then it cannot be the Dharani of the Great Compassion Mind.

Having spoken these words before the assembly, Kuan Yin Bodhisattva put her palms together, stood upright and brought forth a thought of great compassion for all beings. She smiled broadly and, in this way, spoke the wonderful spiritual phrases of the Dharani of Great Compassion, perfect, full, unimpeded, vast and great.” The Dharani runs like this:

Great Compassion Mantra Three Times: Follow down left column, then right column

Na mwo he la da nwo dwo la ye ye
na mwo e li ye
pwo lu jye di shau bwo la ye
pu ti sa two pe ye
mwo he sa two pe ye
mwo he jya lu ni jya ye
nan
sa pan la fa ye
swo da nwo da sye
na mwo syi ji li two yi meng e li ye
pe lu ji di she fwo la leng two pe
na mwo nwo la jin chr
syi li mwo he pan dwo sa mye
sa pe e two dou shu peng
e shr yun
sa pe sa dwo na mwo pe sa dwo
na mwo pe chye
mwo fa te dou
da jr two
nan
e pe lu syi
lu jya di
jya la di
yi syi li
mwo he pu ti sa two
sa pe sa pe
mwo la mwo la
mwo syi mwo syi li two yun
jyu lu jyu lu jye meng
du lu du lu fa she ye di
mwo he fa she ye di
two la two la
di li ni
shr fwo la ye
je la je la
mwo mwo fa mwo la
mu di li
yi syi yi syi
shr nwo shr nwo
e la shen fwo la she li
fa she fa shen
fwo la she ye
hu lu hu lu mwo la
hu lu hu lu syi li
swo la swo la
syi li syi li, su lu su lu

pu ti ye pu te ye
pu two ye pu two ye
mi di li ye
nwo la jin chr
di li shai ni nwo
pe ye mwo nwo
swo pe he
syi two ye
swo pe he
mwo he syi two ye
swo pe he
syi two yu yi
shr pan la ye
swo pe he
nwo la jin chr
swo pe he
mwo la nwo la
swo pe he
syi lu seng e mu chywe ye
swo pe he
swo pe mwo he e syi two ye
swo pe he
je ji la e syi two ye
swo pe he
bwo two mwo jye syi two ye
swo pe he
nwo la jin chr pan chye la ye
swo pe he
mwo pe li sheng jye la ye
swo pe he
na mwo he la da nwo dwo la ye ye
na mwo e li ye
pwo lu jye di
shau bwo la ye
swo pe he
nan
syi dyan du
man dwo la
ba two ye
swo pe he

Chant: Namo Kuan Shr Yin Pu Sa

Bow & Recite Together

I, and all living beings, from beginning-less time have been constantly obstructed by ignorance of the three karmic actions and the six sense faculties, not knowing the essentials of escape, merely complying with birth and death and not knowing the wonderful Dharma. Now, although I know I continue along with all other living beings to be hindered by all kinds of difficult conditions. Now, before Kuan Yin and the Buddhas of the ten directions, for the sake of living beings everywhere, I acknowledge harm I have done and I return my life, making a clear intention to transform my unskilful tendencies, praying there will be protection and that offences are dissolved. **Stand After Bell**

Recite Together with Joined Palms. Then Bow

Everywhere for the sake of all in the triple world, for living beings of the Dharma realm, I vow to transform greed, hatred and delusion.

Recite Together While Head Bowed

Along with living beings, from beginning-less time, because of attachments and deluded views based on a distorted selfishness, I have committed countless unwholesome deeds. Therefore, on this day, I have come to trust deeply in cause and effect. I give birth to a healthy sense of remorse for harm done to self and others, and resolve to make amends by seeking the Buddha wisdom. Knowing that all dharmas are empty and still, for the sake of all living beings, I abandon the unwholesome tendencies and cultivate the good. I pray that Kuan Yin Bodhisattva will compassionately gather in this offering and receive it.

Make an Offering to the Shrine While Chanting Together

Namo Da Bei Kuan Shr Yin Pu Sa

Kneel & Recite Together

With the utmost sincerity of mind, I, (*say your name*), acknowledge harm I have done. This very mind, shared by all living beings of the Dharma realm is fundamentally complete with the thousand dharmas. It has in full all spiritual strength and the use of bright wisdom. Above, it equals the Buddha-mind; below it is identical to all that lives.

Beginning-less dark movement blocks this still brightness, contact with things dims and confuses it, and thoughts arise and bind it in attachments. In the midst of the sameness of dharmas arises the notion of self and other. In all existence, attachment and views are the basis and unwholesome actions of body and speech are the conditions that give rise to all suffering.

Killing, stealing, sexual misconduct, lying and unskilful speech, misuse of intoxicants, breaking the precepts of blameless living, slandering the triple jewel, not respecting saints and sages and being confused regards right and wrong - karmic actions such as these are measureless and boundless. In the midst of oppressive conditions from the past and present, I am obstructed in the Dharmas of the Path and am hindered in my ability to become well-seasoned in the cultivation of the way. Now having met the perfect spiritual mantra of great compassion and the guidelines of blameless living according to the Bodhisattva Path, I am able to quickly dissolve transgressions like these.

Pause to Reflect

Together, we acknowledge our heartbreak at the devastation and harm done to the bounteous, sacred Earth: to her eco-systems that are tortured due to our greed, to the multitude of peoples decimated through wars, enslavement, oppression, the coveting of their land, theft of their resources, and the lack of respect for their rights; to the billions of animals and creatures who suffer abuse, death, and extinction at our hands; to the exploitation of the great oceans, rivers, magnificent forests, lakes and waterways, mountaintops, minerals, and forms of life that cannot defend against our aggression.

Pause to Reflect

Therefore, on this day, with utter sincerity, I recite and hold this mantra and return to Kuan Shr Yin Bodhisattva and to all the great masters of the ten directions. I bring forth the Bodhi Mind and resolve to cultivate the practice of true words. I vow to extend awareness, care and love to this great Earth, and all who live upon her. Together with all living beings, we confess all wrongdoing, seeking freedom from all obstructions.

Recite/ Chant Together

May the greatly compassionate Kuan Shr Yin Bodhisattva protect and uphold us with her thousand hands and illumine us with her thousand eyes so that we may realise the cessation of suffering. I vow to open the knowledge of my original wisdom and to be vigorous in helping the many kinds of beings escape the wheel of suffering. Now that acknowledgement of harm done, and the vows of repentance and aspiration are made, I return my life to the Triple Jewel, the timeless refuge that leads all beings to the radiant heart that is our true home.

DEDICATION OF BLESSINGS

May all blessings generated from this practice
Adorn the Buddhas' pure lands
Repaying the kindness of the Awakened Ones,
The ancestors, and all beings,
While aiding those suffering in all realms
May all who hear this Dharma
Bring forth the resolve of Bodhi, of Awakening.
As we purify and transform obstructive karma,
May we join together in one body, heart, and mind.
Sustaining the Bodhisattva intention in service of all.

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