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# Pronunciation

Pāli is the original language of the Theravadin Buddhist scriptures, the closest we have to the dialect spoken by the Buddha himself. It has no written script of its own, and so every country that has adopted Theravada Buddhism has used its own script to transcribe it. In Thailand this has meant that Pāli has picked up some of the tones of the Thai language, as each consonant & consonant cluster in the Thai alphabet has a built-in tone — high, medium, low, rising, or falling. This accounts for the characteristic melody of Thai Pāli chanting.

## Vowels

Pāli has two sorts of vowels,  $long — \bar{\mathbf{a}}, \mathbf{e}, \bar{\mathbf{i}}, \mathbf{o}, \bar{\mathbf{u}}, \& \mathbf{ay}$ ; and  $short — \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{i}, \& \mathbf{u}$ . Unlike long and shorts vowels in English, the length here refers to the actual amount of time used to pronounce the vowel, and not to its quality. Thus  $\bar{a} \& a$  are both pronounced like the a in father, simply that the sound  $\bar{a}$  is held for approximately twice as long as the sound a. The same principle holds for  $\bar{\imath} \& i$ , and for  $\bar{\imath} \& u$ . Thus, when chanting Pāli, the vowels are pronounced as follows:

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a as in father
o as in go
e as in they
u as in glue
i as in machine
ay as in Aye!
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#### Consonants

Consonants are generally pronounced as they are in English, with a few unexpected twists:

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as in ancient
c
        unaspirated, as in spot
p
k
        unaspirated, as in skin
        as in upholstery
ph
kh
        as in backhand
        unaspirated, as in stop
m & n as ng
th
        as in Thomas
ñ
        as in cañon (canyon)
\mathbf{v}
         as w
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Certain two-lettered notations — **bh, dh, gh, jh** — denote an aspirated sound, somewhat in the throat, that we do not have in English and that the Thais do not have in their language, either. The Thai solution to this problem is to pronounce **bh** as a throaty **ph, dh** as a throaty **th**, and **gh** as a throaty **kh**.

Pāli also contains retroflex consonants, indicated with a dot under the letter: **d**, **dh**, **l**, **n**, **t**, **th**. These have no English equivalent. They are sounded by curling the tip of the tongue back against the palate, producing a distinct nasal tone.

# **Scanning**

The meters of Pāli poetry consists of various patterns of full-length syllables alternating with half-length syllables.

## **Full-length syllables:**

Contain a long vowel ( $\bar{\mathbf{a}}$ ,  $\mathbf{e}$ ,  $\bar{\mathbf{i}}$ ,  $\mathbf{o}$ ,  $\bar{\mathbf{u}}$ ,  $\mathbf{ay}$ ); or end with  $\mathbf{m}$ ; or end with a consonant followed by a syllable beginning with a consonant (e.g., **Bud-dho**, **Dham-mo**, **San-gho**).

In this last case, the consonant clusters mentioned above — **bh, dh, qh, gh, jh, kh, ph, th, th** — count as single consonants, while other combinations containing h — such as lh & mh — count as double.)

## Half-length syllables

End in a short vowel. Thus, a typical line of verse would scan as follows:

Van - 
$$d\bar{a}$$
 -  $ma$  -  $ham$   $ta$  -  $ma$  -  $ra$  -  $nam$   $si$  -  $ra$  -  $s\bar{a}$   $ji$  -  $nen$  -  $dam$  1 1/2 1 1/2 1/2 1/2 1 1/2 1 1/2 1 1

In this book, wherever possible, many of the long compound words have been broken down with hyphens into their component words to make them easier to read and — for anyone studying Pāli — to understand. This creates only one problem in scanning: When the hyphen is preceded by a consonant (usually m or d) and followed by a vowel, the consonant forms a syllable together with the vowel following the hyphen and not with the vowel preceding it. Thus, for instance, *dhammam-etaṃ* would scan as *dham-ma-me-taṃ*; and *tam-araṇaṃ* asta-ma-ra-ṇaṃ.

If all these rules seem daunting, the best course is simply to listen carefully to the group and to chant along, following as closely as possible their tempo, rhythm, and pitch. All voices, ideally, should blend together as one.

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# An Important Note about Basic Pali Grammatical System

The Pali alphabet consists of 41 letters: eight vowels and 33 consonants.

Vowels								
a,	ā,	i,	ī,	u,	ū,	e,	0	
Consonants								
	k,	kh,	g,	gh,	'n			
	c,	ch,	j,	jh,	ñ			
	ţ,	ţh,	ġ,	фh,	ņ			
	t,	th,	d,	dh,	n			
	p,	ph,	b,	bh,	m			
	v,	r,	l,	v,	S,	h,	l,	m

The vowels  $\mathbf{a}$ ,  $\mathbf{i}$ ,  $\mathbf{u}$  are short; the rest are long. Although  $\mathbf{e}$  and  $\mathbf{o}$  are included in long vowels, they are often sounds short before a double consonant: Metta, Sethi, Okkamati, and Yottam.

a	is pronounced like	a	in	what
		u	in	hut
ā		a	in	father
i		i	in	mint
ī		ee	in	see
u		u	in	put
ū		00	in	pull
e		a	in	cage
0		o	in	no
k		k	in	kind
kh		kh	in	blac <u>kh</u> ead
g		g	in	game
gh		gh	in	big house
'n		ng	in	singer
c		ch	in	chance
ch		ch h	in	wit <i>ch-h</i> azed
jh		dge h	in	sle <i>dge-h</i> ammer
ñ		gn	in	signore
t		t	in	cat
th		th	in	an <i>t-h</i> ill
d		d	in	bad
dh		dh	in	red-hot
n		n	in	now
ţ		th	in	thumb
ţh		th	in	po <i>t-h</i> erb
ģ		th	in	then

I١	. /
	v

фh	dh	in	adherent
ph	ph	in	uphill
bh	bh	in	abhorrence
y	У	in	yes
S	S	in	sight
ŵ	ng	in	sing

**j**, **n**, **p**, **b**, **m**, **r**, **l**, **v**, and **h** are pronounced just as they are pronounced in English.

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# Some benefits from the Chanting:

- 1. One's mind is calmed down and becomes concentrated.
- 2. One's mind becomes sharper because of better concentration.
- 3. One's mind is trained by directing it to each word and reflecting on its meaning.
- 4. Wisdom is developed which leads on to deep understanding and realization.
- 5. One's confidence in Triple Gems becomes more stable because of familiarity through constant repetition of the teachings.
- 6. With the Right Effort, one experiences joy and develops patience.
- 7. Loving Kindness towards' all living-beings is developed.
- 8. One's mind becomes skillful in wholesomeness and is rid of negative intentions.
- 9. It serves as a Psycho-physical preparation for meditation.
- 10. One's life is more devoted towards spiritual development.
- 11. One becomes familiar with the Pali Language which conveys the Buddha's original teachings.
- 12. If one is not with serious Kamma, one can be safe from dangers.

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# Morning Chanting

# 1. Ratanattaya Vandanā รตนัตตยะ วันทะนา

Salutation to the Triple Gem<sup>1</sup>

(LEAD – FOLLOW)

He is the Exalted One<sup>2</sup>, far from defilements<sup>3</sup>. Yo so bhagavā araham sammāsambuddho.

Perfectly Enlightened<sup>4</sup> by Himself;

honoring them as is proper, we render

Svākkhāto vena bhagavatā dhammo, The Teaching, well-proclaimed<sup>5</sup> by the Exalted One;

Supaţipanno yassa bhagavato sāvakasangho, The Order of Exalted One, which is of good

conduct;

Tammayam bhagavantam sadhammam sasangham,

Imehi sakkārehi vathāraham āropitehi abhipūjayāma.

supreme homage. Sādhu no bhante bhagavā suciraparinibbutopi, It is well of us, venerable Sir, Exalted One so pure,

having reached the Final Passing-away;

Pacchimājanatānukampamānasā, (You still) have compassion on the later

generations;

Ime sakkāre duggatapannākārabhūte patigganhātu,

Amhākam dīgharattam hitāya sukhāya.

those humble offerings design to accept,

To the Exalted One, that Teaching, that Order;

for lasting benefit and happiness.

## Araham sammā-sambuddho bhagavā, Buddham bhagavantam abhivādemi.

The Blessed One is Worthy and Rightly Self-awakened<sup>6</sup>. I bow down before the Awakened, Blessed One. (Make the five-point prostration once)

## Svākkhāto bhagavatā dhammo, Dhammam namassāmi.

The Dhamma<sup>7</sup> is well-proclaimed by the Blessed One. I pay homage to the Dhamma. (Make the five-point prostration once)

## Supatipanno bhagavato sāvaka-saṅgho, Sangham namāmi.

The Sangha<sup>8</sup> of the Blessed One's disciples has practiced well. I pay respect to the Sangha. (Make the five-point prostration once)

The Triple Gem: The unification of Buddha, Dhamma and Sangha.

The Exalted One: The Fortunate One, a Pali term for addressing the Lord Buddha.

**Defilements:** Mental qualities that obscure the clarity and purity of the mind. There are three basic sorts: greed, anger and delusion. (*Kilesa*)

 $<sup>{\</sup>begin{tabular}{ll} \bf 4 \\ \bf Enlightenment: The state of perfect and pure mind, the mind without greed, hatred, and delusion. \end{tabular}$ 

**Well-proclaimed:** well taught. This covers both the scriptures (*Pariyatti*) and supra-mundane states. (*Lokuttaradhamma*)

<sup>6</sup> Lord Buddha was enlightened to all truths and leads all beings to seek enlightenment in those truths as well.

<sup>7</sup> **Dhamma**: The law of nature, the teaching of the Buddha, the truth of what really is.

<sup>8</sup> Sangha: In general, the community of those who practice the Buddhist way; on a deeper level, anyone who has attained one of the eight stages of enlightenment.

# 2. Pubbabhāganamakārapātha ปุพพภาคนมการ

The Preliminary Passage for Revering

LEADER: [Handa mayam buddhassa bhagavato pubba-bhāga-namakāram karoma se:]

Now let us chant the preliminary passage in homage to the Awakened One,

Namo tassa bhagavato, ALL: Homage to the Uncomparable One,

arahato. the Worthy Undefined One.

sammā-sambuddhassa. the Perfectly Self-Awakened One.

(3 times)

# 3. Buddhābhithuti พุทธาภิถูติ

Praise to the Buddha

[Handa mayam buddhābhithutim karoma se:] LEADER:

Now let us give high praise to the Awakened One:

ALL:

Yo so tathāgato araham sammā-sambuddho,

He who has attained the Truth, the Worthy One, Rightly Self-awakened,

Viiiā-carana-sampanno sugato lokavidū.

consummate in knowledge and conduct, one who has gone the good way, knower of the cosmos,

Anuttaro purisa-damma-sārathi satthā deva-manussānam buddho bhagavā:

unexcelled trainer of those who can be taught, teacher of human and divine beings; awakened; blessed;

Yo imam lokam sadevakam samārakam sabrahmakam,

Sassamaņa-brāhmaņim pajam sadeva-manussam sayam abhiññā sacchikatvā pavedesi.

who made known — having realized it through direct knowledge — this world with its devas<sup>9</sup>, māras<sup>10</sup>, and brahmas<sup>11</sup>, its generations with their contemplatives and priests, their rulers and common people;

Yo dhammam desesi ādi-kalyāṇam majjhe-kalyāṇam pariyosānakalyāṇam;

who explained the Dhamma fine in the beginning, fine in the middle, fine in the end;

Sāttham sabyañjanam kevala-paripunnam parisuddham brahmacariyam pakāsesi.

who proclaimed the holy life both in its particulars and in its essence, entirely complete, surpassingly pure:

Tamaham bhagavantam abhipūjavāmi,

I worship most highly that Blessed One,

Tamaham bhagavantam sirasā namāmi.

to that Blessed One I bow my head down.

(Make the five-point prostration once)

<sup>9</sup> **Deva:** deities or celestial beings

<sup>10</sup> Māra: The evil one, death, the tempter. Māra includes (1) Māra of defilement, (2) of the aggregates, (3) of Karma-formations, (4) as deity and

Brahman: A divine being of the form world or formless world.

# 4. Dhammābhithuti ชัมมาภิถูติ

Praise to the Dhamma

LEADER: [Handa mayam dhammābhithutim karoma se:]

Now let us give high praise to the Dhamma:

ALL:

Yo so svākkhāto bhagavatā dhammo,

The Dhamma well-proclaimed by the Blessed One,

Sandiţţhiko akāliko ehipassiko,

to be seen for oneself, timeless, inviting all to come and see,

Opanayiko paccattam veditabbo viññūhi:

leading inward, to be seen by the wise for themselves:

Tamaham dhammam abhipūjayāmi,

Tamaham dhammam sirasā namāmi.

I worship most highly that Dhamma, To that Dhamma I bow my head down.

(Make the five-point prostration once)

# 5. Sanghābhithuti สังฆาภิถูติ

Praise for the Sanghā

LEADER: [Handa mayam sanghābhithutim karoma se:]

Now let us give high praise to the Sanghā:

ALL:

Yo so supațipanno bhagavato sāvaka-saṅgho,

The Sanghā of the Blessed One's disciples who have practiced well,

Uju-pațipanno bhagavato sāvaka-sangho,

the Sanghā of the Blessed One's disciples who have practiced straightforwardly,

Ñāya-paṭipanno bhagavato sāvaka-saṅgho,

the Sanghā of the Blessed One's disciples who have practiced methodically,

Sāmīci-paţipanno bhagavato sāvaka-saṅgho,

the Sanghā of the Blessed One's disciples who have practiced masterfully,

Yadidam cattāri purisa-yugāni attha purisa-puggalā:

i.e., the four pairs — the eight types — of Noble Ones:

Esa bhagavato sāvaka-saṅgho —

That is the Sanghā of the Blessed One's disciples —

Āhuneyyo pāhuneyyo dakkhiņeyyo añjalī-karaņīyo,

worthy of gifts, worthy of hospitality, worthy of offerings, worthy of respect,

Anuttaram puññakkhettam lokassa:

the incomparable field of merit for the world:

Tamaham sangham abhipujayami,

I worship most highly that Sangha,

Tamaham sangham sirasā namāmi.

To that Sanghā I bow my head down.

(*Make the five-point prostration once*)

# 6. Ratanattayappanāma Gāthā รตนัตตยัปปณามคาถา

Verses on Salutation to the Triple Gem and Passage for Dispassionateness

# LEADER: [Handa mayam ratanattayappaṇāma-gāthāyo ceva saṃvega-parikittanapāṭhañcabhaṇāma se:]

Now let us recite the stanzas in salutation to the Triple Gem together with the passage on the topics inspiring a sense of chastened dispassion:

ALL: Buddho susuddho karuṇā-mahaṇṇavo,

Yoccanta-suddhabbara-ñāṇa-locano, Lokassa pāpūpakilesa-ghātako:

Vandāmi buddham ahamā-darena tam.

The Buddha, well-purified, with ocean-like compassion, Possessed of the eye of knowledge completely purified, Destroyer of the evils and corruptions of the world: I revere that Buddha with devotion.

Dhammo padīpo viya tassa satthuno, Yo magga-pākāmata-bhedabhinnako, Lokuttaro yo ca ta-dattha-dīpano: Vandāmi dhammam ahamā-darena tam.

The Teacher's Dhamma, like a lamp, divided into Path<sup>12</sup>, Fruition<sup>13</sup>, and the Deathless<sup>14</sup>, both transcendent (itself) and showing the way to that goal: I revere that Dhamma with devotion.

Saṅgho sukhettābhyatikhetta-saññito, Yo diṭṭha-santo sugatānubodhako, Lolappahīno ariyo sumedhaso: Vandāmi saṅghaṃ ahamā-darena taṃ.

The Saṅghā, called a field better than the best, who have seen peace, awakening after the one gone the good way, who have abandoned carelessness — the noble ones, the wise: I revere that Saṅghā with devotion.

Iccevame-kantabhipūjaneyyakam, Vatthuttayam vandayatābhisankhatam, Puñnam mayā yam mama sabbupaddavā, Mā hontu ve tassa pabhāva-siddhiyā.

By the power of the merit I have made in giving reverence to the Triple Gem worthy of only the highest homage, may all my obstructions cease to be.

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The Noble Eightfold Path: The fourth of the Noble Truths taught by the Buddha; the way leading out of suffering, consisting of (1) Right View, (2) Right Intention, (3) Right Speech, (4) Right Action, (5) Right Livelihood, (6) Right Effort, (7) Right Mindfulness and (8) Right Concentration.

Phala: fruit; result; consequence; effect.

<sup>14</sup> Nibbāna/Nirvāna

# 7. Samvegaparikittanapātha สังเวคปริกิตตนปาฐะ

Passages conducive to Dispassionateness

## Idha tathagato loke uppanno araham samma-sambuddho,

Here, one attained to the Truth, Worthy and Rightly Self-awakened, has appeared in the world,

## Dhammo ca desito niyyāniko upasamiko parinibbāniko sambodhagāmī sugatappavedito.

And Dhamma is explained, leading out (of samsara<sup>15</sup>), calming, tending toward total Nibbāna<sup>16</sup>, going to self-awakening, declared by one who has gone the good way.

#### Mayan-tam dhammam sutvā evam jānāma,

Having heard the Dhamma, we know this:

#### Jātipi dukkhā jarāpi dukkhā maraņampi dukkham,

Birth is stressful, aging is stressful, death is stressful,

### Soka-parideva-dukkha-domanassupāyāsāpi dukkhā,

Sorrow, lamentation, pain, distress, and despair are stressful,

## Appiyehi sampayogo dukkho piyehi vippayogo dukkho, yampiccham nalabhati tampi dukkham,

Association with things disliked is stressful, separation from things liked is stressful, not getting what one wants is stressful,

#### Sankhittena pancupadanakkhandha dukkha,

In short, the five clinging-aggregates<sup>17</sup> are stressful, **Seyyathīdaṃ:** Namely:

Rūpūpādānakkhandho, Form as a clinging-aggregate, Vedanūpādānakkhandho, Feeling as a clingingaggregate, Saññūpādānakkhandho, Perception as a clinging aggregate, Sankhārūpādānakkhandho, Mental processes as a clinging-aggregate, Viññānūpādānakkhandho. Consciousness as a clingingaggregate. Yesam pariññāva, So that they might fully understand this, Dharamāno so bhagavā, the Blessed One, while still alive, Evam bahulam sāvake vineti, often instructed his listeners in this way;

Evam bhāgā ca panassa bhagavato sāvakesu anusāsanī, Bahulā pavattati: Many times did he emphasize this part of his admonition:

"Rūpaṃ aniccaṃ,
"Form is impermanent<sup>18</sup>,
Vedanā aniccā,
Feeling is impermanent,
Perception is impermanent,

Sankhārā aniccā, Mental processes are impermanent, Viñnāṇaṃ aniccaṃ, Consciousness is impermanent,

Rūpaṃ anattā,Form is not-self¹9,Vedanā anattā,Feeling is not-self,Saññā anattā,Perception is not-self,

Sankhārā anattā, Mental processes are not-self,

 $<sup>^{15}</sup>$  Saṃsāra: The rounds of repeatedly becoming, the cycle of birth, old age, sickness and death.

<sup>16</sup> Nibbāna/Nirvāna: Literally, "extinction" (of greed, hatred and delusion).

<sup>17</sup> **The Five aggregates:** the five groups of existence; the five casually conditioned elements of existence forming a being or entity, viz., corporeality, feeling, perception, mental formations and consciousness.

**Impermanent:** The rising and passing or changeability of all compounds, which means that compound things never remain exactly the same for even one moment, but that they are vanishing and reappearing from moment to moment; one of the Three Characteristics.

<sup>19</sup> Not-self: Impersonal, without individual essence, absence of any grasping self or ego; one of the Three Characteristics. Also termed non-self.

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Viññāṇaṃ anattā, Consciousness is not-self, Sabbe sankhārā aniccā. All processes are impermanent,

Sabbe dhammā anattāti." All phenomena are not-self."

Te (WOMEN: Tā) mayam,

Otinnāmaha jātivā jarā-maraņena,

Sokehi paridevehi dukkhehi domanassehi upāvāsehi,

## Dukkhotinnā dukkha-paretā,

All of us, beset by birth, aging, and death, by sorrows, lamentations, pains, distresses, and despairs, beset by stress, overcome with stress, (consider),

## "Appeva nāmimassa kevalassa dukkhak-khandhassa antakiriyā paññāyethāti"

"O, that the end of this entire mass of suffering and stress might be known!"

## Cira-parinibbutampi tam bhagavantam uddissa arahantam sammāsambuddham, Saddhā agārasmā anagārivam pabbaiitā.

Though the total Liberation of the Blessed One, the Worthy One, the Rightly Self-awakened One, was long ago, we have gone forth in faith from home to homelessness in dedication to him.

#### Tasmim bhagavati brahma-carivam carāma.

We practice that Blessed One's holy life,

Bhikkhūnam sikkhā-sājīva-samāpannā. (this sentence is only for monks; novices should skip to chant) Fully endowed with the bhikkhus<sup>20</sup> training and livelihood.

#### Tam no brahma-cariyam,

## Imassa kevalassa dukkhak-khandhassa antakiriyaya samvattatu.

May this holy life of us bring about the end of this entire mass of the suffering and stress.

\* (Layperson)<sup>21</sup>: After monk finished above part, the following part is chanted by layperson.

## [Cira-parinibbutampi tam bhagavantam saranam gatā, Dhammañca saṅghañca,

Though the total Liberation of the Blessed One, the Worthy One, the Rightly Self-awakened One, was long ago, we have gone for refuge in him, in the Dhamma, and in the Bhikkhu Sanghā,

# Tassa bhagavato sāsanam vathā-satti vathā-balam manasikaroma,

#### Anupatipajiāma,

We attend to the instruction of the Blessed One, as far as our mindfulness and strength will allow, and we practice accordingly.

#### Sā sā no patipatti, Imassa kevalassa dukkhak-khandhassa antakiriyāya samvattatu.]

May this practice of ours bring about the end of this entire mass of suffering and stress.]

<sup>\* (</sup>MONKS and NOVICES):

 $<sup>{\</sup>bf 20}$   ${\bf Bhikkhu:}$  Buddhist monk who observes the 227 precepts of discipline.

<sup>21</sup> **Layperson:** Person who is not ordained and may not be Buddhist and not monk, novice or nun.

# 8. Dhātupaṭikūlapaccavekkhaṇapāṭha ชาตุปฏิกูลปัจจเวกขะณะปาฐะ

Passages on Recollection of the Elements<sup>22</sup> and Loathsomeness<sup>23</sup>

LEADER: [Handa mayam dhātupaṭikūlapaccavekkhana pāṭham bhanāma se:]

ALL:

#### Yathāpaccayam pavatta-mānam dhātumattamevetam

## Yadidam cīvaram, tadupa-bhunjako ca puggalo Dhātumattako nissatto nijjīvo sunno.

Dependent upon and existing through its causes merely by the combination of various elements are both this robe and the person who uses it; only elements, not a being, not possessing a permanent life principle, being avoid of self or soul.

## Sabbāni pana imāni cīvarāni ajigucchaniyāni imam pūtikāyam Patvā ativiya jigucchaniyāni jāyanti.

All this robe is not yet loathsome but having touched this putrid body, becomes exceedingly loathsome.

# Yathāpaccayaṃ pavatta-mānaṃ dhātumattamevetaṃ

## Yadidam pindapāto, tadupa-bhunjako ca puggalo Dhātumattako nissatto nijjīvo sunno.

Dependent upon and existing through its causes merely by the combination of various elements are both alms food and the person who eat it; only elements, not a being, not possessing a permanent life principle, being void of self or soul.

# Sabbo panāyam piņdapāto ajigucchaniyo imam pūtikāyam patvā ativiya jigucchaniyo jāyati.

All this lump of food is not yet loath some but having touched this putrid body becomes exceedingly loathsome.

## Yathāpaccayam pavatta-mānam dhātumattamevetam

#### Yadidam senāsanam, tadupa-bhunjako ca puggalo Dhātumattako nissatto nijjīvo sunno.

Dependent upon and existing through its causes merely by the combination of various elements are both this shelter and the person who lives it; only elements, not a being, not possessing a permanent life principle, being void of self or soul.

# Sabbāni pana imāni senāsanāni ajigucchaniyāni imam pūtikāyam patvā ativiya jigucchaniyāni jāyanti.

All this sheltering place is not yet loathsome but having touched this putrid body, becomes exceedingly loathsome.

## Yathāpaccayam pavatta-mānam dhātumattamevetam Yadidam gilāna-paccaya-bhesajja-parikkhāro, tadupa-bhuñjako ca puggalo Dhātumattako nissatto nijjīvo suñño.

Dependent upon and existing through its causes merely by the combination of various elements are both this support for the sick, medicine and utensils and the person who lives it; only elements, not a being, not possessing a permanent life principle, being void of self or soul.

# Sabbo panāyam gilāna-paccaya-bhesajja-parikkhāro ajigucchaniyo imam pūtikāyam patvā ativiya jigucchaniyo jāyati.

All this support for the sick, medicine and utensils are not yet loathsome but having touched this putrid body, becomes exceedingly loathsome.

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The Four Primary Elements: The primary qualities of matter, which are (1) solid element; earth, (2) liquid element; water, (3) heating element; fire and (4) air element; wind. All four are present in every material object, through in varying proportions. (Pāli: *Dhātu*)

**Loathsome:** extremely unpleasant; disgusting.

# 9. Tankhanikapaccavekkhanapātha ตั้งขณิกปัจจเวกขณปาฐะ

Passages on Recollection at the moment of using (the Requisites<sup>24</sup>)

#### LEADER: [Handa mayam tankhanika-paccavekkhana-patham bhanama se:]

Now let us recite the passage for reflection at the moment (of using the requisites):

ALL:

**Paţisankhā yoniso cīvaram paţisevāmi,** Considering it thoughtfully, I use the robe,

Yāvadeva sītassa paṭighātāya, Simply to counteract the cold,

Uṇhassa paṭighātāya,

To counteract the heat,

Paṃsa-makasa-vātātapa-siriṃsapa-samphassānaṃ paṭighātāya,

To counteract the touch of flies, mosquitoes, wind, sun, and reptiles;

Yāvadeva hirikopina-paţicchādanattham.

Simply for the purpose of covering the parts of the body that cause shame.

Paţisankhā yoniso pindapātam paţisevāmi,

Considering it thoughtfully, I use alms food,

Neva davāya na madāya na maņḍanāya na vibhūsanāya,

Not playfully, nor for intoxication, nor for putting on bulk, nor for beautification,

Yāvadeva imassa kāvassa thitivā yāpanāva vihimsuparativā brahmacarivānuggahāva,

But simply for the survival and continuance of this body, for ending its afflictions, for the support of the holy life,

Iti purāṇañca vedanam patihaṅkhāmi navañca vedanam na uppādessāmi,

(Thinking,) Thus will I destroy old feelings (of hunger) and not create new feelings (from overeating).

Yātrā ca me bhavissati anavajjatā ca phāsu-vihāro cāti.

I will maintain myself, be blameless, and live in comfort.

Paţisankhā yoniso senāsanam paţisevāmi, Considering it thoughtfully, I use the lodging,

Yāvadeva sītassa paţighātāya, Simply to counteract the cold,

Uṇhassa paṭighātāya, To counteract the heat,

Damsa-makasa-vātātapa-sirimsapa-samphassānam patighātāva,

To counteract the touch of flies, mosquitoes, wind, sun, and reptiles;

Yāvadeva utuparissava-vinodanam patisallānārāmattham.

Simply for protection from the inclemency of weather and for the enjoyment of seclusion.

Patisankhā voniso gilāna-paccava-bhesajja-parikkhāram patisevāmi,

Considering them thoughtfully, I use medicinal requisites for curing the sick,

Yāvadeva uppannānam veyyābādhikānam vedanānam paţighātāya,

Simply to counteract any pains of illness that has arisen,

Abyāpajjha-paramatāyāti. And for maximum freedom from disease.

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 $<sup>{\</sup>bf 24}$  The Four Requisites: clothing, food, dwelling and medicine.

## 10. Pattidāna Gāthā ปัตติทานคาถา

Verses on Dedication of Merit

LEADER: [Handa mayam pattidānagāthāyo bhanama se:]

ALL:

Yā devatā santi vihā ravāsinī Thupe ghare bodhighare tahim tahim, Tā dhammadānena bhavantu Pūjitā Sotthim karontedha vihāramandale.

Therā ca majjhā navakā ca bhikkhavo Sārāmikā dānapatī upāsakā, Gāmā ca desā nigamā ca issarā Sappāṇabhūtā sukhitā, bhavantu te. Jalābujā yepi ca andasambhavā Samsedajātā athavopapātikā,

Niyyānikam dhammavaram paţicca te Sabbepi dukkhassa karontu sankhavam.

Thātu ciram satam dhammo

Sangho hotu samaggova

Amhe rakkhatu saddhammo

Vuddhim sampāpunevvāma

Pasannā hontu sabbepi Sammā dhāram pavecchanto

Vuddhibhāvāya sattānam

Mātā pitā ca atrajam niccam

Evam dhammena rājāno

dhammaddharā ca puggalā.

atthāva ca hitāva ca. sabbepi dhammacārino. dhamme arivappavedite. pāṇino buddhasāsane kāle devo pavassatu samiddham netu medanim

rakkhanti puttakam

pajam rakkhantu sabbadā.

The Devatas which dwell in the Vihara 25, in the Stupa 26, in the Bodhi tree, Those Devatas we have worshiped with sacrificial objects. May they grant happiness in the circle of this Vihara

Bhikkhus who are Therras<sup>27</sup>, those of middle rank, those who have just become Bhikkhus, Laymen and Laywomen of good breeding, Temple dwellers, all householders, country-men, villagers, those who are chieftains, may they and all creatures attain happiness.

May all creatures whether born from water, from an egg, from sweat, or from the womb, may they have the precious Dhamma which leads to the good way; may it bring an End to suffering.

May the Dhamma of good people long abide and may people who observe the Dhamma live long. May the Sanghā be ever ready to bring benefits and assistance.

May the good Dhamma protect us all and care for all who keep the Dhamma. May we all progress in the Dhamma which the Ariya has made manifests.

May all beings have faith in the Teachings of the Buddha; may it rain in time after properly bestowing showers. May the earth, for the prosperity of beings bring them success; a mother and father always protect their own child, so according to the Dhamma, may the Kings always protect their subjects.

 $<sup>\</sup>textbf{Vihara:} \ a \ dwelling-place \ (for monks); \ monastery, \ a \ temple; \ repository \ of \ Buddha \ images; \ Buddhaimage$ 

 $<sup>\</sup>textbf{Stupa:} \ A \ Buddhist \ monument, \ generally \ of \ a \ dome-shaped \ form, \ originally \ erected \ over \ sacred \ relics$ of the Buddha and at places consecrated as the scenes of his acts.

**Thera:** an elder; a senior member of the Order; a senior monk (of at least ten years' standing).

Ariva: a noble individual; noble one; holy person.

# **Evening Chanting**

# 11. Ratanattava Vandanā รตนัตตยะ วันทะนา

Salutation to the Triple Gem

(LEAD – FOLLOW)

He is the Exalted One<sup>29</sup>, far from defilements<sup>30</sup>. Yo so bhagavā araham sammāsambuddho,

Perfectly Enlightened<sup>31</sup> by Himself;

The Teaching, well-proclaimed<sup>32</sup> by the Exalted One: Svākkhāto yena bhagavatā dhammo,

The Order of Exalted One, which is of good Supatipanno yassa bhagavato sāvakasangho,

conduct:

Tammayam bhagavantam sadhammam sasangham, To the Exalted One, that Teaching, that Order; honoring them as is proper, we render

Imehi sakkārehi yathāraham āropitehi abhipūjayāma.

Sādhu no bhante bhagavā suciraparinibbutopi, It is well of us, venerable Sir, Exalted One so pure,

having reached the Final Passing-away; Pacchimājanatānukampamānasā, (You still) have compassion on the later

generations;

supreme homage.

Ime sakkāre duggatapaņņākārabhūte paţiggaņhātu,

Amhākam dīgharattam hitāya sukhāya.

those humble offerings design to accept,

for lasting benefit and happiness.

## Araham sammā-sambuddho bhagavā, Buddham bhagavantam abhivādemi.

The Blessed One is Worthy and Rightly Self-awakened<sup>33</sup>. I bow down before the Awakened, Blessed One. (Make the five-point prostration once)

## Svākkhāto bhagavatā dhammo, Dhammam namassāmi.

The Dhamma<sup>34</sup> is well-proclaimed by the Blessed One. I pay homage to the Dhamma. (Make the five-point prostration once)

## Supatipanno bhagavato sāvaka-saṅgho, Sangham namāmi.

The Sangha<sup>35</sup> of the Blessed One's disciples has practiced well. I pay respect to the Sangha. (Make the five-point prostration once)

 $<sup>\</sup>ensuremath{^{29}}$  The Exalted One: The Fortunate One, a Pali term for addressing the Lord Buddha.

<sup>30</sup> **Defilements:** Mental qualities that obscure the clarity and purity of the mind. There are three basic sorts: greed, anger and delusion. (*Kilesa*)

<sup>31</sup> **Enlightenment:** The state of perfect and pure mind, the mind without greed, hatred, and delusion.

<sup>32</sup> **Well-proclaimed:** well taught. This covers both the scriptures (*Pariyatti*) and supra-mundane states. (*Lokuttaradhamma*)

<sup>33</sup> Lord Buddha was enlightened to all truths and leads all beings to seek enlightenment in those truths as well.

 $<sup>\</sup>ensuremath{\mathsf{34}}$   $\ensuremath{\mathsf{Dhamma}}$  : The law of nature, the teaching of the Buddha, the truth of what really is.

<sup>35</sup> Saṅgha: In general, the community of those who practice the Buddhist way; on a deeper level, anyone who has attained one of the eight stages of enlightenment.

# 12. Pubbabhāganamakārapāṭha ปุพพภาคนมการ

The Preliminary Passage for Revering

LEADER: [Handa mayaṃ buddhassa bhagavato pubba-bhāga-namakārañ jeva buddhānussatinayañca karoma se:]

ALL: Namo tassa bhagavato Homage to the Lord, arahato the Emancipated,

**sammā-sambuddhassa.** the All-Enlightened Buddha.

(3 times)

# 13. Buddhānussati พุทธานุสสตินัย

Recollection on the Buddha

Tam kho pana bhagavantam evam kalyāno kitti-saddo abbhuggato,

This fine report of the Blessed One's reputation has spread far and wide:

Itipi so bhagavā araham sammā-sambuddho,

He is a Blessed One, a Worthy One, a Rightly Self-awakened One,

Vijjā-caraņa-sampanno sugato lokavidū,

consummate in knowledge and conduct, one who has gone the good way, knower of the cosmos,

Anuttaro purisa-damma-sārathi satthā deva-manussānam buddho bhagavāti.

unexcelled trainer of those who can be taught, teacher of human and divine beings; awakened; blessed.

# 14. Buddhābhigīti พุทธาภิลีติ

Verses in Celebration of the Buddha

LEADER: [Handa mayam buddhābhigītim karoma se:]

Now let us chant in celebration of the Buddha:

ALL: Buddhavārahanta-varatādigunābhiyutto,

Suddhābhiñāṇa-karuṇāhi samāgatatto,

Bodhesi vo sujanatam kamalam va sūro,

Vandāmaham tamaranam sirasā jinendam.

The Buddha, endowed with such virtues as highest worthiness:

In him, purity, supreme knowledge, and compassion converge.

He awakens good people like the sun does the lotus.

I revere with my head that Peaceful One, the Conqueror Supreme.

Buddho yo sabba-pāṇīnaṃ Pathamānussatitthānam

Buddhassāhasmi dāso (Woman: dāsī) va

Buddho dukkhassa ghātā ca Buddhassāham niyyādemi

Vandantoham (W: Vandantīham) carissāmi

Natthi me saranam aññam,

Etena sacca-vajjena,

Buddham me vandamānena (W: vandamānāya)

Sabbe pi antarāvā me,

Saraṇaṃ khema-muttamaṃ.

Vandāmi tam sirenaham, Buddho me sāmikissaro.

Vidhātā ca hitassa me.

Sarīrañjīvitañcidam.

Buddhasseva subodhitam. Buddho me saranam varam:

Vaddheyyam satthu sāsane.

Yam puññam pasutam idha,

Māhesum tassa tejasā.

The Buddha who for all beings is the secure, the highest refuge,
 The first theme for recollection: I revere him with my head.
 I am the Buddha's servant; the Buddha is my sovereign master,
 The Buddha is a destroyer of suffering and a provider of welfare for me.
 To the Buddha I dedicate this body and this life of mine.
 I will fare with reverence for the Buddha's genuine Awakening.
 I have no other refuge; the Buddha is my foremost refuge:
 By the speaking of this truth, may I grow in the Teacher's instruction.

Through the power of the merit here produced by my reverence for the Buddha,
 may all my obstructions cease to be.

(Recite while making the five-point prostration:)

Kāyena vācāya va cetasā vā, Buddhe kukammam pakatam mayā yam, Buddho paṭiggaṇhatu accayantam, Kālantare samvaritum va buddhe.

Whatever bad kamma I have done to the Buddha, by body, by speech or by mind, may the Buddha accept my admission of it, so that in the future I may show restraint toward the Buddha.

# 15. Dhammānussati ชัมมานุสสตินัย

Recollection on the Dhamma

LEADER: [Handa mayam dhammānussati-nayam karoma se:]

Now let us recite the guide to the recollection of the Dhamma:

ALL:

Svākkhāto bhagavatā dhammo,

The Dhamma is well-proclaimed by the Blessed One,

Sanditthiko akāliko ehipassiko,

to be seen for oneself, timeless, inviting all to come and see,

Opanaviko paccattam veditabbo viññūhīti.

leading inward, to be seen by the wise for themselves.

## 16. Dhammābhigīti ชัมมาภิคีติ

Verses in Celebration of the Dhamma

LEADER: [Handa mayam dhammābhigītim karoma se:]

Now let us chant in celebration of the Dhamma:

ALL: Svākkhātatā diguņa-yogavasena seyyo,

Yo magga-pāka-pariyatti- vimokkha-bhedo,

Dhammo kuloka-patanā tadadhāri-dhārī.

Vandāmaham tama-haram vara- Dhamma-metam.

Superior, through having such virtues as being well-proclaimed, divided into Path and Fruit<sup>36</sup>, study and emancipation<sup>37</sup>,

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<sup>36</sup> see The Noble Eightfold Path<sup>13</sup>, and Phala<sup>14</sup>

<sup>37</sup> Nibbāna/Nirvāna

the Dhamma protects those who hold to it from falling into miserable worlds. I revere that foremost Dhamma, the destroyer of darkness.

Dhammo yo sabba-pāṇīnaṃ Dutiyānussatiţṭhānaṃ

Dhammassāhasmi dāso (WOMEN: dāsī) va

Dhammo dukkhassa ghātā ca Dhammassāhaṃ niyyādemi

Vandantoham (W: Vandantīham) carissāmi

Natthi me saranam aññam,

Etena sacca-vajjena,

Dhammam me vandamānena (W: vandamānāya)

Sabbe-pi antarāvā me,

Saraṇaṃ khema-muttamaṃ. Vandāmi taṃ sirenahaṃ, Dhammo me sāmikissaro. Vidhātā ca hitassa me. Sarīrañjīvitañcidaṃ.

Dhammasseva sudhammatam. Dhammo me saraṇam varam: Vaḍḍheyyam satthu-sāsane. Yam puññam pasutam idha,

Māhesum tassa tejasā.

The Dhamma that for all beings is the secure, the highest refuge,
 The second theme for recollection: I revere it with my head.
 I am the Dhamma's servant, the Dhamma is my sovereign master,
 The Dhamma is a destroyer of suffering and a provider of welfare for me.
 To the Dhamma I dedicate this body and this life of mine.
 I will fare with reverence for the Dhamma's genuine rightness.
 I have no other refuge, the Dhamma is my foremost refuge:
 By the speaking of this truth, may I grow in the Teacher's instruction.
Through the power of the merit here produced by my reverence for the Dhamma, may all my obstructions cease to be.

(Recite while making the five-point prostration:)

Kāyena vācāya va cetasā vā, Dhamme kukammaṃ pakataṃ mayā yaṃ, Dhammo paṭiggaṇhatu accayantaṃ, Kālantare saṃvarituṃ va dhamme.

Whatever bad kamma I have done to the Dhamma by body, by speech, or by mind, may the Dhamma accept my admission of it, so that in the future I may show restraint toward the Dhamma.

# 17. Sanghānussati สังฆานุสสตินัย

Recollection on the Saṅghā

LEADER: [Handa mayam sanghānussati-nayam karoma se:]

Now let us recite the guide to the recollection of the Sangha:

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#### Supatipanno bhagavato sāvaka-saṅgho,

The Sangha of the Blessed One's disciples who have practiced well,

#### Uju-paţipanno bhagavato sāvaka-sangho,

the Sangha of the Blessed One's disciples who have practiced straightforwardly,

#### Nāva-patipanno bhagavato sāvaka-saṅgho,

the Sangha of the Blessed One's disciples who have practiced methodically,

#### Sāmīci-paţipanno bhagavato sāvaka-saṅgho,

the Sangha of the Blessed One's disciples who have practiced masterfully,

#### Yadidam cattāri purisa-yugāni aṭṭha purisa-puggalā:

i.e., the four pairs — the eight types <sup>38</sup> — of Noble Ones:

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<sup>38</sup> see Noble Ones<sup>12</sup>

#### Esa bhagavato sāvaka-saṅgho —

That is the Sangha of the Blessed One's disciples —

Āhuneyyo pāhuneyyo dakkhiņeyyo añjalī-karaņīyo,

worthy of gifts, worthy of hospitality, worthy of offerings, worthy of respect,

Anuttaram puññakkhettam lokassāti.

the incomparable field of merit for the world.

# 18. Sanghābhigīti สังฆาภิคีติ

Verses in Celebration of the Sanghā

LEADER: [Handa mayam saṅghābhigītim karoma se:]

Now let us chant in celebration of the Sangha:

ALL: Saddhammajo supaţipatti- guṇādiyutto,

 $Yotthabbidho\ ariya-puggala-\ sangha-settho,$ 

Sīlādidhamma-pavarāsaya-kāya- citto:

Vandāmaham tamariyāna-gaņam susuddham.

Born of the true Dhamma, endowed with such virtues as good practice,

The supreme Sangha formed of the eight types of Noble Ones,

Guided in body mind by such principles asmorality:

I revere that group of Noble Ones well-purified.

Saṅgho yo sabba-pāṇīnaṃ

Tatiyānussatiţţhānam

Sanghassāhasmi dāso (woman: dāsī) va

Sangho dukkhassa ghātā ca

Sanghassāham niyyādemi

Vandantoham (w: vandantīham) carissāmi

Natthi me saranam aññam,

Etena sacca-vajjena,

Saṅghaṃ me vandamānena (w: vandamānāya)

Sabbe pi antarāyā me,

Saraṇaṃ khema-muttamaṃ.

Vandāmi taṃ sirenahaṃ,

Sangho me sāmikissaro.

Vidhātā ca hitassa me.

Sarīrañjīvitañcidam.

Sanghassopațipannatam.

Saṅgho me saraṇaṃ varaṃ:

Vaddheyyam satthu-sāsane.

Yam puññam pasutam idha,

Māhesum tassa tejasā.

The Sangha that for all beings is the secure, the highest refuge, The third theme for recollection: I revere it with my head.

I am the Sangha's servant; the Sangha is my sovereign master,

The Sangha is a destroyer of suffering and a provider of welfare for me.

To the Sangha I dedicate this body and this life of mine.

I will fare with reverence for the Sangha's good practice.

I have no other refuge, the Sangha is my foremost refuge:

By the speaking of this truth, may I grow in the instruction.

Through the power of the merit here produced by my reverence for the Sangha,

May all my obstructions cease to be.

(Recite while making the five-point prostration:)

Kāyena vācāya va cetasā vā, Saṅghe kukammaṃ pakataṃ mayā yaṃ,

Saṅgho paṭiggaṇhatu accayantaṃ, Kālantare samvaritum va saṅghe.

Whatever bad kamma I have done to the Sangha by body, by speech, or by mind, may the Sangha accept my admission of it, so that in the future I may show restraint toward the Sanghā.

# 19. Atītapaccavekkhaṇapāṭha อตีตปัจจเวกขณปาฐะ

Reflection after Using the Requisites

## LEADER: [Handa mayam atīta-paccavekkhaṇa-pāṭham bhaṇāma se:]

Now let us recite the passage for reflection on the past (use of the requisites):

ALL:

#### Ajja mayā apaccavekkhitvā yam cīvaram paribhuttam,

Whatever robe I used today without consideration,

## Tam yāvadeva sītassa paţighātāya,

Was simply to counteract the cold,

### Uņhassa paţighātāya,

To counteract the heat,

## Paṃsa-makasa-vātātapa-siriṃsapa-samphassānam paṭighātāya,

To counteract the touch of flies, mosquitoes, wind, sun, and reptiles;

#### Yāvadeva hirikopina-paţicchādanattham.

Simply for the purpose of covering the parts of the body that cause shame.

#### Ajja mayā apaccavekkhitvā yo piņdapāto paribhutto,

Whatever alms food I used today without consideration,

#### So neva davāya na madāya na mandanāya na vibhūsanāya,

Was not used playfully, nor for intoxication, nor for putting on bulk, nor for beautification,

## Yāvadeva imassa kāyassa thitiyā yāpanāya vihimsuparatiyā brahmacariyānuggahāya,

But simply for the survival and continuance of this body, for ending its afflictions, for the support of the holy life,

### Iti purāņanca vedanam paţihankhāmi navanca vedanam na uppādessāmi,

(Thinking), thus will I destroy old feelings (of hunger) and not create new feelings (from overeating).

#### Yātrā ca me bhavissati anavajjatā ca phāsu-vihāro cāti.

I will maintain myself, be blameless, and live in comfort.

#### Ajja mayā apaccavekkhitvā yam senāsanam paribhuttam,

Whatever lodging I used today without consideration,

#### Tam yāvadeva sītassa patighātāya,

Was simply to counteract the cold,

#### Unhassa patighātāva,

To counteract the heat,

#### Damsa-makasa-vātātapa-sirimsapa-samphassānam paţighātāya,

To counteract the touch of flies, mosquitoes, wind, sun, and reptiles;

#### Yāvadeva utuparissaya-vinodanam patisallānārāmattham.

Simply for protection from the inclemencies of weather and for the enjoyment of seclusion.

#### Ajja mayā apaccavekkhitvā yo gilāna-paccaya-bhesajja-parikkhāro paribhutto,

Whatever medicinal requisite for curing the sick I used today without consideration,

#### So vāvadeva uppannānam vevvābādhikānam vedanānam patighātāva,

Was simply to counteract any pains of illness that had arisen,

#### Abyāpajjha-paramatāyāti.

And for maximum freedom from disease.

# 20. Uddissanādhitthāna Gāthā บทกรวดน้ำ

Verses of dedication of merit and aspiration

#### LEADER: [Handa mayam uddissanādhitthāna-gāthāyo bhanāma se:]

Now let us chant the verses of dedication and determination

ALL:

Iminā puñña-kammena ācariyūpakārā ca suriyo candimā rājā brahma-mārā ca indā ca yamo mittā manussā ca sabbe sattā sukhī hontu. Sukham ca tividham dentu

Iminā puñña-kammena. khippāhaṃ sulabhe ceva Ye santāne hinā dhammā, nassantu sabbadā-yeva. uju-cittaṃ sati-paññā, Mārā labhantu nokāsaṃ, Buddhā dīpavaro nātho. Nātho pacceka-buddho ca tesottamānubhāvena,

upajjhāyā guņuttarā mātā-pitā ca ñātakā gunavantā narāpi ca lokapālā ca devatā majjhattā verikāpi ca Puññāni pakatāni me. khippam pāpetha vomatam. Iminā uddisena ca tanhupādāna-chedanam. yāva nibbānato mamam, Yattha jāto bhave bhave, sallekho vīriyamhinā. kātuñ-ca vīrivesu me. Dhammo nātho varuttamo. Sangho nāthottaro mamam mārokāsam labhantu mā.

By the power of dedication of merit, my preceptors, teachers, benefactors, mother, father, relatives,
The sun, the moon, virtuous persons and dignitaries,
Brahmas, Mara, Indra<sup>39</sup>, deities and guardian kings
Yamaraja<sup>40</sup>, human beings, those who are friendly, neutral,hostile.
May all of them be happy, far from miseries.
Through the merit done by me, may they gain threefold bliss<sup>41</sup> and soon attain Nibbāna.

Through this merit done by me, and dedicated to all beings, May I soon liberate from craving, clinging, and impurities in mind, entirely ceased from innate trait, until attaining Nibbāna, Every existence of my rebirth, may I have righteous mind, mindfulness, wisdom, and excellent diligence to extinguish all defilements, May I be free from all evils to weaken my effort, The Buddha, my sublime refuge, The Dhamma, my superb protection, The silent Buddha is my noble Lord, And the Saṅghā, my excellent support, By their supreme powers, may chances of all Maras (obstructions, defilements, etc.) to harm me cannot be seen

<sup>39</sup> **Indra:** The god who controls the thunder, lightning, wind, and rain. He is constantly in conflict with the Asuras. In Buddhism he is identified as Sakra, the lord of the Tusita Heaven.

**Yāma:** The realm of the Yāma gods which is the name of the third heavenly abode, also regarded as the ruler of the hells. The king of this realm is Suyāma.

<sup>41</sup> Threefold Bliss: (1) Worldly happiness, (2) Jhāna happiness and (3) Nibbāna happiness

# **Paritta—Special Chants**

## สวดมนต์บทพิเศษ

# 21. Dhammassavanadevatābhisammantanapāṭha ชุมนุมเทวดา

Passages for inviting Devas to hear the Dhamma

[1]<sup>42</sup> Samantā cakkavāļesu atrāgacchantu devatā Saddhammaṃ muni-rājassa suṇantu saggamokkhadaṃ.

From around the galaxies may the devas come here. May they listen to the True Dhamma of the King of Sages 43, leading to heaven and emancipation.

[2] Pharitvāna mettam samettā bhadantā Avikkhitta-cittā parittam bhanantu.

Kind, venerable sirs, having spread thoughts of good will, listen to the chant with undistracted mind.

[3] Sarajjam sasenam sabandhum narindam Parittānubhāvo sadā rakkhatūti.

May the powers of Paritta protect the king, his treasures, his relatives and his advisors at all times.

## Sagge kāme ca rūpe Giri-sikharataţe cantalikkhevimāne

#### Dīpe ratthe ca gāme Taruvana-gahane geha-vatthumhi khette

Those in the heavens of sensuality and form, on peaks and mountain precipices, in palaces floating in the sky, in islands, countries, and towns, in groves of trees and thickets, around home sites and fields.

## Bhummā cāyantu devā Jala-thala-visame yakkha-gandhabba-nāgā Tiṭṭhantā santike yaṃ Muni-vara-vacanaṃ sādhavo me suṇantu

And the earth-devas, spirits, heavenly minstrels, and nagas 44 in water, on land, in badlands and nearby, may they come and listen with approval as I recite the word of the excellent Sage.

#### Dhammassavana-kālo ayam-bhadantā

This is the time to listen to the Dhamma, Venerable Sirs.

#### Dhammassavana-kālo ayam-bhadantā

This is the time to listen to the Dhamma, Venerable Sirs.

#### Dhammassavana-kālo avam-bhadantā

This is the time to listen to the Dhamma, Venerable Sirs.

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# 22. Pubbabhāganamakārapāṭha ปุพพภาคนมการ

The Preliminary Passage for Revering

## Namo tassa bhagavato arahato sammā-sambuddhassa. (3 times)

Homage to the Lord, the Emancipated, the All-Enlightened Buddha.

Buddham saranam gacchāmi. Dhammam saranam gacchāmi. Sangham saranam gacchāmi.

I go to the Buddha, Dhamma and Sangha for refuge.

 $<sup>^{42}</sup>$  [1] For Culrājaparitta (7 Chronicles), [2] For Māhārājaparitta (12 Chronicles), [3] For a royal ceremony

Four Levels of Sagehood: Arhats, Pratyeka Buddhas, Bodhisattvas, Buddhas. (The word 'Sage' usually refers to Arhats and Buddhas only). Note the expression 'entering into the flow or the stream (fellowship) of the sages.'

<sup>44</sup> Naga-raias ('dragon kings' or 'dragon queens') are water deities who govern springs, rivers, lakes, and seas.

Dutiyampi buddham saranam gacchāmi. Dutiyampi dhammam saranam gacchāmi. Dutiyampi sangham saranam gacchāmi.

A second time, I go to the Buddha, Dhamma and Sangha for refuge.

Tatiyampi buddham saranam gacchāmi. Tatiyampi dhammam saranam gacchāmi. Tatiyampi sangham saranam gacchāmi.

A third time, I go to the Buddha, Dhamma and Sangha for refuge.

## 23. Namakāra-siddhi Gāthā นุมการสิทธิดาถา

The Verses on Reverence Making for Success

Yo cakkhumā mohamalāpakaṭṭho Sāmaṃ va buddho sugato Vimutto Mārassa pāsā vinimocayanto Pāpesi khemam janatam vineyyam.

The one with vision, with the stain of delusion removed, selfawakened, well-gone, and released, freed from the snares of mortal temptation. He leads humanity from evil to security.

Buddham varantam sirasā Namāmi

Lokassa nāthañca vināyakañca. Tan-tejasā te jaya-siddhi hotu Sabbantarāyā ca vināsamentu.

I pay homage with my head to that excellent Buddha, the protector and mentor for the world. By the power of this, may you have triumph and success, and may all your dangers be destroyed.

Dhammo dhajo yo viya tassa satthu

Dassesi lokassa visuddhimaggam Niyyāniko dhamma-dharassa dhārī Sātāvaho santikaro sucinno.

The Teacher's Dhamma, like a banner, shows the path of purity to the world. Leading out, upholding those who uphold it, rightly accomplished, it brings pleasure, makes peace.

Dhammam varantam sirasā namāmi

Mohappadālam upasantadāham. Tan-tejasā te jaya-siddhi hotu Sabbantarāvā ca vināsamentu.

I pay homage with my head to that excellent Dhamma, which pierces delusion and makes fever grow calm. By the power of this, may you have triumph and success, and may all your dangers be destroyed.

Saddhamma-senā sugatānugo yo

Lokassa pāpūpakilesa-jetā Santo sayaṃ santi-niyojako ca Svākkhāta-dhammaṃ viditaṃ karoti.

The true Dhamma's army, following the one well-gone, is victor over the evils and corruptions of the world. Self-calmed, it is calming and without fetter 45, and makes the well-taught Dhamma be known.

Saṅghaṃ varantaṃ sirasā namāmi Buddhānubuddhaṃ sama-sīla- diṭṭhiṃ.

Fetter: The Dhamma that bonds beings into existence. There are: (1) False view of individuality, (2) Doubt or uncertainty, (3) Adherence to wrong rules and rituals, (4) Sensal lust, (5) Replsion or anger, (6) Lust for realms of form, (7) Lust for formless realms, (8) Conceit, (9) Distraction or

Restlessness, and (10) Ignorance.

## Tan-tejasā te jaya-siddhi hotu Sabbantarāyā ca vināsamentu.

I pay homage with my head to that excellent Sangha, awakened after the awakened, harmonious in virtue and view. By the power of this, may you have triumph and success, and may all your dangers be destroyed.

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# 24. Sambuddhe สัมพุทเธฯ

#### The Buddhas

Sambuddhe aṭṭhavīsañca Dvādasañca sahassake Pañca-sata-sahassāni Namāmi sirasā ahaṃ. Tesaṃ dhammañca saṅghañca Ādarena namāmihaṃ. Namakārānubhāvena Hantvā sabbe upaddave Anekā antarāyāpi Vinassantu asesato.

I pay homage with my head to the 512,028 Buddhas. I pay devoted homage to their Dhamma and Sangha. Through the power of this homage, having demolished all misfortunes, may countless dangers be destroyed without trace.

Sambuddhe pañca-paññāsañca

Dasa-sata-sahassāni

Tesaṃ dhammañca saṅghañca

Namakārānubhāvena

Anekā antarāyāpi

Catuvīsati sahassake
Namāmi sirasā ahaṃ.
Ādarena namāmihaṃ.
Hantvā sabbe upaddave
Vinassantu asesato.

I pay homage with my head to the 1,024,055 Buddhas. I pay devoted homage to their Dhamma and Sangha. Through the power of this homage, having demolished all misfortunes, may countless dangers be destroyed without trace.

Sambuddhe navuttarasate
Vīsati-sata-sahassāni
Namāmi sirasā aham.
Tesam dhammañca saṅghañca
Namakārānubhāvena
Anekā antarāyāpi
Aṭṭḥacattāļīsa-sahassake
Namāmi sirasā aham.
Ādarena namāmiham.
Hantvā sabbe upaddave
Vinassantu asesato.

I pay homage with my head to the 2,048,109 Buddhas. I pay devoted homage to their Dhamma and Sangha. Through the power of this homage, having demolished all misfortunes, may countless dangers be destroyed without trace.

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# 25. Namokāraatthaka Gāthā นโมการอัฏฐกคาถา

Verses on Eight Times Making "Namo"

Namo arahato sammā Sambuddhassa mahesino Namo uttama-dhammassa Svākkhātasseva tenidha Visuddha-sīla-diţţhino Namo mahā-saṅghassāpi Namo omātyāraddhassa Ratanattyassa sādhukam Namo omakātītassa Tassa vatthuttavassapi Namo kārappabhāvena Vigacchantu upaddavā Suvatthi hotu sabbadā Namo kārānubhāvena Namo kārassa tejena Vidhimhi homi tejavā.

Homage to the Great Seer, the Worthy One, Rightly Self-awakened. (A)

Homage to the highest Dhamma, well-taught by him here. (U) And homage to the Great Sangha, pure in virtue and view. (MA) Homage to the Triple Gem beginning auspiciously with AUM. And homage to those three objects that have left base things behind.

By the potency of this homage, may misfortunes disappear.

By the potency of this homage, may there always be well-being. By the power of this homage, may success in this ceremony be mine.

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# 26. Mangala Paritta มังคลปริตร

The Discourse on Good Fortune \*\*\*Some leaders begin from Asevanā.

[Evam-me sutaṃ,] Ekaṃ samayaṃ Bhagavā, Sāvatthiyaṃ viharati, Jetavane Anāthapiṇḍikassa, ārāme. Atha kho aññatarā devatā, abhikkantāya rattiyā abhikkanta-vaṇṇā kevala-kappaṃ Jetavanaṃ obhāsetvā, yena Bhagavā tenupasaṅkami. Upasaṅkamitvā Bhagavantaṃ abhivādetvā ekamantaṃ aṭṭhāsi. Ekamantaṃ ṭhitā kho sā devatā Bhagavantaṃ gāthāya ajjhabhāsi. [Pause]

I<sup>46</sup> have heard that at one time the Blessed One was staying in Savatthi at Jeta's Grove, Anathapindika's monastery. Then a certain devata, in the far extreme of the night, her extreme radiance lighting up the entirety of Jeta's Grove, approached the Blessed One. On approaching, having bowed down to the Blessed One, she stood to one side. As she was standing there, she addressed a verse to the Blessed One.

"Bahū devā manussā ca Ākankhamānā sotthānam \*"Asevanā ca bālānam Pūjā ca pūjanīyānam Paţirūpa-desa-vāso ca Atta-sammā-paṇidhi ca Bāhu-saccañca sippañca Subhāsitā ca yā vācā Mātā-pitu-upatthānam Anākulā ca kammantā Dānañca dhamma-cariyā Anavajjāni kammāni Āratī viratī pāpā Appamādo ca dhammesu Gāravo ca nivāto ca Kālena dhammassavanam Khantī ca sovacassatā Kālena dhamma-sākacchā Tapo ca brahma-cariyañca Nibbāna-sacchi-kiriyā ca Phutthassa loka-dhammehi Asokam virajam khemam Etādisāni katvāna Sabbattha sotthim gacchanti

mangalani acintayum brūhi mangala-muttamam." panditānañca sevanā etam-mangala-muttamam. pubbe ca kata-puññatā etam-mangala-muttamam. vinavo ca susikkhito etam-mangala-muttamam. putta-dārassa sangaho etam-mangala-muttamam. ca ñātakānañca saṅgaho etam-mangala-muttamam. majja-pānā ca saññamo etam-mangala-muttamam. santuţţhī ca kataññutā etam-mangala-muttamam. samanānañca dassanam etam-mangala-muttamam. ariya-saccāna-dassanam etam-mangala-muttamam. cittam yassa na kampati etam-mangala-muttamam. sabbattha-maparājitā tan-tesam mangalamuttamanti."

<sup>46</sup> **Ānanda:** A cousin of the Buddha. Ānanda accompanied the Buddha for more than twenty years and was the Master's favorite disciple. He was famed for his excellent memory and recited the Sutra-Pitaka (the sermons contained in the Tripitaka, q.v.) at the First Buddhist Council.

- "Many devas and human beings give thought to good fortune, Desiring well-being. Tell, then, the highest good fortune."
- "[1] Not consorting with fools, [2] consorting with the wise, [3] paying homage to those who deserve homage, this is the highest good fortune.
- [4] Living in a civilized country, [5] having made merit in the past, [6] directing oneself rightly, this is the highest good fortune.
- [7] Broad knowledge, [8] skill, [9] discipline well-mastered, [10] words well-spoken, this is the highest good fortune.
- [11] Support for one's parents, [12-13] assistance to one's wife and children, [14] jobs that are not left unfinished, this is the highest good fortune.
- [15] Generosity, [16] living by the Dhamma, [17] assistance to one's relatives, [18] deeds that are blameless, this is the highest good fortune.
- [19] Avoiding, abstaining from evil, [20] refraining from intoxicants, [21] being heedful with regard to qualities of the mind, this is the highest good fortune.
- [22] Respect, [23] humility, [24] contentment, [25] gratitude, [26] hearing the Dhamma on timely occasions, this is the highest good fortune.
- [27] Patience, [28] compliance, [29] seeing contemplatives, [30] discussing the Dhamma on timely occasions, this is the highest good fortune.
- [31] Austerity, [32] celibacy, [33] seeing the Noble Truths, [34] realizing liberation, this is the highest good fortune.
- [35] A mind that, when touched by the ways of the world, is unshaken, [36] sorrowless, [37] dustless, [38] secure; this is the highest good fortune.

Everywhere undefeated when doing these things, people go everywhere in well-being, this is their highest good fortune."

## 27. Ratana Paritta รัตนปริตร

The Six Protective Verses from the Discourse on Treasures

Yaṅkiñci vittaṃ idha vā huraṃ vā Saggesu vā yaṃ ratanaṃ paṇītaṃ, Na no samaṃ atthi tathāgatena. Idam-pi buddhe ratanaṃ paṇītaṃ Etena saccena suvatthi hotu.

Whatever wealth in this world or the next, whatever exquisite treasure in the heavens, is not, for us, equal to the Tathagata. This, too, is an exquisite treasure in the Buddha. By this truth may there be well-being.

Khayam virāgam amatam panītam Ya-dajjhagā sakyamunī samāhito, Na tena dhammena samatthi kiñci. Idam-pi dhamme ratanam panītam. Etena saccena suvatthi hotu.

The exquisite Deathless – dispassion, ending – Discovered by the Sakyan Sage while in concentration: there is nothing equal to that Dhamma. This, too, is an exquisite treasure in the Dhamma. By this truth may there be well-being.

Yam-buddha-seṭṭho parivaṇṇayī suciṃ, Samādhimānantarikaññamāhu, Samādhinā tena samo na vijjati. Idam-pi dhamme ratanaṃ paṇītaṃ. Etena saccena suvatthi hotu. What the excellent Awakened One extolled as pure and called the concentration of unmediated knowing, no equal to that concentration can be found. This, too, is an exquisite treasure in the Dhamma. By this truth may there be well-being.

Ye puggalā aṭṭha satam pasatthā

Cattāri etāni yugāni honti

Te dakkhiņeyyā sugatassa sāvakā,

Etesu dinnāni mahapphalāni.

Idam-pi sanghe ratanam panītam.

Etena saccena suvatthi hotu.

The eight persons – the four pairs – praised by those at peace, they, disciples of the One Well-Gone, deserve offerings. What is given to them bears great fruit. This, too, is an exquisite treasure in the Sangha. By this truth may there be well-being.

Ye suppayuttā manasā daļhena

Nikkāmino gotama-sāsanamhi,

Te pattipattā amatam vigayha

Laddhā mudhā nibbutim bhuñjamānā.

Idam-pi sanghe ratanam panītam.

Etena saccena suvatthi hotu.

Those who, devoted, firmminded, Apply themselves to Gotama's message, on attaining their goal, plunge into the Deathless, freely enjoying the Liberation they have gained. This, too, is an exquisite treasure in the Sangha. By this truth may there be well-being. 0

Khīņam purāņam navam natthi sambhavam

Viratta-cittāvatike bhavasmim

Te khīṇa-bījā avirulhi-chandā

Nibbanti dhīrā vathāvampadīpo.

Idam-pi sanghe ratanam panītam

Etena saccena suvatthi hotu.

Ended the old, there is no new taking birth. Dispassioned their minds toward further becoming, they, with no seed, no desire for growth, the wise, they go out like this flame. This, too, is an exquisite treasure in the Sangha. By this truth may there be well-being.

# 28. Mettā Sutta กรณียเมตตสูตร

The Discourse on Loving-kindness

Karaṇīya-mattha-kusalena yantaṃ santaṃ padaṃ abhisamecca.

Sakko ujū ca suhujū ca suvaco cassa mudu anatimānī,

This is to be done by one skilled in aims who want to break through to the state of peace: be capable, upright, and straightforward, easy to instruct, gentle, and not conceited,

Santussako ca subharo ca appakicco ca sallahuka-vutti,

Santindriyo ca nipako ca appagabbho kulesu ananugiddho.

content and easy to support, with few duties, living lightly, with peaceful faculties, masterful, modest, and no greed for supporters.

Na ca khuddam samācare kiñci yena viñnū pare upavadeyyum. Sukhino vā khemino hontu sabbe sattā bhavantu sukhitattā.

Do not do the slightest thing that the wise would later censure.

Think: happy and secure, may all beings be happy at heart.

Ye keci pāṇa-bhūtatthi tasā vā thāvarā vā anavasesā, Dīghā vā ve mahantā vā majihimā rassakā anuka-thūlā, Whatever beings there may be, weak (having desire, craving) or strong (having no desire), without exception, long, large, middling, short, subtle, blatant,

Diṭṭhā vā ye ca adiṭṭhā ye ca dūre vasanti avidūre, Bhūtā vā sambhavesī vā sabbe sattā bhavantu sukhitattā.

seen or unseen, near or far, born or seeking birth: may all beings be happy at heart.

Na paro param nikubbetha nātimañnetha katthaci nam kinci, Byārosanā paṭīgha-sañnā nāna-mañnassa dukkhamiccheyya.

Let no one deceive another or despise anyone anywhere, or through anger or resistance wish for another to suffer.

Mātā yathā niyam puttam āyusā eka-putta-manurakkhe, Evam-pi sabba-bhūtesu māna-sambhāvaye aparimāṇam.

As a mother would risk her life to protect her child, her only child, even so, should one cultivate a limitless heart with regard to all beings.

Mettañca sabba-lokasmim māna-sambhāvaye aparimāṇam, Uddham adho ca tiriyañca asambādham averam asapattam.

With good will for the entire cosmos, cultivate a limitless heart, above, below, and all around, unobstructed, without enmity or hate.

Tiṭṭhañcaraṃ nisinno vā sayāno vā yāvatassa vigata-middho, Etaṃ satiṃ adhiṭṭheyya brahma-metaṃ vihāraṃ idha-māhu.

Whether standing, walking, sitting, or lying down, as long as one is alert, one should be resolved on this mindfulness. This is called a sublime abiding <sup>47</sup> here and now.

Diṭṭhiñca anupagamma sīlavā dassanena sampanno,

Kāmesu vineyya gedham, Na hi jātu gabbha-seyyam punaretīti.

Not taken with views, but virtuous and consummate in vision 48, having subdued desire for sensual pleasures, one never again will lie in the womb.

## 29. Khandha Paritta ขันธปริตร

The Group Protection

Virūpakkhehi me mettam Mettam Erāpathehi me.

Chabyā-puttehi me mettaṃ Mettaṃ Kaṇhā-Gotamakehi ca.

I have good will for the Virupakkhas, the Erapathas, the Chabya descendants, and the Black Gotamakas 49.

Apādakehi me mettam Mettam di-pādakehi me. Catuppadehi me mettam Mettam bahuppadehi me.

I have good will for footless beings, two-footed, four-footed, and many-footed beings.

Mā maṃ apādako hiṃsi Mā maṃ hiṃsi di-pādako. Mā maṃ catuppado hiṃsi Mā maṃ hiṃsi bahuppado.

May footless beings, two-footed beings, four-footed beings, and many-footed beings do me no harm.

Sabbe sattā sabbe pāṇā Sabbe bhūtā ca kevalā Sabbe bhadrāni passantu Mā kiñci pāpa-māgamā.

May all creatures, all breathing things, all beings – each and everyone – meet with good fortune. May none of them come to any evil.

47 **Sublime states of mind:** The four divine states of mind include (1) loving-kindness, (2) compassion, (3) sympatic joy and (4) equanimity. (Pāli: *Brahmavihāra*)

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The Path of the Stream-Enterer

<sup>49</sup> Virupakkhas, Erapathas, Chabya descendants, and Black Gotamakas are Naga-rajas. (see 37 Naga-rajas)

Appamāṇo Buddho. Appamāṇo Dhammo. Appamāṇo Saṅgho. Pamāṇa-vantāni siriṃ-sapāni Ahi vicchikā sata-padī uṇṇānābhī sarabū mūsikā. Katā me rakkhā. Katā me parittā. Paṭikkamantu bhūtāni. Sohaṃ namo Bhagavato. Namo sattannaṃ Sammā-sambuddhānaṃ.

The Buddha, Dhamma, and Sangha are limitless. There is a limit to creeping things—snakes, scorpions, centipedes, spiders, lizards, and rats. I have made this protection, I have made this spell. May the beings depart. I pay homage to the Blessed One, homage to the seven Rightly Selfawakened Ones.

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## 30. Mora Paritta โมรปริตร

The Peacock's Protection

\*\*\* The first part will be chanted in the morning.

Udetayañcakkhumā eka-rājā Harissa-vaņņo pathavippabhāso.

The One King, rising, with vision, Golden-hued, illumining the Earth:

Tam tam namassāmi harissa-vannam pathavippabhāsam.

Tavajja guttā viharemu divasam.

I pay homage to you, Golden-hued, illumining the Earth.

Guarded today by you, may I live through the day.

Ye brāhmaṇā vedagu sabba-dhamme,

Te me namo. Te ca mam pālayantu.

Those Brahmans who are knowers of all truths,

I pay homage to them; may they keep watch over me.

Namatthu buddhānam namatthu bodhiyā.

Namo vimuttānam namo vimuttiyā.

May my homage be to the Buddhas, to their Enlightenment.

May my homage be to those supremely secure from bondage and to their deliverance.

Imam so parittam katvā Moro carati esanā.

Having made this protection, the peacock sets out in search for food.

\*\*\* The second part will be chanted in the evening.

## Apetayañcakkhumā eka-rājā Harissa-vaņņo pathavippabhāso.

The One King, setting, with vision, Golden-hued, illumining the earth:

Tam tam namassāmi harissa-vaņņam pathavippabhāsam.

Tavajja guttā viharemu rattim.

I pay homage to you, Golden-hued, illumining the Earth.

Guarded today by you, may I live through the night.

Ye brāhmaņā vedagu sabba-dhamme,

Te me namo te ca mam pālayantu.

Those Brahmans who are knowers of all truths,

I pay homage to them; may they keep watch over me.

Namatthu buddhānam namatthu bodhiyā

Namo vimuttānam namo vimuttiyā

May my homage be to the Buddhas, to their Enlightenment.

May my homage be to those supremely secure from bondage and to their deliverance.

Imam so parittam katvā Moro vāsamakappavīti.

Having made this protection, the peacock spent his life.

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# 31. Vattaka Paritta วัฏฏกปริตร

The Baby Quail's Protection

Atthi loke sīla-guņo Saccaṃ soceyyanuddayā. Tena saccena kāhāmi Sacca-kiriya-manuttaraṃ.

There is in this world the quality of virtue, truth, purity and tenderness. In accordance with this truth I will make an unsurpassed vow of truth.

Āvajjitvā dhamma-balam Saritvā pubbake jine Sacca-bala-mavassāya Sacca-kiriya-makāsaham

Sensing the strength of the Dhamma, calling to mind the victors of the past, in dependence on the strength of truth, I made an unsurpassed vow of truth:

Santi pakkhā apattanā Santi pādā avañcanā Mātā pitā ca nikkhantā Jāta-veda paṭikkama

Here are wings with no feathers, here are feet that cannot walk. My mother and father have left me. Fire, go back!

Saha sacce kate mayham Mahāpajjalito sikhī

Vajjesi soļasa karīsāni Udakam patvā yathā sikhī

When I made my vow with truth, the great crested flames avoided the sixteen acres around me as if they had come to a body of water.

Saccena me samo natthi Esā me sacca-pāramīti.

My truth has no equal, such is my perfection of truth.

# 32. Āṭānāṭiya Paritta อาฏานาฏิยปริตร

Homage to the Seven Past Buddhas

(Solo Introduction:)

Appasannehi nā-thassa sāsane sādhusammate
A-manussehi caṇḍehi sadā kibbisakā ribhi
Parisā nañca-tassanna- mahiṃsāya ca guttiyā ,
Yandesesi mahāvīro parittantam bhaṇā ma he.

We will now recite the discourse given by the Great Hero (the Buddha)

As a protection for virtue-loving human beings

Against harm from all evil-doing, malevolent nonhumans

Who are displeased with the Buddha's Teachings. Homage to all Buddhas, the mighty who have arisen:

Vipassissa namatthu Cakkhumantassa sirīmato. Sikhissa pi namatthu Sabba-bhūtānukampino.

Homage to Vipassī, possessed of vision and splendor.

Homage to Sikhī, sympathetic to all beings.

Vessabhussa namatthu Nhātakassa tapassino. Namatthu Kakusandhassa Māra-senappamaddino

Homage to Vesabhū, cleansed, austere. Homage to Kakusandha, crusher of Mara's host.

Konāgamanassa namatthu Brāhmaṇassa vusīmato. Kassapassa namatthu Vippamuttassa sabbadhi.

Homage to Konāgamana, the Brahman who lived the life perfected.

Homage to Kassapa, entirely released.

Aṅgīrasassa namatthu Sakya-puttassa sirīmato. Yo imaṃ Dhamma-madesesi Sabba-dukkhāpanūdanaṃ.

Homage to Aṅgīrasa, splendid son of the Sakyans, who taught this Dhamma – the dispelling of all stress.

Ye cāpi nibbutā loke Yathābhūtaṃ vipassisuṃ, Te janā apisuṇā Mahantā vītasāradā.

Those unbound in the world, who have seen things as they are, Great Ones of gentle speech, thoroughly mature,

Hitaṃ deva-manussānaṃ Yaṃ namassanti Gotamaṃ Vijjā-caraṇa-sampannaṃ Mahantaṃ vītasāradaṃ, Vijjā-caraṇa-sampannaṃ Buddhaṃ vandāma Gotamanti.

even they pay homage to Gotama, the benefit of human and heavenly beings, consummate in knowledge and conduct, the Great One, thoroughly mature. We revere the Buddha Gotama, consummate in knowledge and conduct.

# Aññhavīsati-buddha-paritta ("Namo me" ...)

The Protective Blessing of the 28 Buddhas

(Namo me sabbabuddhanam),

Taṇhaṅkaro mahā vīro, Saraṇaṅkaro lokahito, Koṇḍañño janapā mokkho, Sumano sumano dhīro, Sobhito guṇasampanno, Padumo lokapajjoto, Padumuttaro sattasā ro, Sujā to sabbalokaggo, Atthadassī kā ruṇiko, Siddhattho asamo loke, Phusso ca varado Buddho,

Sikhī sabbahito satthā , Kakusandho satthavā ho, Kassapo sirisampanno,

Ete caññe ca sambuddhā Sabbe Buddhā asamasamā, Sabbe dasabalūpetā Sabbe te paţijā nanti Sohanadam nadantete Brahmacakkam pavattenti Upetā Buddhadhammehi Dvattimsa-lakkhanūpetā -Byā mappabhā ya suppabhā Buddhā sabbaññuno ete Mahappabhā mahā tejā Mahā kā ruņikā dhīrā Dīpā nā thā patitthā ca Gatī bandhū mahassā Sadevakassa lokassa Tesaham sirasā pā de

uppannanam Mahesinam, Medhankaro mahā yaso, Dīpankaro jutindharo, Mangalo purisā sabho, Revato rativaddhano, Anomadassī januttamo, Nā rado varasā rathī, Sumedho appatipuggalo, Pivadassī narā sabho, Dhammadassī tamonudo, Tisso ca vadatam varo, Vipassī ca anūpamo, Vessabhū sukhadā yako, Koṇā gamano raṇañjaho, Gotamo sakyapungavo. anekasatakotayo sabbe Buddhā mahiddhikā vesā rajjehupā gatā ā sabhanthanamuttamam parisā su visā radā loke appativattivam aţţhā rasahi nā yakā sītyā nubyañjanā dharā sabbe te munikunjarā sabbe khīṇā savā jinā mahā paññā mahabbalā sabbesanam sukhā vahā tā nā lenā ca pā ninam sā saraņā ca hitesino sabbe ete parā yanā vandā mi purisuttame

Vacasā manasā ceva Sayane ā sane ţhā ne Sadā sukhena rakkhantu Tehi tvaṃ rakkhito santo Sabba-rogavinimutto Sabba-veramatikkanto

Tesaṃ saccena sīlena Tepi tumhe anurakkhantu

Puratthimasmim disā bhā ge
Tepi tumhe anurakkhantu
Dakkhiņasmim disā bhā ge
Tepi tumhe anurakkhantu
Pacchimasmim disā bhā ge
Tepi tumhe anurakkhantu
Uttarasmim disā bhā ge
Tepi tumhe anurakkhantu
Purimadisam Dhataraṭṭho,
Pacchimena Virūpakkho,
Cattā ro te mahā rā jā
Tepi tumhe anurakkhantu
Ā kā saṭṭhā ca bhummaṭṭhā
Tepi tumhe anurakkhantu

Natthi me saraṇaṃ annaṃ Etena saccavajjena Natthi me saraṇaṃ annaṃ Etena saccavajjena Natthi me saraṇaṃ annaṃ Etena saccavajjena

Yaṅkiñci ratanaṃ loke Ratanaṃ Buddhasamaṃ natthi Yaṅkiñci ratanaṃ loke vijjati Ratanaṃ Dhammasamaṃ natthi Yaṅkiñci ratanaṃ loke vijjati Ratanaṃ Saṅghasamaṃ natthi

SakkatvāBuddharatanaṃ
Hitaṃ devamanussanaṃ
Nassantupaddavāsabbe
SakkatvāDhammaratanaṃ
Parilahtpasamanaṃ
Nassantupaddavāsabbe
SakkatvāSaṅgharatanaṃ
Ahuneyyaṃ pahuneyyaṃ
Nassantupaddavāsabbe
Sabbītiyo vivajjantu
Māte bhavat-vantarāyo

Abhivādanasīlissa niccam

Cattāro dhammāvaddhanti

vandā mete Tathā gate gamane cā pi sabbadā Buddhā santikarā tuvam mutto sabbabhavena ca sabba-santā pavajjito nibbuto ca tuvam bhava khantimettā balena ca ārogvena sukhena ca santi bhūtā mahiddhikā ārogyena sukhena ca santi devā mahiddhikā ārogvena sukhena ca santi nā gā mahiddhikā ārogyena sukhena ca santi yakkhā mahiddhikā ārogvena sukhena ca dakkhinena Virulhako Kuvero uttaram disam lokapā lā yasassino ārogvena sukhena ca devā nā gā mahiddhikā ārogvena sukhena ca Buddho me saranam varam hotu te jayamangalam Dhammo me saranam varam hotu te jayamangalam Sangho me saranam varam hotu te javamangalam vijjati vividham puthu tasmā sotthī bhavantu te vividham puthu tasmā sotthī bhavantu te vividham puthu tasmā sotthī bhavantu te osatham uttamam varam Buddhatejena sotthinā dukkhāvūpasamentu te osatham uttamam varam Dhammatejena sotthinā bhayāvūpasamentu te osatham uttamam varam Sanghatejena sotthinā rogāvūpasamentu te sabbarogo vinassatu sukhī dīghāyuko bhava vuddhāpacāvino āyu vaņņo sukham balam.

Taṇhaṅkara, the great hero, Medhaṅkara, the renowned, Saraṇaṅkara, who guarded the world, Dīpaṅkara, the light-bearer, Koṇḍañña, liberator of people, Maṅgala, great leader of people, Sumana, kindly and wise, Revata, increaser of joy, Sobhita, perfected in virtues, Anomadassī, greatest of beings, Paduma, illuminer of the world, Narāda, true charioteer, Padumuttara, most excellent of beings, Sumedha, the unequalled one, Sujāta, summit of the world, Piyadassī, great leader of men, Atthadassī, the compassionate, Dhammadassī, destroyer of darkness, Siddhattha, unequalled in the world, and Tissa, speaker of Truth, Phussa, bestower of blessings, Vipassī, the incomparable, Sikhī, the bliss-bestowing teacher, Vessabhū, giver of happiness, Kakusandha, the caravan leader, Koṇāgamana, abandoner of ills, Kassapa, perfect in glory, Gotama, chief of the Sakyans.

These and all self-enlightened Buddhas are also peerless ones, All the Buddhas together, all of mighty power, All endowed with the Ten Powers, attained to highest knowledge, All of these are accorded the supreme place of leadership. They roar the lion's roar with confidence among their followers. They observe with the divine eye, unhindered, all the world. The leaders endowed with the eighteen kinds of Buddha-Dhamma, The thirty-two major and eighty minor marks of a great being, Shining with fathom-wide haloes, all these elephant-like sages, All these omniscient Buddhas, conquerors free of corruption, Of mighty brilliance, mighty power, of mighty wisdom, mighty strength, Of mighty compassion and wisdom, bearing bliss to all, Islands, guardians and supports, shelters and caves for all beings, Resorts, kinsmen and comforters, benevolent givers of refuge, These are all the final resting place for the world with its deities. With my head at their feet I salute these greatest of humans. With both speech and thought I venerate those Tathagatas, Whether lying down, seated or standing, or walking anywhere. May they ever guard your happiness, the Buddhas, bringers of peace, And may you, guarded by them, at peace, freed from all fear, Released from all illness, safe from all torments, Having transcended hatred, may you gain cessation.

May they protect and guard you in health and happiness.

In the Eastern quarter are beings of great power,
May they protect and guard you in health and happiness.
In the Southern quarter are deities of great power,
May they protect and guard you in health and happiness.
In the Western quarter are dragons of great power,
May they protect and guard you in health and happiness.
In the Northern quarter are spirits of great power,
May they protect and guard you in health and happiness.
In the East is Dhataraṭṭha, in the South is Viru¹haka,
In the West is Virūpakkha, Kuvera rules the North.
These Four Mighty Kings, far-famed guardians of the world,
May they all be your protectors in health and happiness.
Sky-dwelling and earth-dwelling gods and dragons of great power,
May they all be your protectors in health and happiness.

By the power of their truth, their virtue and love,

For me there is no other refuge, the Buddha is my excellent refuge: By this declaration of truth may the blessings of victory be yours. For me there is no other refuge, the Dhamma is my excellent refuge: By this declaration of truth may the blessings of victory be yours. For me there is no other refuge, the Sangha is my excellent refuge: By this declaration of truth may the blessings of victory be yours.

Whatever jewel may be found in the world, however splendid, There is no jewel equal to the Buddha, therefore may you be blessed. Whatever jewel may be found in the world, however splendid, There is no jewel equal to the Dhamma, therefore may you be blessed. Whatever jewel may be found in the world, however splendid, There is no jewel equal to the Sangha, therefore may you be blessed.

If you venerate the Buddha jewel, the supreme, excellent protection, Which benefits gods and humans, then in safety, by the Buddha's power, All dangers will be prevented, your sorrows will pass away. If you venerate the Dhamma jewel, the supreme, excellent protection, Which calms all fevered states, then in safety, by the Dhamma's power, All dangers will be prevented, your fears will pass away. If you venerate the Sangha jewel, the supreme, excellent protection, Worthy of gifts and hospitality, then in safety, by the Sangha's power, All dangers will be prevented, your sicknesses will pass away.

May all calamities be avoided, may all illness pass away, May no dangers threaten you, may you be happy and long-lived, Greeted kindly and welcome everywhere. May four things accrue to you: long life, beauty, bliss, and strength.

Āṭānāṭiya Parittaṃ niṭṭhitaṃ
-Thus Ends the Twenty-Eight Buddhas' Protection.

## 33. Angulimāla Paritta อังคุลิมาลปริตร

Ven. Angulimala's Protection

## Yatoham bhagini ariyāya jātiyā jāto, Nābhijānāmi sañcicca pāṇam jīvitā voropetā, Tena saccena sotthi te hotu sotthi gabbhassa.

Sister, since being born in the Noble Birth, I am not aware that I have intentionally deprived a being of life. By this truth may you be well, and so may the child in your womb.

#### 34. Bojjhanga Paritta โพชญังคปริตร

The Factor-of-Awakening Protection

Bojjhango sati-sankhāto
Viriyam-pīti-passaddhiSamādhupekkha-bojjhangā
Muninā sammadakkhātā
Saṃvattanti abhiñnāya
Etena sacca-vajjena

Dhammānaṃ vicayo tathā
Bojjhangā ca tathāpare
Sattete sabba-dassinā
Bhāvitā bahulīkatā
Nibbānāya ca bodhiyā.
Sotthi te hotu sabbadā.

The factors for Awakening include mindfulness, investigation of qualities, persistence, rapture, serenity, concentration and equanimity. These seven, which the All-seeing sage has rightly taught, when

developed and matured, bring about heightened knowledge, Liberation, and Awakening. By the saying of this truth, may you always be well.

Ekasmim samaye nātho Moggallānañca Kassapam Gilāne dukkhite disvā Bojjhaṅge satta desayi. Te ca tam abhinanditvā Rogā mucciṃsu taṃkhaṇe. Etena sacca-vajjena Sotthi te hotu sabbadā.

At one time, our Protector – seeing that Moggallana and Kassapa were sick and in pain – taught them the seven factors for Awakening. They, delighting in that, were instantly freed from their illness. By the saying of this truth, may you always be well.

Ekadā dhamma-rājā pi
Cundattherena taññeva
Sammoditvā ca ābādhā
Etena sacca-vajjena
Gelaññenābhipīļito
Bhaṇāpetvāna sādaraṃ
Tamhā vuṭṭhāsi ṭhānaso.
Sotthi te hotu sabbadā.

Once, when the Dhamma King was afflicted with fever, he had the Elder Cunda recite that very teaching with devotion. As he approved, he rose up from that disease. By the saying of this truth, may you always be well.

Pahīnā te ca ābādhā

Maggāhata-kilesā va
Etena sacca-vajjena

Tiṇṇannam-pi mahesinaṃ
Pattānuppattidhammataṃ.
Sotthi te hotu sabbadā.

Those diseases were abandoned by the three great seers, just as defilements are demolished by the Path in accordance with step-by-step attainment. By the saying of this truth, may you always be well.

#### 35. Abhaya Paritta อภยปริตร

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The Danger-free Protection

Yan-dunnimittam avamangalañca

Yo cāmanāpo sakuņassa saddo

Pāpaggaho dussupinam akantam.

Buddhānubhāvena vināsamentu.

Yan-dunnimittam avamangalañca

Yo cāmanāpo sakuņassa saddo

Pāpaggaho dussupinam akantam.

Dhammānubhāvena vināsamentu.

Yan-dunnimittam avamangalañca

Yo cāmanāpo sakuņassa saddo

Pāpaggaho dussupinam akantam.

Sanghānubhāvena vināsamentu.

Whatever unlucky portents and ill omens, and whatever distressing bird calls, evil planets, upsetting nightmares, by the Buddha, Dhamma and Sangha's power, may they be destroyed.

#### 36. The Banner Protection ถวายพรพระ

#### [Namo tassa] bhagavato arahato sammā-sambuddhassa. (Three times)

Homage to the Blessed One, the Worthy One, the Rightly Self-awakened One.

# Itipi so bhagavā arahaṃ sammā-sambuddho, Vijjā-caraṇasampanno sugato lokavidū, Anuttaro purisa-damma-sārathi satthā deva-manussānam buddho bhagavāti.

He is a Blessed One, a Worthy One<sup>50</sup>, a Rightly Self-awakened One<sup>51</sup>, consummate in knowledge and conduct<sup>52</sup>, one who has gone the good way<sup>53</sup>, knower of the cosmos<sup>54</sup>, unexcelled trainer of those who can be taught<sup>55</sup>, teacher of human and divine beings<sup>56</sup>, awakened<sup>57</sup>, blessed<sup>58</sup>.

## Svākkhāto bhagavatā dhammo, Sandiṭṭhiko akāliko ehipassiko, Opanayiko paccattaṃ veditabbo viññūhīti.

The Dhamma is well-proclaimed by the Blessed  $One^{59}$ , to be seen for oneself<sup>60</sup>, timeless56, inviting all to come and see<sup>61</sup>, leading inward<sup>62</sup>, to be seen by the wise for themselves<sup>63</sup>.

Lord Buddha is called *Sammāsambuddho* because he is fully self-enlightened in all Dhamma which should be (1) known with the highest wisdom, (2) determined, (3) avoided, (4) penetrated and (5) developed.

Lord Buddha is called *Vijjācaraṇa-sampanno* because he is perfect in both knowledge and conduct. Perfect in knowledge means Lord Buddha has attained both the Threefold (*Vijjā 3*) and the Eightfold Transcendent Knowledge (*Vijjā 8*).

Lord Buddha is called *Sugato* for four reasons. He has (1) completed travelling the Noble Path, (2) gone to the Noble Place (Nirvana), (3) gone Rightly and (4) practiced Right Speech.

Lord Buddha is named *Lokavitū* because he has thoroughly penetrated the world of formation in every way. He has penetrated knowing the (1) true worldly condition (*Lokadhamma*), (2) the cause (*Samudaya*), (3) the cessation (*Nirodha*) and (4) the means of cessation (*Nirodhupāya*).

<sup>55</sup> Anuttaro means Lord Buddha is unexcelled or ultimate. No one is higher or comparable in the virtues of morality (Sīla), concentration (Samādhi), wisdom (Paññā), emancipation (Vimutti) and prefect knowledge of emancipation (Vimuttiñāṇadssana).

Satthā means a teacher or a master in the sense that Lord Buddha teaches virtues conductive to benefits in the present life (Ditthadhammikattha), future lives (Samparāyikattha) as well as to the altimate (Paramattha) benefit of Nirvana. The term **Devamanussānaṃ** means Lord Buddha is the teacher of celestial beings and humans. He teaches celestial beings including angels and Brahmans as well as humans and animals.

<sup>57</sup> Lord Buddha is called *Buddho* because he enlightened to all Dhammas with Omniscient Knowledge *(Sabbaññuttañāṇa or Buddhañāṇa)* and all truths and leads all beings to seek enlightenment in those truths as well.

Lord Buddha is Exalted Sage (*Bhagavā*). The word "*Bhagavā*" has many meanings and some of the most important ones are that he is (1) the utmost teacher of all beings, (2) the revered teacher, worthy of respect, (3) the Blessed One the fortunate one succeeding to enlightenment due to the great store of past merit and etc.

<sup>59</sup> *Svākkhāto* means well taught. This covers both the scriptures (*Pariyatti*) and supra-mundane states (*Lokuttaradhamma*), but the following terms such as *Sandiṭṭhiko* only refer to supra-mundane states.

A noble disciple in the process of destroying the defilements such as lust will see the Noble Path by himself. Thus, the Noble Path is *Sandiṭṭhiko*. Each individual can penetrate it for himself or herself.

The supra-mundane Dhamma of the Noble Paths has no delay in bearing fruit, thus, it is called *Akāliko*. The individual attains results successively at each Noble Disciple state.

Supra-mundane states are worthy of bringing into one's own mind, so they are called *Opanayiko*. The Pāli term *Upanaya* means bring. Both worldly states (*Saṅkhata*) and supra-mundane (*Asaṅkhata*), Paths and Fruits and Nirvana are worthy to be brought inside by penetration and meditation.

These supra-mundane Dhammas can be directly experienced by wise persons who can understand for themselves when they are on the Path, when they have attained the Fruit and when they have penetrated to the cessation of suffering. Supra-mundane states can be seen only by each individual's own mind. Therefore, they are for the wise, not for foolish.

Lord Buddha is *Araham* for five reasons: he (1) is free from defilements, (2) is the victor over all enermies (the defilements), (3) has broken the wheel of life (the cycle of rebirth), (4) is worty of gifts (such as the four requisites of food, clothing, shelter and medicine) and (5) has never committed an unwholesome act in secret.

Supaţipanno bhagavato sāvaka-saṅgho, Uju-paţipanno bhagavato sāvaka-saṅgho, Ñāya-paţipanno bhagavato sāvaka-saṅgho, Sāmīci-paţipanno bhagavato sāvaka-saṅgho, Yadidaṃ cattāri purisayugāni aṭṭha purisa-puggalā: Esa bhagavato sāvaka-saṅgho — Āhuneyyo pāhuneyyo dakkhiṇeyyo añjalī-karaṇīyo, Anuttaraṃ puññakkhettaṃ lokassāti.

The Sangha of the Blessed One's disciples who have practiced well<sup>64</sup>, the Sangha of the Blessed One's disciples who have practiced straightforwardly<sup>65</sup>, the Sangha of the Blessed One's disciples who have practiced methodically, the Sangha of the Blessed One's disciples who have practiced masterfully, i.e., the four pairs – the eight types – of Noble Ones. This is the Sangha of the Blessed One's disciples – worthy of gifts<sup>66</sup>, worthy of hospitality<sup>67</sup>, worthy of offerings, worthy of respect<sup>68</sup>, the incomparable field of merit for the world<sup>69</sup>.

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#### 37. Buddha-jaya-mangala Gāthā พุทธชัยมงคลคาถา

The Verses of the Buddha's Auspicious Victories

Bāhuṃ sahassa-mabhinimmita sāvudhantaṃ Grīmekhalaṃ udita-ghora- sasena-māraṃ Dānādi-dhamma-vidhinā jitavā - munindo Tan-tejasā bhavatu te jaya- maṅgalāni

Creating a form with 1,000 arms, each equipped with a weapon, Mara, on the elephant Girimekhala, uttered a frightening roar together with his troops. The Lord of Sages defeated him by means of such qualities as generosity. By the power of this, may you have victory blessings.

Mārātireka-mabhiyujjhita-sabba- rattim Ghorampa-nāļavaka-makkha- mathaddha-yakkham Khantī-sudanta-vidhinā jitavā munindo Tan-tejasā bhavatu te jaya- maṅgalāni.

Even more frightful than Mara making war all night was Ālavaka, the arrogant unstable ogre. The Lord of Sages defeated him by means of well-trained endurance.

By the power of this, may you have victory blessings.

Nāļāgirim gaja-varam atimattabhūtam Dāvaggi-cakka-masanīva sudāruņantam Mettambuseka-vidhinā jitavā munindo Tan-tejasā bhavatu te jaya- maṅgalāni.

Nāļāgiri, the excellent elephant, when maddened, was very horrific, like a forest fire, a flaming discus, a lightning bolt. The Lord of Sages defeated him by sprinkling the water of good will.

By the power of this, may you have victory blessings.

64 *Supaţipanno* means of good conduct. The Noble Ones on the supra-mundane noble path or the Noble Ones who attained one of the supra-mundane fruits are called *Supaţipanno*.

They are called *Ujupaṭipanno* because they follow the middle path, avoiding the extremes of sensual indulgence (*Kāmasukhallikānuyoga*) and self mortification (*Attakilamathānuyoga*) and because they avoid all evil conduct in action, in word and in thought.

 $<sup>\</sup>overline{\textbf{A}\textbf{huneyyo}}$  means disciples who are worthy of receiving such objects because their fruits (Phala) are advanced.

Pāhuneyya refers to things one prepares well for loved guests, relatives and friends who come from different directions. Those things should be offered only to the disciples, except for friends or relatives, because no other guests can compare in worthiness to these disciples.

Noble Ones deserve the highest reverence that humans can show by placing their hands with palms together over their heads. This is called *Añjalīkaraṇīyo*, being worthy of reverence.

Anuttaram puññakkhettam lokassa means Noble Ones are like an excellent rice paddy field for all beings. This means that monks are the place for all world beings to plant their seeds of merit and reap a great harvest.

#### Ukkhitta-khagga-matihattha sudāruṇantaṃ Dhāvan-ti-yojana-pa-thaṅguli- mālavantaṃ Iddhībhisaṅkhata-mano jitavā munindo Tan-tejasā bhavatu te jaya- maṅgalāni.

Very horrific, with a sword upraised in his expert hand, Garlanded-with-Fingers ran three leagues along the path. The Lord of Sages defeated him with mind-fashioned marvels. By the power of this, may you have victory blessings.

> Katvāna kaṭṭha-mudaraṃ iva gabbhinīyā Ciñcāya duṭṭha-vacanaṃ jana- kāya-majjhe Santena soma-vidhinā jitavā munindo Tan-tejasā bhavatu te jaya- maṅgalāni.

Having made a wooden belly to appear pregnant, Ciñca made a lewd accusation in the midst of the gathering. The Lord of Sages defeated her with peaceful, gracious means. By the power of this, may you have victory blessings.

> Saccam vihāya mati-saccaka- vāda-ketum Vādābhiropita-manam ati- andhabhūtam Paññā-padīpa-jalito jitavā munindo Tan-tejasā bhavatu te jaya- maṅgalāni.

Saccaka, whose provocative views had abandoned the truth, delighting in argument, had become thoroughly blind. The Lord of Sages defeated him with the light of discernment. By the power of this, may you have victory blessings.

Nandopananda-bhujagam vibudham mahiddhim Puttena thera-bhujagena damāpayanto Iddhūpadesa-vidhinā jitavā munindo Tan-tejasā bhavatu te jaya- maṅgalāni.

Nandopananda was a serpent with great power but wrong views. Lord of Sages defeated him by means of a display of marvels, sending his son (Moggallana), the serpent-elder, to tame him. By the power of this, may you have victory blessings.

> Duggāha-diṭṭhi-bhujagena sudaṭṭha-hatthaṃ Brahmaṃ visuddhi-juti-middhi- bakābhidhānaṃ Ñāṇāgadena vidhinā jitavā munindo Tan-tejasā bhavatu te jaya- maṅgalāni.

His hands bound tight by the serpent of wrongly held views, Baka, the Brahma, thought him self pure in his radiance and power. The Lord of Sages defeated him by means of his of words knowledge. By the power of this, may you have victory blessings.

> Etāpi buddha-jaya-maṅgala- aṭṭha-gāthā Yo vācano dinadine sarate-matandī Hitvā-naneka-vividhāni cupaddavāni Mokkhaṃ sukhaṃ adhigameyya naro sapañño.

These eight verses of the Buddha's victory blessings, Whatever person of discernment recites or recalls them day after day without lapsing, destroying all kinds of obstacles, Will attain emancipat ion and happiness

## 38. Jaya Paritta ชยปริตร

The Victory Protection

Mahā-kāruṇiko nātho Hitāya sabba-pāṇinaṃ Pūretvā pāramī sabbā Patto sambodhi-muttamaṃ Etena sacca-vajjena Hotu te jaya-maṅgalaṃ.

(The Buddha), our protector, with great compassion, for the welfare of all beings, Having fulfilled all the perfections, attained the highest self-awakening. Through the speaking of this truth, may you have a victory blessing.

Jayanto bodhiyā mūle
Evaṃ tvaṃ vijayo hohi
Aparājita-pallaṅke
Abhiseke sabba-buddhānaṃ
Sunakkhattaṃ sumaṅgalaṃ
Sukkhaṇo sumuhutto ca
Padakkhiṇaṃ kāya-kammaṃ
Padakkhiṇaṃ mano-kammam
Padakkhinam mano-kammam
Padakkhinam mano-kammam
Padakkhinam mano-kammam
Padakkhinam mano-kammam
Padakkhinam mano-kammam

Padakkhiṇaṃ mano-kammaṃ Paṇidhī te padakkhiṇā Padakkhiṇāni katvāna Labhantatthe, padakkhiṇe.

Victorious at the foot of the Bodhi tree, was he who increased the Sakyans' delight. May you have the same sort of victory, may you win victory blessings. At the head of the lotus leaf of the world on the undefeated seat Consecrated by all the Buddhas, he rejoiced in the utmost attainment. A lucky star it is, a lucky blessing, a lucky dawn, a lucky sacrifice, a lucky instant, a lucky moment, a lucky offering, i.e., a rightful bodily act, a rightful verbal act, a rightful mental act, your rightful intentions with regard to those who lead the chaste life. Doing these rightful things, your rightful aims are achieved.

Bhavatu sabba-maṅgalaṃ Sabba-buddhā-nubhāvena Sabba-dhammā-nubhāvena Bhavatu sabba-maṅgalaṃ Sabba-dhammā-nubhāvena Bhavatu sabba-maṅgalaṃ Sabba-saṅghā-nubhāvena Rakkhantu sabba-devatā Sadā sotthī bhavantu te.

May there be every blessing. May all heavenly beings protect you. Through the power of all the Buddhas, Dhamma and Sanghas may you always be well.

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## 39. Mahā-mangala-cakkavāļa มงคลจักรวาพใหญ่

The Great Universe of Blessings

Siri-dhiti-mati-tejo-jayasiddhi-mahiddhi-mahāguṇāparimitapuññādhikārassa sabbantarāya-nivāraṇa-samatthassa bhagavato arahato sammā-sambuddhassa dvattiṃsa-mahāpurisa-lakkhaṇānubhāvena

Through the power of the 32 marks of the Great Man belonging to the Blessed One, the Worthy One, the Rightly Self-awakened One, who, through his accumulation of merit is endowed with glory, steadfastness of intent, majesty, victorious power, great might, countless great virtues, who settles all dangers and obstacles,

Asītyānubyañjanā-nubhāvena aṭṭhuttara-sata-maṅgalānubhāvena chabbaṇṇa-raṃsiyā-nubhāvena ketumālānu-bhāvena

## dasapāramitā-nubhāvena dasa-upapāramitā nubhāvena dasaparamattha- pāramitā-nubhāvena sīla-samādhi-paññā-nubhāvena buddhānubhāvena dhammā-nubhāvena saṅghā-nubhāvena

through the power of his 80 minor characteristics, through the power of his 108 blessings, through the power of his sixfold radiance, through the power of the aura surrounding his head, through the power of his ten perfections ten higher perfections, and ten ultimate perfections, through the power of his virtue, concentration, and discernment, through the power of the Buddha, Dhamma, and Sangha,

## tejānubhāvena iddhā-nubhāvena balā-nubhāvena ñeyyadhammā- nubhāvena caturāsīti-sahassa-dhammakkhandhānubhāvena

#### nava-lokuttara-dhammā-nubhāvena atthangika-maggānubhāvena

#### attha-samāpattiyā-nubhāvena chaļabhiññā-nubhāvena catu-sacca-ñāṇā-nubhāvena

through the power of his majesty, might, and strength, through the power of the Dhammas that can be known, through the power of the 84,000 divisions of the Dhamma, through the power of the nine transcendent Dhammas <sup>71</sup>, through the power of the eightfold path, through the power of his eight meditative attainments <sup>72</sup>, through the power of his six cognitive skills <sup>73</sup>, through the power of his knowledge of the four noble truths,

## dasa-bala-ñāṇā-nubhāvena sabbaññuta-ñāṇā-nubhāvena mettā-karuṇā-muditā-upekkhā-nubhāvena sabba-parittā-nubhāvena

through the power of his knowledge of the ten strengths<sup>74</sup>, through the power of his omniscience, through the power of his good will, compassion, appreciation, and equanimity, through the power of all protective chants,

#### ratanattaya-saranā-nubhāvena

## tuyhaṃ sabba-roga-sokupaddava-dukkha-domanas-supāyāsā vinassantu. sabba-antarāyāpi vinassantu. sabba-saṅkappā tuyhaṃ samijjhantu.

through the power of refuge in the Triple Gem, may all your diseases, griefs, misfortunes, pains, distresses, and despairs be destroyed, may all obstructions be destroyed, may all your resolves succeed,

#### dīghāyutā tuyham hotu. Sata-vassa-jīvena samangiko hotu sabbadā.

#### Ākāsa-pabbata-vana-bhūmi-gangā-mahāsamuddā

#### ārakkhakā devatā sadā tumhe, anurakkhantu.

may you live long, always attaining 100 years. May the protective devas of the sky, the mountains, the forests, the land, the River Ganges, and the great ocean always protect you

Bhavatu sabba-maṅgalaṃ
Sabba-buddhā-nubhāvena
Bhavatu sabba-maṅgalaṃ
Sabba-dhammā-nubhāvena
Bhavatu sabba-maṅgalaṃ
Sabba-saṅghā-nubhāvena
Bhavatu sabba-maṅgalaṃ
Sabba-saṅghā-nubhāvena
Bhavatu sabba-maṅgalaṃ
Sabba-saṅghā-nubhāvena
Rakkhantu sabba-devatā
Sadā sotthī bhavantu te.

May there be every blessing. May all heavenly beings protect you. Through the power of all the Buddhas, Dhamma and Sanghas may you always be well.

The Ten Perfections: Stages of spiritual perfection achieved by a Bodhisatta on his path to Buddhahood (or by those who are determined to become Pacceka-buddhas or Arahant disciples of a Buddha). These are (1)  $D\bar{a}na$  – giving, (2)  $S\bar{\imath}la$  – morality, (3) Nekkhamma – renunciation, (4)  $Pa\bar{n}\bar{\imath}a$  – wisdom, (5) Viriya – effort, (6) Khanti – forbearance, (7) Sacca – truthfulness, (8)  $Adhitth\bar{\imath}aa$  – resolution, (9)  $Mett\bar{a}$  – loving-kindness and (10)  $Upekkh\bar{a}$  – equanimity.

<sup>71 (</sup>the nine) **Supermundane states**: the Four Path, the Four Fruits and Nibbāna.

<sup>72</sup> **Eight meditative attainments:** the Four Rūpa-jhānas (Jhānas of the Fine-Material Sphere) and the Four Arūpa-jhāna (Jhānas of the Immaterial Sphere). (Pāli: *Samāpatti*)

<sup>73</sup> **Superknowledge:** (1) magical powers, (2) divine ear, (3) penetration of the minds of others, (4) remembrance of former existences, (5) divine eye and (6) knowledge of the exhaustion of all mental intoxicants. (Pāli: *Abhiññā*)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>74</sup> Insight-knowledge: (1) comprehension-knowledge, (2) knowledge of contemplation on rise and fall, (3) knowledge of contemplation on dissolution, (4) knowledge of the appearance as terror (5) knowledge of contemplation on disadvantages, (6) knowledge of contemplation on dispassion, (7) knowledge of the desire for deliverance, (8) knowledge of reflective contemplation, (9) knowledge of equanimity regarding all formations, (10) conformity-knowledge. (Pālī: *Vipassanāñāṇa*)

### 40. Devatāuyyojana Gāthā เทวตาอุยโยชนคาถา

Verses on Sending Off the Devatā

Dukkhappattā ca niddukkhā Bhay

Sokappattā ca nissokā
Ettāvatā ca amhehi
Sabbe devānumodantu
Dānaṃ dadantu saddhāya
Bhāvanābhiratā hontu

Sabbe buddhā balappattā

Arahantānañca tejena

Bhayappattā ca nibbhayā Hontu sabbepi pāṇino.

Sambhatam puñña-sampadam

Sabba-sampatti-siddhiyā.
Sīlaṃ rakkhantu sabbadā
Gacchantu devatāgatā. [Pause]

Paccekānañca yam balam Rakkham bandhāmi sabbaso.

May all beings who have fallen into suffering, be without suffering, who have fallen into danger, be without danger, who have fallen into sorrow, be without sorrow. For the sake of all attainment and success may all heavenly beings rejoice in the extent to which we have gathered a consummation of merit. May they give gifts with conviction, may they always maintain virtue, may they delight in meditation, may they go to a heavenly destination.

From the strength attained by all the Buddhas, the strength of the Private Buddhas, by the power of the arahants, I bind this protection all around.

#### **DISCOURSES and VERSES**

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### 41. Dhamma-cakkappavattana Sutta ธัมมจักกัปปวัตตนสูตร

The Discourse on Setting the Wheel of Dhamma in Motion

(Solo Introduction:)

Anuttaram abhisambodhim sambujjhitvā Tathāgato Pathamam yam adesesi Dhammacakkam anuttaram

Sammadeva pavattento loke appativattiyam
Yatthākkhātā ubho antā patipatti ca majjhimā
Catþsvāriyasaccesu visuddham ñāṇādassanam
Desitam dhammarājena sammasambodhikittanam
Nāmena vissutam suttam
Veyyākaraṇapāthena Dhammacakkappavattanam
saṅgītantambhaṇāma se.

This is the first teaching of the Tathagata on attaining to unexcelled, perfect enlightenment.

Here is the perfect turning of the incomparable wheel of Truth,

inestimable wherever it is expounded in the world.

Disclosed here are two extremes, and the Middle Way,

with the Four Noble Truths and the purified knowledge and vision pointed out by the Lord of Dhamma.

Let us chant together this Sutta proclaiming the supreme,

independent enlightenment that is widely renowned

as "The Turning of the Wheel of the Dhamma."

## [Evam-me sutaṃ,] Ekaṃ samayaṃ Bhagavā, Bārāṇasiyaṃ viharati isipatane migadāye. Tatra kho Bhagavā pañca-vaggiye bhikkhū āmantesi.

I have heard that on one occasion the Blessed One was staying at Varanasi in the Game Refuge at Isipatana. There he addressed the group of five monks:

# "Dveme bhikkhave antā pabbajitena na sevitabbā, Yo cāyaṃ kāmesu kāma-sukhallikānuyogo, Hīno gammo pothujjaniko anariyo anattha-sañhito, Yo cāyaṃ atta-kilamathānuyogo, Dukkho anariyo anattha-sañhito.

"There are these two extremes that are not to be indulged in by one who has gone forth – that which is devoted to sensual pleasure in sensual objects: base, vulgar, common, ignoble, unprofitable; and that which is devoted to self-affliction: painful, ignoble, unprofitable.

## Ete te bhikkhave ubho ante anupagamma, Majjhimā paṭipadā tathāgatena abhisambuddhā, Cakkhu-karaṇī ñāṇa-karaṇī upasamāya abhiññāya sambodhāya nibbānāya saṃvattati.

Avoiding both of these extremes, the middle way realized by the Tathagata – producing vision, producing knowledge – leads to calm, to direct knowledge, to self-awakening, to unbinding.

## Katamā ca sā bhikkhave majjhimā paṭipadā tathāgatena abhisambuddhā, Cakkhu-karaṇī ñāṇa-karaṇī upasamāya abhiññāya sambodhāya nibbānāya saṃvattati.

And what is the middle way realized by the Tathagata that – producing vision, producing knowledge – leads to calm, to direct knowledge, to self-awakening, to unbinding?

## Aya-meva ariyo aṭṭhaṅgiko maggo, Seyyathīdaṃ, Sammādiṭṭhi sammā-saṅkappo, Sammā-vācā sammā-kammanto sammāājīvo, Sammā-vāyāmo sammā-sati sammā-samādhi.

Precisely this Noble Eightfold Path, right view, right resolve, right speech, right action, right livelihood, right effort, right mindfulness, right concentration.

Ayam kho sā bhikkhave majjhimā paṭipadā tathāgatena abhisambuddhā, Cakkhukaraṇī ñāṇa-karaṇī upasamāya abhiññāya sambodhāya nibbānāya saṃvattati.

This is the middle way realized by the Tathagata that – producing vision, producing knowledge – leads to calm, to direct knowledge, to self-awakening, to Unbinding.

Idam kho pana bhikkhave dukkham ariya-saccam, Jātipi dukkhā jarāpi dukkhā maranampi dukkham, Soka-parideva-dukkhadomanassupāyāsāpi dukkhā, Appiyehi sampayogo dukkho piyehi vippayogo dukkho yampiccham na labhati tampi dukkham, Sankhittena pancupādānakkhandhā dukkhā.

Idam kho pana bhikkhave dukkha-samudayo ariya-saccam, Yāyam tanhā ponobbhavikā nandi-rāga-sahagatā tatra tatrābhinandinī, Seyyathīdam, Kāma-tanhā bhava-tanhā vibhava-tanhā,

Idam kho pana bhikkhave dukkha-nirodho ariya-saccam, Yo tassā yeva tanhāya asesa-virāga-nirodho cāgo paṭinissaggo mutti anālayo,

Idam kho pana bhikkhave dukkha-nirodha-gāminī-paṭipadā ariya-saccam, Ayameva ariyo aṭṭhaṅgiko maggo, Seyyathīdam, Sammā-diṭṭhi sammāsaṅkappo, Sammā-vācā sammā-kammanto sammā-ājīvo, Sammāvāyāmo sammā-sati sammā-samādhi.

Now this, monks, is the noble truth of stress: birth is stressful, aging is stressful, death is stressful, sorrow, lamentation, pain, distress, and despair are stressful, association with things disliked is stressful, separation from things liked is stressful, not getting what one wants is stressful, In short, the five clinging-aggregates 75 are stressful.

And this, monks, is the noble truth of the origination of stress: the craving that makes for further becoming – accompanied by passion and delight, relishing now here and now there – i.e., craving for sensual pleasure, craving for becoming, craving for no-becoming.

And this, monks, is the noble truth of the cessation of stress: the remainderless fading and cessation, renunciation, relinquishment, release, and letting go of that very craving.

And this, monks, is the noble truth of the way of practice leading to the cessation of stress: precisely this Noble Eightfold Path – right view, right resolve, right speech, right action, right livelihood, right effort, right mindfulness, right concentration.

Idam dukkham ariya-saccanti me bhikkhave, Pubbe ananussutesu dhammesu, Cakkhum udapādi ñāṇam udapādi paññā udapādi vijjā udapādi āloko udapādi.

Taṃ kho panidaṃ dukkhaṃ ariya-saccaṃ pariññeyyanti me bhikkhave, Pubbe ananussutesu dhammesu, Cakkhuṃ udapādi ñāṇaṃ udapādi paññā udapādi vijjā udapādi āloko udapādi.

Taṃ kho panidaṃ dukkhaṃ ariya-saccaṃ pariññātanti me bhikkhave, Pubbe ananussutesu dhammesu, Cakkhuṃ udapādi ñāṇaṃ udapādi paññā udapādi vijjā udapādi āloko udapādi.

Vision arose, insight arose, discernment arose, knowledge arose, illumination arose within me with regard to things never heard before:

'This is the noble truth of stress.' Vision arose, insight arose, discernment arose, knowledge arose, illumination arose within me with regard to things never heard before:

'This noble truth of stress is to be comprehended.' Vision arose, insight arose, discernment arose, knowledge arose, illumination arose within me with regard to things never heard before: 'This noble truth of stress has been comprehended.'

Idam dukkha-samudayo ariya-saccanti me bhikkhave, Pubbe ananussutesu dhammesu, Cakkhum udapādi ñāṇam udapādi paññā udapādi vijjā udapādi āloko udapādi.

Tam kho panidam dukkhasamudayo ariya-saccam pahātabbanti me bhikkhave, Pubbe

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ananussutesu dhammesu, Cakkhum udapādi ñāṇam udapādi paññā udapādi vijjā udapādi āloko udapādi.

Taṃ kho panidaṃ dukkhasamudayo ariya-saccaṃ pahīnanti me bhikkhave, Pubbe ananussutesu dhammesu, Cakkhuṃ udapādi ñāṇaṃ udapādi paññā udapādi vijjā udapādi āloko udapādi.

Vision arose, insight arose, discernment arose, knowledge arose, illumination arose within me with regard to things never heard before:

'This is the noble truth of the origination of stress.' Vision arose, insight arose, discernment arose, knowledge arose, illumination arose within me with regard to things never heard before:

'This noble truth of the origination of stress is to be abandoned.' Vision arose, insight arose, discernment arose, knowledge arose, illumination arose within me with regard to things never heard before: 'This noble truth of the origination of stress has been abandoned.'

Idam dukkha-nirodho ariya-saccanti me bhikkhave, Pubbe ananussutesu dhammesu, Cakkhum udapādi ñāṇam udapādi paññā udapādi vijjā udapādi āloko udapādi.

Taṃ kho panidaṃ dukkhanirodho ariya-saccaṃ sacchikātabbanti me bhikkhave, Pubbe ananussutesu dhammesu, Cakkhuṃ udapādi ñāṇaṃ udapādi paññā udapādi vijjā udapādi āloko udapādi.

Taṃ kho panidaṃ dukkhanirodho ariya-saccaṃ sacchikatanti me bhikkhave, Pubbe ananussutesu dhammesu, Cakkhuṃ udapādi ñāṇaṃ udapādi paññā udapādi vijjā udapādi āloko udapādi.

Vision arose, insight arose, discernment arose, knowledge arose, illumination arose within me with regard to things never heard before:

'This is the noble truth of the cessation of stress.' Vision arose, insight arose, discernment arose, knowledge arose, illumination arose within me with regard to things never heard before:

'This noble truth of the cessation of stress is to be directly experienced.' Vision arose, insight arose, discernment arose, knowledge arose, illumination arose within me with regard to things never heard before: 'This noble truth of the cessation of stress has been directly experienced.'

Idam dukkha-nirodha-gāminī paṭipadā ariya-saccanti me bhikkhave, Pubbe ananussutesu dhammesu, Cakkhum udapādi ñāṇam udapādi paññā udapādi vijjā udapādi āloko udapādi.

Taṃ kho panidaṃ dukkha-nirodha-gāminī paṭipadā ariya-saccaṃ bhāvetabbanti me bhikkhave, Pubbe ananussutesu dhammesu, Cakkhuṃ udapādi ñāṇaṃ udapādi paññā udapādi vijjā udapādi āloko udapādi.

Taṃ kho panidaṃ dukkha-nirodha-gāminī paṭipadā ariya-saccaṃ bhāvitanti me bhikkhave, Pubbe ananussutesu dhammesu, Cakkhuṃ udapādi ñāṇaṃ udapādi paññā udapādi vijjā udapādi āloko udapādi.

Vision arose, insight arose, discernment arose, knowledge arose, illumination arose within me with regard to things never heard before:

'This is the noble truth of the way of practice leading to the cessation of stress.' Vision arose, insight arose, discernment arose, knowledge arose, illumination arose within me with regard to things never heard before:

'This noble truth of the way of practice leading to the cessation of stress is to be developed.' Vision arose, insight arose, discernment arose, knowledge arose, illumination arose within me with regard to things never heard before: 'This noble truth of the way of practice leading to the cessation of stress has been developed.'

Yāvakīvañca me bhikkhave imesu catūsu ariya-saccesu, Evan-ti-parivaṭṭaṃ dvādasākāraṃ yathābhūtaṃ ñāṇa-dassanaṃ na suvisuddhaṃ ahosi,

Neva tāvāham bhikkhave sadevake loke samārake sabrahmake, Sassamaņa-brāhmaņiyā pajāya sadevamanussāya, Anuttaram sammā-sambodhim abhisambuddho paccaññāsim.

And, monks, as long as this knowledge and vision of mine – with its three rounds and twelve permutations concerning these four noble truths as they actually are – was not pure,

I did not claim to have directly awakened to the right self-awakening unexcelled in the cosmos with its deities, Maras, and Brahmas, with its contemplatives and priests, its royalty and common people.

Yato ca kho me bhikkhave imesu catūsu ariya-saccesu, Evan-ti-parivaṭṭaṃ dvādasākāraṃ yathābhūtaṃ ñāṇa-dassanaṃ suvisuddhaṃ ahosi,

Athāham bhikkhave sadevake loke samārake sabrahmake, Sassamana-brāhmaniyā pajāya sadeva-manussāya, Anuttaram sammā-sambodhim abhisambuddho paccaññāsim.

Ñāṇañca pana me dassanaṃ udapādi, Akuppā me vimutti, Ayamantimā jāti, Natthidāni punabbhavoti."

But as soon as this knowledge and vision of mine – with its three rounds and twelve permutations concerning these four noble truths as they actually are – was truly pure,

then I did claim to have directly awakened to the right self-awakening unexcelled in the cosmos with its deities, Maras, and Brahmas, with its contemplatives and priests, its royalty and commonfolk. The knowledge and vision arose in me:

'My release is unshakable. This is the last birth. There is now no further becoming.'

Ida-mavoca Bhagavā, Attamanā pañca-vaggiyā bhikkhū Bhagavato bhāsitaṃ abhinanduṃ. Imasmiñca pana veyyākaraṇasmiṃ bhaññamāne, Āyasmato Koṇḍaññassa virajaṃ vītamalaṃ dhamma-cakkhuṃ udapādi, Yaṅkiñci samudayadhammaṃ sabbantam nirodha-dhammanti.

That is what the Blessed One said. Gratified, the group of five monks delighted at his words. And while this explanation was being given, there arose to Ven. Kondañña the dustless, stainless Dhamma eye, "Whatever is subject to origination is all subject to cessation."

Pavattite ca Bhagavatā dhamma-cakke, Bhummā deva saddamanussāvesuṃ, "Etam-Bhagavatā Bārāṇasiyaṃ isipatane migadāye anuttaraṃ dhamma-cakkaṃ pavattitaṃ, Appaṭivattiyaṃ samaṇena vā brāhmaṇena vā devena vā mārena vā brahmunā vā kenaci vā lokasminti." [Pause]

Now when the Blessed One had set the Wheel of Dhamma in motion, the earth deities cried out, "At Varanasi, in the Game Refuge at Isipatana, the Blessed One has set in motion the unexcelled Wheel of Dhamma that cannot be stopped by priest or contemplative, deity, Māra, Brahma, or anyone at all in the cosmos."

Bhummānam devānam saddam sutvā, Cātummahārājikā deva saddamanussāvesum. Cātummahārājikānam devānam saddam sutvā, Tāvatimsā devā saddamanussāvesum.

Tāvatimsānam devānam saddam sutvā, Yāmā devā saddamanussāvesum.

Yāmānam devānam saddam sutvā, Tusitā devā saddamanussāvesum.

Tusitānam devānam saddam sutvā, Nimmānaratī devā saddamanussāvesum.

Nimmānaratīnam devānam saddam sutvā, Paranimmita-vasavattī devā saddamanussāvesum.

**Paranimmita-vasavattīnaṃ devānaṃ saddaṃ sutvā,** (In the short version, when we reach here, then chant **Brahma-kāvikā devā saddamanussāvesum.** and skip to \*\* "Etam-Bhagavatā....)

On hearing the earth deities' cry, the deities of the Heaven of the Four Kings took up the cry.

On hearing the cry of the deities of the Heaven of the Four Kings, the deities of the Heaven of the Thirty-three took up the cry.

On hearing the cry of the deities of the Heaven of the Thirty-three, the Yama deities took up the cry.

On hearing the cry of the Yama deities, the Tusita deities took up the cry.

On hearing the cry of the Tusita deities, the Nimmanarati deities took up the cry.

On hearing the cry of the Nimmanarati deities, the Paranimmita-vasavatti deities took up the cry.

On hearing the cry of the Paranimmita-vasavatti deities, the deities of Brahma's retinue took up the cry,

Brahma-pārisajjā devā saddamanussāvesum,

Brahma-pārisajjānam devānam saddam sutvā, Brahmaparohitā devā saddam anussāvesum. Brahmaparohitānam devānam saddam sutvā, Mahābrahmā devā saddamanussāvesum, Mahābrahmānam devānam saddam sutvā, Parittāpā devā saddamanussāvesum, Parittāpānam devānam saddam sutvā, Appamāṇābhā devā saddamanussāvesum, Appamāṇābhānam devānam saddam sutvā, Ābhassarā devā saddamanussāvesum, Ābhassarānam devānam saddam sutvā, Parittasubhā devā saddamanussāvesum, Parittasubhānam devānam saddam sutvā, Appamāṇasubhā devā saddamanussāvesum, Appamāṇasubhānam devānam saddam sutvā, Subhakiṇhakā devā saddamanussāvesum, Subhakiṇhakānam devānam saddam sutvā, Vehapphalā devā saddamanussāvesum, Vehapphalānam devānam saddam sutvā, Avihā devā saddamanussāvesum, Avihānam devānam saddam sutvā, Atappā devā saddamanussāvesum, Atappānam devānam saddam sutvā, Su-dassā devā saddamanussāvesum, Su-dassānam devānam saddam sutvā, Su-dassī devā saddamanussāvesum, Su-dassīnam devānam saddam sutvā, Akaniṭṭhakā devā saddamanussāvesum,

The Brahmapārisajjā deities took up the cry.

On hearing the cry of the Brahmapārisajjā deities, the Brahmaparohitā deities took up the cry.

On hearing the cry of the Brahmaparohitā deities, the Mahābrahmā deities took up the cry.

On hearing the cry of the Mahābrahmā deities, the Parittābhā deities took up the cry.

On hearing the cry of the Parittābhā deities, the Appamāõābhā deities took up the cry.

On hearing the cry of the Appamāoābhā deities, the Ābassarā deities took up the cry.

On hearing the cry of the Ābassarā deities, the Parittasubhā deities took up the cry.

On hearing the cry of the Parittasubhā deities, the Appamāoasubhā deities took up the cry.

On hearing the cry of the Appamāoasubhā deities, the Subhakionakā deities took up the cry.

On hearing the cry of the Subhakiõhakā deities, (the Asaññisattā deities took up the cry.

On hearing the cry of the Asaññisattā deities,) the Vehapphalā deities took up the cry.

On hearing the cry of the Vehapphalā deities, the Avihā deities took up the cry.

On hearing the cry of the Avihā deities, the Atappā deities took up the cry.

On hearing the cry of the Atappā deities, the Sudassā deities took up the cry.

On hearing the cry of the Sudassā deities, the Sudassī deities took up the cry.

On hearing the cry of the Sudassī deities, the Akaniññhakā deities took up the cry:

# \*\*"Etam-Bhagavatā Bārāṇasiyaṃ isipatane migadāye anuttaraṃ dhammacakkaṃ pavattitaṃ, Appaṭivattiyaṃ samaṇena vā brāhmaṇena vā devena vā mārena vā brahmunā vā kenaci vā lokasminti." [Pause]

"At Varanasi, in the Game Refuge at Isipatana, the Blessed One has set in motion the unexcelled Wheel of Dhamma that cannot be stopped by priest or contemplative, deity, Māra, Brahma, or anyone at all in the cosmos."

Itiha tena khaṇena tena muhuttena, Yāva brahma-lokā saddo abbhuggacchi. Ayañca dasa-sahassī loka-dhātu, Saṅkampi sampakampi sampavedhi, Appamāṇo ca oļāro obhāso loke pāturahosi, Atikkammeva devānaṃ devānubhāvaṃ.

So in that moment, that instant, the cry shot right up to the Brahma world, and this ten thousandfold cosmos shivered and quivered and quaked, while a great, measureless radiance appeared in the cosmos, surpassing the effulgence of the deities.

Atha kho Bhagavā udānam udānesi, "Aññāsi vata bho Koṇḍañño, Aññāsi vata bho Koṇḍaññoti."

Itihidam āyasmato Kondaññassa, Añña-kondaññotveva nāmam, ahosīti.

Then the Blessed One exclaimed, "So you really know, Kondañña? So you really know?" And that is how Ven. Kondañña acquired the name Añña-Kondañña – Kondañña who knows.

Dhamma-cakkappavattana Suttam niṭṭhitam Thus Ends the Discourse on Setting the Wheel of Dhamma in Motion.

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### 42. Magga-vibhanga Sutta มักคะวิภังคะสูตร

#### An Analysis of the Path

[Evam-me sutaṃ,] Ekaṃ samayaṃ Bhagavā, Sāvatthiyaṃ viharati, Jetavane Anāthapindikassa, ārāme. Tatra kho Bhagavā bhikkhū āmantesi bhikkhavo ti.

I have heard that at one time the Blessed One was staying in Savatthi at Jeta's Grove, Anathapindika's monastery. There he addressed the monks, saying, "Monks."

Bhadanteti te bhikkhū Bhagavato paccassosum. Bhagavā etadavoca.

"Ariyam vo bhikkhave aṭṭḥaṅgikam maggam desissāmi vibhajissāmi. Tam suṇātha sādhukam manasi-karotha bhāsissāmīti. Evam-bhanteti kho te bhikkhū Bhagavato paccassosum. Bhagavā eta-davoca. "Katamo ca bhikkhave ariyo aṭṭḥaṅgiko maggo?

Seyyathīdam, Sammā-diṭṭhi sammā-saṅkappo, Sammā-vācā sammā-kammanto sammā-ājīvo, Sammā-vāyāmo sammā-sati sammā-samādhi.

"Yes, lord," the monks responded to him. The Blessed One said,

"I will teach & analyze for you the Noble Eightfold Path. Listen & pay close attention. I will speak."

"As you say, lord," the monks responded to him. The Blessed One said, Now what, monks, is the Noble Eightfold Path? Right view, right resolve, right speech, right action, right livelihood, right effort, right mindfulness, and right concentration.

Katamā ca bhikkhave sammā-diṭṭhi? Yaṃ kho bhikkhave dukkhe ñāṇaṃ dukkha-samudaye ñāṇaṃ dukkha-nirodhe ñāṇaṃ dukkha-nirodha-gāminiyā paṭipadāya ñāṇaṃ. Ayaṃ vuccati bhikkhave sammā-diṭṭhi.

And what, monks, is right view? Knowledge concerning stress, knowledge concerning the origination of stress, knowledge concerning the stopping of stress, knowledge concerning the way of practice leading to the stopping of stress: This, monks, is called right view.

Katamo ca bhikkhave sammā-sankappo? Yo kho bhikkhave nekkhamma-sankappo abyāpāda-sankappo avihiṃsā-sankappo. Ayaṃ vuccati bhikkhave sammā-sankappo.

And what, monks, is right resolve? Being resolved on renunciation, on freedom from ill will, on harmlessness: This, monks, is called right resolve.

Katamā ca bhikkhave sammā-vācā? Yā kho bhikkhave musāvādā veramaņī, pisuņāya vācāya veramaņī, pharusāya vācāya veramaņī, samphappalāpā veramaņī. Ayaṃ vuccati bhikkhave sammā-vācā.

And what is right speech? Abstaining from lying, abstaining from divisive speech, abstaining from abusive speech, abstaining from idle chatter: This, monks, is called right speech.

Katamo ca bhikkhave sammā-kammanto? Yā kho bhikkhave pāṇātipātā veramaṇī, adinnādānā veramaṇī, abrahma-cariyā veramaṇī. Ayaṃ vuccati bhikkhave sammā-kammanto.

And what, monks, is right action? Abstaining from taking life, abstaining from stealing, abstaining from sexual intercourse. This, monks, is called right action.

Katamo ca bhikkhave sammā-ājīvo? Idha bhikkhave ariya-sāvako micchā-ājīvaṃ pahāya, Sammā-ājīvena jīvikaṃ kappeti. Ayaṃ vuccati bhikkhave sammā-ājīvo.

And what, monks, is right livelihood? There is the case where a well-instructed disciple of the noble ones, having abandoned dishonest livelihood, keeps his life going with right livelihood: This, monks, is called right livelihood.

Katamo ca bhikkhave sammā-vāyāmo? Idha bhikkhave bhikkhu anuppannānaṃ pāpakānaṃ akusalānaṃ dhammānaṃ anuppādāya, chandaṃ janeti vāyamati viriyaṃ ārabhati cittaṃ paggaṇhāti padahati. Uppannānaṃ pāpakānaṃ akusalānaṃ dhammānaṃ pahānāya, chandaṃ janeti vāyamati viriyaṃ ārabhati cittaṃ paggaṇhāti padahati. Anuppannānaṃ

kusalānam dhammānam uppādāya, chandam janeti vāyamati viriyam ārabhati cittam paggaņhāti padahati. Uppannānam kusalānam dhammānam, thitiyā asammosāya bhiyyobhāvāya vepullāya bhāvanāya pāripūriyā, chandam janeti vāyamati viriyam ārabhati cittam paggaņhāti padahati. Ayam vuccati bhikkhave sammā-vāyāmo.

And what, monks, is right effort? There is the case where a monk generates desire, endeavors, activates persistence, upholds & exerts his intent for the sake of the non-arising of evil, unskillful qualities that have not yet arisen. He generates desire, endeavors, activates persistence, upholds & exerts his intent for the sake of the abandonment of evil, unskillful qualities that have arisen. He generates desire, endeavors, activates persistence, upholds & exerts his intent for the sake of the arising of skillful qualities that have not yet arisen. He generates desire, endeavors, activates persistence, upholds & exerts his intent for the maintenance, non-confusion, increase, plenitude, development, & culmination of skillful qualities that have arisen: This, monks, is called right effort.

Katamā ca bhikkhave sammā-sati? Idha bhikkhave bhikkhu kāye kāyānupassī viharati, ātāpī sampajāno satimā vineyya loke abhijjhā-domanassam. Vedanāsu vedanānupassī viharati, ātāpī sampajāno satimā vineyya loke abhijjhā-domanassam. Citte cittānupassī viharati, ātāpī sampajāno satimā vineyya loke abhijjhā-domanassam. Dhammesu dhammānupassī viharati, ātāpī sampajāno satimā vineyya loke abhijjhā-domanassam. Ayam vuccati bhikkhave sammā-sati.

And what, monks, is right mindfulness? There is the case where a monk remains focused on the body in & of itself — ardent, alert, & mindful — putting away greed & distress with reference to the world. He remains focused on feelings in & of themselves — ardent, alert, & mindful — putting away greed & distress with reference to the world. He remains focused on the mind in & of itself — ardent, alert, & mindful — putting away greed & distress with reference to the world. He remains focused on mental qualities in & of themselves — ardent, aware, & mindful — putting away greed & distress with reference to the world. This, monks, is called right mindfulness.

Katamo ca bhikkhave sammā-samādhi? Idha bhikkhave bhikkhu vivicc'eva kāmehi vivicca akusalehi dhammehi, sa-vitakkam sa-vicāram vivekajam-pīti-sukham paṭhamam jhānam upasampajja viharati. Vitakka-vicārānam vūpasamā, ajjhattam sampasādanam cetaso ekodi-bhāvam avitakkam avicāram, samādhijam-pīti-sukham dutiyam jhānam upasampajja viharati. Pītiyā ca virāgā, upekkhako ca viharati sato ca sampajāno, sukhanca kāyena paṭisamvedeti, yan-tam ariyā ācikkhanti upekkhako satimā sukha-vihārīti, tatiyam jhānam upasampajja viharati. Sukhassa ca pahānā dukkhassa ca pahānā, pubbe va somanassadomanassānam atthangamā, adukkham-asukham upekkhā-sati-pārisuddhim, catuttham jhānam upasampajja viharati. Ayam vuccati bhikkhave sammā-samādhīti."

And what, monks, is right concentration? There is the case where a monk — quite withdrawn from sensuality, withdrawn from unskillful (mental) qualities — enters & remains in the first jhana: rapture & pleasure born from withdrawal, accompanied by directed thought & evaluation. With the stilling of directed thoughts & evaluations, he enters & remains in the second jhana: rapture & pleasure born of concentration, unification of awareness free from directed thought & evaluation — internal assurance. With the fading of rapture, he remains equanimous, mindful, & alert, and senses pleasure with the body. He enters & remains in the third jhana, of which the Noble Ones declare, 'Equanimous & mindful, he has a pleasant abiding.' With the abandoning of pleasure & pain — as with the earlier disappearance of elation & distress — he enters & remains in the fourth jhana: purity of equanimity & mindfulness, neither pleasure nor pain. This, monks, is called right concentration."

Idamavoca Bhagavā. Attamanā te bhikkhū Bhagavato bhāsitaṃ, abhinandunti. That is what the Blessed One said. Gratified, the monks delighted at his words.

Maggavibhaṅga Suttaṃ niṭṭhitaṃ Thus Ends the Analysis of the Path

#### 43. Satipatthanapātho สติปัฏฐานะปาฐะสูตร

#### Frames of Reference

Atthi kho tena bhagavātā janatā passatā arahatā sammasambuddhena. ekayano ayaṃ maggo sammadakkhāto, sattānam visuddhiyā, sokaparidevānaṃ samatikkamāya, dukkhadomanassānaṃ atthaṇgamāya, ñāyassa adhigamāya, nibbānassa sacchikiriyāya, yadidaṃ cattāro satipatthānā, katame cattāro?

This is the only way, for the purification of beings, for the overcoming of sorrow and lamentation, for the destruction of suffering and grief, for reaching the right path, for the attainment of Nibbana, namely, the Four Arousings of Mindfulness. What are the four?

Idha bhikkhu kāye kāyānupassī viharati, ātāpī sampajāno satimā vineyya loke abhijjhādomanassam, vedanāsu vedanānupassī viharati, ātāpī sampajāno satimā vineyya loke abhijjhādomanassam. Citte cittānupassī viharati, ātāpī sampajāno satimā vineyya loke abhijjhādomanassam, dhammesu dhammānupassī viharati, ātāpī sampajāno satima vineyya loke abhijjhādomanssam.

- (1) Here a monk lives observing the body as the body, Ardent, clealy comprehending, mindful, having put away desire and aversion for the world.
- (2) He lives comtemplating feeling as feelings, Ardent, clealy comprehending, mindful, having put away desire and aversion for the world.
- (3) He lives contemplating consciousness as consciousness, Ardent, clealy comprehending, mindful, having put away desire and aversion for the world.
- (4) He lives comtemplating mental objects as mental objects, Ardent, clealy comprehending, mindful, having put away desire and aversion for the world.

Kathñāca bhikkhu kāye kāyānupassī viharati, idha bhikkhu ajjhattam vā kāye kāyānupassī viharati, bahiddā vā kāye kāyānupassī viharati, ajjhattabahiddhā vā kāye kāyānupassī viharati, samudayadhammānupassī vā kayasmim viharati, vayadhammānupassī vā kāyasmim viharati, samudayavayadhammānupassī vā kāyasmim viharati. atthi kāyoti vā panassa sati paccupaṭṭhitā hoti, yāvādevā ñānamattāya paṭissatimattāya, anissito ca viharati na ca kiñci loke upādiyati, evam kho bhikkhu kāye kāyānupassī viharati.

How, O monks does one abide observing the body in the body? (staying with what is, viewing things as they are) Here a monk lives contemplating the body in the body internally, or he lives contemplating the body in the body internally and externally. He lives contemplating origination-things in the body, or he lives contemplating dissolution-things in the body, or he lives contemplating origination-and-dissolution-things in the body. He has clear mindfulness of the existence of the body only to the extent necessary just for knowledge and mindfulness and he lives independent and clings to naught in this world this is how the monk lives contemplating the body as the body.

Kathñāca bhikkhu vedanāsu vedanānupassī viharati, idha bhikkhu ajjhattam vā vedanāsu vedanānupassī viharati, bahiddā vā vedanāsu vedanānupassī viharati, ajjhattabahiddhā vā vedanāsu vedanānupassī viharati, samudayadhammānupassī vā vedanāsu viharati, vayadhammānupassī vā vedanāsu viharati, samudayavayadhammānupassī vā vedanāsu viharati. atthi vedanāti vā panassa sati paccupaṭṭhitā hoti, yāvādevā ñānamattāya paṭissatimattāya, anissito ca viharati na ca kiñci loke upādiyati, evaṃ kho bhikkhu vedanāsu vedanānupassī viharati.

How, O monks does one abide observing feelings as feelings? (staying with what is, viewing things as they are) Here a monk lives contemplating feelings in feelings internally, or he lives contemplating feeling in feelings externally, or he lives contemplating feeling in feelings internally and externally. He lives contemplating origination-things in feelings, or he lives contemplating dissolution-things in feelings, or he lives contemplating origination-and-dissolution-things in feelings. He has clear mindfulness of the existence of the feelings only to the

extent necessary just for knowledge and mindfulness and he lives independent and clings to naught in this world this is how the monk lives contemplating feelings as feelings.

Kathñāca bhikkhu citte cittānupassī viharati, idha bhikkhu ajjhattam vā citte cittānupassī viharati, bahiddā vā citte cittānupassī viharati, ajjhattabahiddhā vā citte cittānupassī viharati, samudayadhammānupassī vā cittasmim viharati, vayadhammānupassī vā cittasmim viharati, samudayavayadhammānupassī vā cittasmim viharati. atthi cittanti vā panassa sati paccupaṭṭhitā hoti, yāvādevā ñānamattāya paṭissatimattāya, anissito ca viharati na ca kiñci loke upādiyati, evaṃ kho bhikkhu citte cittānupassī viharati.

How, O monks does one abide observing consciousness as consciousness? (staying with what is, viewing things as they are) Here a monk lives contemplating consciousness in consciousness internally, or he lives contemplating consciousness in consciousness in consciousness internally and externally. He lives contemplating origination-things in consciousness, or he lives contemplating dissolution-things in consciousness,

or he lives contemplating origination-and-dissolution-things in consciousness. He has clear mindfulness of the existence of consciousness only to the extent necessary just for knowledge and mindfulness and he lives independent and clings to naught in this world this is how the monk lives contemplating consciousness as consciousness.

Kathñāca bhikkhu dhammesu dhammānupassī viharati, idha bhikkhu ajjhattam vā dhammesu dhammānupassī viharati, bahiddā vā dhammesu dhammānupassī viharati, ajjhattabahiddhā vā dhammesu dhammānupassī viharati, samudayadhammānupassī vā dhammesu viharati, vayadhammānupassī vā dhammesu viharati, samudayavayadhammānupassī vā dhammesu viharati. atthi dhammāti vā panassa sati paccupaṭṭhitā hoti, yāvādevā ñānamattāya paṭissatimattāya, anissito ca viharati na ca kiñci loke upādiyati, evaṃ kho bhikkhu dhammesu dhammānupassī viharati.

How, O monks does one abide observing methal objects in mental objects? Here a monk lives contemplating mental object in mental objects, internally, or he lives contemplating mental object in mental objects, externally, or he lives contemplating mental objects, internally and externally. He lives contemplating origination-things in mental objects, or he lives contemplating dissolution-things in mental objects, or he lives contemplating origination-and-dissolution-things in mental objects. He has clear mindfulness of the existence of mental objects only to the extent necessary just for knowledge and mindfulness and he lives independent and clings to naught in this world this is how the monk lives contemplating mental objects in mental objects.

Ayaṃ kho tena bhagavatā jānatā passatā arahatā sammāsambuddhena, ekāyano maggo sammadakkhāto, sattānaṃ visuddhiyā, sokaparidevānaṃ samatikkamāya, dukkhadomanassānaṃ atthaṇgamāya, ñayassa adhigamāya, nibbānassa sacchikiriyāya, yadidaṃ cattāro satipaṭṭhānāti.

This is the only way, for the purification of beings, for the overcoming of sorrow and lamentation, for the destruction of suffering and grief, for reaching the right path, for the attainment of Nibbana, namely, the Four Arousings of Mindfulness.

ekāyanam jātikhayantadassi, maggam pajānāti hitānukampī, etena maggena tarimsu pubbe, tarissare cevā taranti coghanti.

Satipaṭṭhanapātha Suttaṃ niṭṭhitaṃ Thus Ends the Frames of Reference

### 44. Jinapañjara Gāthā พระคาถาชินบัญชร

The Victor's Cage

[Handa mayam jinapañjara gāthāyo bhanāma se:] **LEADER:** 

Jayāsanāgatā Buddhā Jetvā Māram savāhanam Catu-saccāsabham rasam Ye pivinsu narāsabhā

The Buddhas, noble men who drank the nectar of the four noble truths, having come to the victory seat, having defeated Māra together with his mount:

Tanhankarādayo Buddhā Aţţha-vīsati nāyakā Sabbe patitthitā mayham Matthake te munissarā

These Buddhas – 28 leaders, sovereign sages beginning with Tanhankara – are all established on the crown of my head.

Buddho dhammo dvilocane Sīse patiţţhito mayham Sangho patitthito mayham Ure sabba-gunākaro

> The Buddha is established in my head, the Dhamma in my two eyes, the Sangha – the mine of all virtues – is established in my chest.

Hadaye me Anuruddho Sārīputto ca dakkhiņe Kondañño piţţhi-bhāgasmim Moggallāno ca vāmake

Anuruddha<sup>76</sup> is in my heart, and Sārīputta<sup>77</sup> on my right. Koṇḍañña<sup>78</sup> is behind me, and Moggallāna<sup>79</sup> on my left.

Āsum Ānanda-Rāhulā<sup>80</sup> Dakkhine savane mayham Kassapo ca Mahānāmo Ubhāsum vāma-sotake

Ānanda<sup>81</sup> and Rāhula<sup>82</sup> are in my right ear, Kassapa<sup>83</sup> and Mahānāma<sup>84</sup> are both in my left ear.

Anuruddha was cousin to Siddhartha, (Gautama Buddha). He acquired "divine vision" (Pāli: dibbacakkhu) and was ranked foremost among those who had the ability. At the First Buddhist Council, he played a notable role and was entrusted with the custody of the Anguttara Nikaya. 75 Moggallāna was one of two principal disciples of the Buddha along with Sārīputta. He was most Accomplished of all the Buddha's disciples in the various supernatural powers.

<sup>77</sup> Sārīputta was one of two principal disciples of the Buddha along with Moggallāna. He became an Arahant renowned for his wisdom and is depicted in the Theravada tradition as one of the most important disciples of the Buddha. Sārīputra often preached with the Buddha's approval and was awarded the title of 'General of the Dharma' (Pāli: Dharmasenāpati) for his propagation of the teachings and is regarded as the founder of the Abhidharma tradition.

<sup>78</sup> Koṇḍañña was the first Buddhist bhikkhu in the Saṅgha of Gautama Buddha and the first to become an arahant. Early in life, he became a young Brahmin and was the only scholar who unequivocally predicted upon the birth of Prince Siddhartha that the prince would become an enlightened Buddha, and vowed to become his disciple.

<sup>79</sup> Moggallāna was one of two principal disciples of the Buddha along with Sārīputta. He was most accomplished of all the Buddha's disciples in the various supernatural powers.

<sup>80</sup> Some texts use 'Rāhulo'

 $<sup>81</sup>_{See^{43}}$  Ānanda

Rāhula: The son of Siddhattha Gotama, later known as the Buddha, and his wife Princess Yasodharā. He was respected as the foremost in inconspicuous practice. He entered the priesthood at the age of fifteen under the guidance of Sārīputta, and devoted himself to the inconspicuous observance of the precepts.

Maha-Kassapa: One of the Buddha's most eminent disciples. Maha-Kassapa is said to have become an Arahant after being with the Buddha for only eight days. He devoted himself to the practice of ascetic practices, and was regarded as chief of the Order. After the demise of the Buddha, Kasyapa presided over the First Buddhist Council.

Mahānāma: One of the Pañcavaggiyā, the five ascetics. He became a sotāpanna on the third day after the preaching of the Dhammacakkappavattana Sutta. He became an arahant on the day of the preaching of the Anattalakkhana Sutta, together with the other Pañcavaggiyā.

**Kesato**<sup>85</sup> pitthi-bhāgasmim Suriyova pabhankaro Nisinno siri-sampanno Sobhito muni-pungavo

> Sobhita<sup>86</sup>, the noble sage, sits in consummate glory, shining like the sun all over the hair at the back of my head.

Kumāra-kassapo thero Mahesī citta-vādako So mayham vadane niccam Patiţţhāsi guņākaro

Elder Kumārakassapa<sup>87</sup> – great sage, brilliant speaker, a mine of virtue – is constantly in my mouth.

Punno Angulimalo ca Upālī Nanda-Sīvalī Therā pañca ime jātā

**Nalāṭe tilakā mama**These five elders – Puṇṇa<sup>88</sup>, Aṅgulimāla<sup>89</sup>, Upālī<sup>90</sup>, Nanda<sup>91</sup>, and Sīvalī<sup>92</sup> – have arisen as auspicious marks at the middle of my forehead.

Sesāsīti mahātherā Vijitā jina-sāvakā Etesīti mahātherā Jitavanto jinorasā Aṅgamaṅgesu saṇthitā<sup>93</sup> Jalantā sīla-tejena

> The rest of the 80 great elders – victorious, disciples of the Victor, sons of the Victor, shining with the majesty of moral virtue – are established in the various parts of my body.

Ratanam purato āsi Dakkhine Metta-suttakam Vāme Angulimālakam Dhajaggam pacchato āsi

The Ratana Sutta is in front, the Metta Sutta to the right. The Dhajagga Sutta is behind, the Angulimāla Paritta to the left.

Khandha-Mora-parittañca Āţānāţiya-suttakam Ākāse chadanam āsi Sesā pākāra-santhitā

<sup>85</sup> Some texts use 'Kesante' or 'Kesente'

<sup>86</sup> Sobhita Thera: He belonged to a brahmin family of Sāvatthi and, after hearing the Buddha preach, entered the Order, attaining arahantship. Later the Buddha declared him foremost among those who could remember past births (*Pubbenīvāsānussarantānam*).

Kumārakassapa: His mother became a nun, while not knowing that she was with child. When the boy was born the king reared him, and the boy was ordained at the age of seven. He was foremost among those who had the gift of varied and versatile discourse (Cittakathikānam). Once when Kumāra Kassapa was meditating in Andhavana, an anāgāmī Brahmā, who had been his companion in the time of Kassapa Buddha, appeared before him, and asked him fifteen questions which only the Buddha could answer. This led to the preaching of the Vammika Sutta (M.i.143ff), and after dwelling on its teachings Kassapa became an arahant.

<sup>88</sup> Puṇṇa was one of the ten leading disciples of the Buddha. When asked by the Buddha what he would think if people were to assault or kill him, each time Punna explained how he would find himself fortunate. As a result, the Buddha commended Punna on his self-control and peacefulness. Punna went on to establish a thousand lay followers in the Buddha's teaching.

Angulimāla was formerly named 'Ahimsaka' (harmless), as an attempt to deter the dark fate predicted at his birth. He was sent to Taxila to study under a well-known Brahmin and was told by his teacher that if Ahimsaka killed one thousand people, he could complete his religious practice. To keep count of the number of victims that he had taken, he threaded a string with the victims' fingers and wore them around his neck as a garland. Thus he came to be known as Angulimala (garland of fingers). He had already killed nine hundred ninety-nine people and was about to kill his mother as the thousandth, when the Buddha suddenly appeared to stop Angulimala and convinced him to change his ways, vow to cease his life as a brigand and join the Buddhist order.

Upālī: Before joining the order, he worked as a barber. He asked the Buddha if a person of "low birth" such as he could join the order. Buddha ordained him before the princes and asked the princes to pay homage to Upālī, who by then had become an Arhant with Buddha's sermons while Buddha was getting a hair cut. He became the chief disciple in knowing the rules of the order and the foremost disciple in keeping precepts.

<sup>91</sup> Nanda: Son of Suddhodana and Mahāpajāpatī, and therefore half brother of the Buddha. The Anguttara Nikaya (A.iv.166f) contains a discourse in which the Buddha discusses Nanda's claim to have achieved self control in all things.

<sup>92</sup> Sīvalī: From the time of his birth, Sīvalī could do anything. Sāriputta talked with him on the day of his birth and ordained him with his mother – Suppavāsā's permission. Sīvalī became a sotāpanna in the Tonsure hall when his first lock of hair was cut, and a sakadāgāmī with the second. Some say that after his ordination he left home on the same day and lived in a secluded hut, meditating on the delays in his birth, and thus, winning insight, attained arahantship. Sīvalī was declared by the Buddha (A.i.24) pre-eminent among recipients of gifts.

<sup>93</sup> This section is not present in Singhalese's version.

The Khandha and Mora Parittas and the Āṭānāṭiya Sutta are a roof in space. The remaining suttas are established as a rampart.

Jinānāvara-saṃyuttā Sattap-pākāra-laṅkatā Vāta-pittādi-sañjātā Bāhirajjhattupaddavā

Bound by the Victor's authority and strength, seven ramparts arrayed against them, may all misfortunes within and without – caused by such things as wind or bile –

Asesā vinayam yantu Ananta-jina-tejasā Vasato me sakiccena Sadā Sambuddha-pañjare

> be destroyed without trace through the unending Victor's majesty. As I dwell, in all my affairs, always in the cage of the Selfawakened One,

Jina-pañjara-majjhamhi Viharantam mahītale Sadā pālentu mam sabbe Te mahā-purisāsabhā

living on earth in the middle of the cage of the Victors, I am always guarded by all of those great noble men.

Iccevamantosugutto surakkhoJinānubhāvenajitupaddavoDhammānubhavenajitārisaṅghoSaṅghānubhāvenajitantarāyo

Saddhammānubhāva-pālito carāmi jina-pañjareti.

Thus am I utterly well-sheltered, well-protected. Through the power of the Victor, misfortunes are vanquished. Through the power of the Dhamma, the enemy horde is vanquished. Through the power of the Sangha, dangers are vanquished. Guarded by the power of the True Dhamma, I go about in the Victor's Cage.

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## 45. Pabbatopama-gāthā ปั๊พพะ โตปะมะคาถา

#### The Mountain

Yathāpi selā vipulā
Samantā anupariyeyyuṃ
Evaṃ jarā ca maccu ca
Khattiye brāhmaņe vesse
Na kiñci parivajjeti
Sa
Na tattha hatthīnaṃ bhūmi
Na cāpi manta-yuddhena
Tasmā hi paṇḍito poso
Buddhe Dhamme ca Saṅghe ca
Yo dhammacārī kāyena
Idheva naṃ pasaṃsati

Nabham āhacca pabbatā Nippothentā catuddisā Adhivattanti pāṇino Sudde caṇḍāla-pukkuse Sabba-mevābhimaddati Na rathānam na pattiyā Sakkā jetum dhanena vā Sampassam attham-attano Dhīro saddham nivesaye Vācāya uda cetasā Pecca sagge pamodati.

Like gigantic boulders, Mountains reaching to the sky
Moving in from all sides, crushing the four directions,
In the same way, aging & death, Roll over living beings:
Noble warriors, brahmans, merchants, workers, outcastes, & scavengers.
They spare nothing, They trample everything.
Here elephants can hold no ground Nor can chariots or infantry.
Nor can a battle of spells Or wealth win out.

So a wise person, Seeing his own good, Secures firm conviction In the Buddha, Dhamma, & Sangha. He who practices the Dhamma In thought, word, & deed, receives praise here on earth And after death rejoices in heaven.

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## 46. Ariyadhanagāthā อะริยะชะนะคาถา

#### Noble Wealth

Yassa saddhā tathāgate Acalā supatiṭṭhitā,
Sīlañca yassa kalyāṇaṃ Ariya-kantaṃ pasaṃsitaṃ
Saṅghe pasādo yassatthi Ujubhūtañca dassanaṃ
Adaļiddoti taṃ āhu Amoghan-tassa jīvitaṃ
Tasmā saddhañca sīlañca Pasādaṃ dhamma-dassanaṃ
Anuyuñjetha medhāvī Saraṃ buddhāna-sāsananti

One whose conviction in the Tathagata, Is unshakable, well-established, Whose virtue is admirable, Praised, cherished by the Noble Ones, Who has faith in the Sangha, straightforwardness, vision. "He is not poor," they say. His life has not been in vain. So conviction & virtue, faith, & dhamma-vision. Should be cultivated by the wise, Remembering the Buddhas' teachings.

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## 47. Dhamma-niyāma Sutta ธรรมะนิยามะสุตตั้ง

The Discourse on the Orderliness of the Dhamma

[Evam-me sutaṃ,] Ekaṃ samayaṃ Bhagavā, Sāvatthiyaṃ viharati, Jetavane Anāthapiṇḍikassa, ārāme. Tatra kho Bhagavā bhikkhū āmantesi bhikkhavo'ti. Bhadanteti te bhikkhū Bhagavato paccassosuṃ. Bhagavā etadavoca.

I have heard that at one time the Blessed One was staying in Savatthi at Jeta's Grove, Anathapindika's monastery. There he addressed the monks, saying, "Monks."

"Yes, lord," the monks responded to him.

The Blessed One said,

"Uppādā vā bhikkhave Tathāgatānam anuppādā vā Tathāgatānam, thitāva sā dhātu dhammaṭṭhitatā dhamma-niyāmatā: Sabbe saṅkhārā aniccāti. Taṃ Tathāgato abhisambujjhati abhisameti. Abhisambujjhitvā abhisametvā ācikkhati deseti, paññapeti paṭṭhappeti, vivarati vibhaiati uttānī-karoti: Sabbe saṅkhārā aniccāti.

"Whether or not there is the arising of Tathagatas, this property stands — this steadfastness of the Dhamma, this orderliness of the Dhamma: All processes are inconstant. The Tathagata directly awakens to that, breaks through to that. Directly awakening & breaking through to that, he declares it, teaches it, describes it, sets it forth. He reveals it, explains it, & makes it plain: All processes are inconstant.

Uppādā vā bhikkhave Tathāgatānam anuppādā vā Tathāgatānam, thitāva sā dhātu dhammatthitatā dhamma-niyāmatā: Sabbe sankhārā dukkhāti. Tam Tathāgato abhisambujjhati abhisameti. Abhisambujjhitvā abhisametvā ācikkhati deseti, paññapeti paṭṭhappeti, vivarati vibhajati uttānī-karoti: Sabbe sankhārā dukkhāti.

Whether or not there is the arising of Tathagatas, this property stands — this steadfastness of

the Dhamma, this orderliness of the Dhamma: All processes are stressful. The Tathagata directly awakens to that, breaks through to that. Directly awakening & breaking through to that, he declares it, teaches it, describes it, sets it forth. He reveals it, explains it, & makes it plain: All processes are stressful.

Uppādā vā bhikkhave Tathāgatānam anuppādā vā Tathāgatānam, thitāva sā dhātu dhammaṭṭhitatā dhamma-niyāmatā: Sabbe dhammā anattāti. Tam Tathāgato abhisambujjhati abhisameti. Abhisambujjhitvā abhisametvā ācikkhati deseti, paññapeti paṭṭhappeti, vivarati vibhajati uttānī-karoti: Sabbe dhammā anattāti."

Whether or not there is the arising of Tathagatas, this property stands — this steadfastness of the Dhamma, this orderliness of the Dhamma: All phenomena are not-self. The Tathagata directly awakens to that, breaks through to that. Directly awakening & breaking through to that, he declares it, teaches it, sets it forth. He reveals it, explains it, & makes it plain: All phenomena are not-self."

Idam-avoca Bhagavā. Attamanā te bhikkhū Bhagavato bhāsitam, abhinandunti.

That is what the Blessed One said. Gratfied, the monks delighted at his words.

## 48. Tilakkhanadigatha ติลักขะณาที่คาถา

The Three Characteristics

Sabbe sankhārā aniccā ti Yadā paññāya passati, Atha nibbindati dukkhe: Esa maggo visuddhiyā.

All processes are inconstant: When one sees this with discernment, One grows disenchanted with stress — This is the path to purity.

Sabbe sankhārā dukkhā'ti Yadā paññāya passati, Atha nibbindati dukkhe: Esa maggo visuddhiyā.

All processes are stressful: When one sees this with discernment, One grows disenchanted with stress — This is the path to purity.

Sabbe dhammā anattā'ti Yadā paññāya passati, Atha nibbindati dukkhe: Esa maggo visuddhivā.

All phenomena are not-self: When one sees this with discernment, One grows disenchanted with stress — This is the path to purity.

Appakā te manussesu Ye janā pāra-gāmino Athāyam itarā pajā Tīram-evānudhāyati.

Few are the human beings who go to the Further Shore,

These others simply scurry around on this shore.

Ye ca kho sammadakkhāte Dhamme dhammānuvattino Te janā pāramessanti Maccudheyyam suduttaram.

But those who practice the Dhamma In line with the well-taught Dhamma, They will cross over Death's realm, so hard to transcend.

Kaṇhaṃ dhammaṃ vippahāya Sukkaṃ bhāvetha paṇḍito. Okā anokam-āgamma Viveke yattha dūramaṃ

Abandoning dark practices, The wise person should develop the bright, Having gone from home to no-home In seclusion, so hard to relish.

Tatrābhiratim-iccheyya Hitvā kāme akiñcano. Pariyodapeyya attānam Citta-klesehi paṇḍito

There he should wish for delight, Having discarded sensuality — he who has nothing. He should cleanse himself,the wise one, of mental defilement.

Yesam sambodhiyangesu Sammā cittam subhāvitam

#### Ādāna-paṭinissagge Khī-ṇā-savā jutimanto

#### Anupādāya ye ratā, Te loke parinibbutā'ti.

Whose minds are well-developed In the factors for Awakening, Who delight in non-clinging, Relinquishing grasping, Glorious, free of effluent: They are unbound in the world.

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## 49. Paţiccasamuppāda ปฏิจจะสะมุปปาทะปาฐะ (Dependent Origination)

Avijjāpaccayā saṅkhārā, saṅkhārapaccayā viññāṇaṃ, viññāṇapaccayā nāmarūpaṃ, nāmarūpapaccayā saṭāyatanaṃ, saṭāyatanapaccaya phasso, phassapaccayā vedanā, vedanāpaccayā taṇhā, taṇhāpaccayā upādānaṃ, upādānapaccayā bhavo, bhavapaccayā jāti, jātipaccayā jarāmaraṇaṃ sokaparidevadukkhadomanassupāyāsā sambhavanti. Evametassa kevalassa dukkhakhandhassa samudayo hoti.

With ignorance as a condition there are processes.

With processes as a condition there is consciousness.

With consciousness as a condition there are name and form.

With name and form as a condition there are the six sense bases,

With the six sense bases as a condition there is contact.

With contact as a condition there is feeling.

With feeling as a condition there is craving.

With craving as a condition there is clinging.

With clinging as a condition there is becoming.

With becoming as a condition there is birth.

With birth as a condition, aging and death, sorrow, lamentation, pain, distress, and despair come into play. Thus is the origination of this entire mass of suffering and stress.

Avijjāyatveva asesavirāganirodhā saṅkhāranirodho, saṅkhāranirodhā viññāṇanirodho, Viññāṇanirodhā nāmarūpanirodho, nāmarūpanirodhā saṭāyatananirodho, saṭāyatananirodhā phassanirodho, phassanirodhā vedanānirodho, vedanānirodhā taṇhānirodho, taṇhānirodhā upādānanirodho, upādānanirodhā bhavanirodho, bhavanirodhā jātinirodho, jātinirodhā jarāmaraṇaṃ sokaparidevadukkhadomanasupāyāsā nirujjhanti. Evametassa kevalassa dukkhakkhandhassa, nirodho hoti.

Now from the cessation of ignorance then there is the cessation of processes.

From the cessation of processes there is the cessation of (sensory) consciousness.

From the cessation of consciousness, there is the cessation name and form.

From the cessation of name and form there is the cessation of the six sense bases.

From the cessation of the six sense bases there is the cessation of contact.

From the cessation of contact there is the cessation of feeling.

From the cessation of feeling there is the cessation of craving.

From the cessation of craving there is the cessation clinging.

From the cessation of clinging there is the cessation of becoming.

From the cessation of becoming there is the cessation of birth.

From the cessation of birth, then aging and death, sorrow, lamentation, pain, distress, and despair all cease.

Thus is the end of this entire mass of suffering and stress.

#### 50. Buddha-udanagatha พุทธะอุทานะคาถา

The Buddha Inspired Verses

Yadā have pātubhavanti dhammā, ātāpino jhāyato brāmhaṇassa; Athassa kaṅkhā vapayanti sabbā, yato pajānāti sahetu dhammaṃ.

Yadā have pātubhavanti dhammā, ātāpino jhāyato brāmhaņassa; Athassa kaṅkhā vapayanti sabbā, yato khayaṃ paccayānaṃ avedi.

Yadā have pātubhavanti dhammā, ātāpino jhāyato brāmhaṇassa; Vidhū-payaṃ tiṭṭhati mārasenaṃ, sūriyova obhāsaya mantalikkhanti.

Truly, when things grow plain
To the ardent meditating recluse,
His doubts all vanish
In that he comprehends things with cause.
Truly, when things grow plain

Truly, when things grow plain
To the ardent meditating recluse,
His doubts all vanish
In that he discerns the destruction of cause.

Truly, when things grow plain to the ardent meditating recluse Routing the host of Māra does he stand Like the sun when lighting up the sky.

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## 51. Bhaddekarattagāthā ภัทเทกะรัตตะคาถา

An Auspicious Day

Atītaṃ nānvāgameyya Nappaṭikaṅkhe anāgataṃ Yadatītam-pahīnantaṃ Appattañca anāgataṃ

He would not range after the past, Nor wonder about the future. What is past has been left behind, The future is as yet unreached.

> Paccuppannañca yo dhammam Tatha tatha vipassati Asamhiram asankuppam Tam viddhā manubrūhaye

Whatever phenomenon is present, he clearly sees right there, right there. Unvanquished, unshaken, That is how he develops the mind.

Ajjeva kiccam-ātappam Ko jaññā maraṇam suve Na hi no saṅgarantena Mahāsenena maccunā

Doing his duty ardently, today, For — who knows? — tomorrow death may come. There is no bargaining With Death & his mighty horde.

Evam vihārim-ātāpim Aho-rattam-atanditam Tam ve bhaddeka-ratto ti Santo ācikkhate munīti.

Whoever lives thus ardently, relentlessly both day & night, has truly had an auspicious day: So says the Peaceful Sage.

## 52. Pathombuddhabhavacana ปฐมพุทธะวะจะนะ

#### First words of the Buddha

Anekajāti saṅsaraṃ Gahakāraṃ gavesanto Gahakāraka diṭṭhosi Sabbā te bhāsukā bhaggā Visaṅkhāragataṃ cittaṃ sandhāvissam anibbisam dukkhā jāti punappunam puna geham na kāhasi gahakūṭam visangkhatam taṇhānam khayamajjhagāti.

Before discovering true knowledge, I cycled in my round of births; Searching for the builder of this house, craving that creates ego existence, each new birth brings more suffering,

Now I know you, builder of this house, you will not imprison me anymore. I have pulled down your ridgepole and razed your framework to the ground, My mind has entered into that in which nothing can stir it up again, arriving at craving's final end, the unsurpassed peace of nibbana.

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## Anumodanavidhi- อนุโมทนาวิธี

## Ways of Rejoicing

#### 53. Yathā vārivahā ยะถาฯ

Means Of Blessing

(LEADER):

Yathā vārivahā pūrā Evameva ito dinnam Icchitam patthitam tumham Sabbe pūrentu saṅkappā Paripūrenti sāgaram Petānam upakappati Khippameva samijjhatu Cando paṇṇaraso yathā Maṇi jotiraso yathā.

Just as rivers full of water fill the ocean full,

Even so does that here given benefit the dead (the hungry shades).

May whatever you wish or want quickly come to be,

May all your aspirations be fulfilled, as the moon on the fifteenth (full moon) day, or as a radiant, bright gem.

### 54. Sabbītiyo สัพพีตีโย

(ALL):

Sabbītiyo vivajjantu Mā te bhavatvantarāyo Abhivādana-sīlissa Cattāro dhammā vaddhanti Sabba-rogo vinassatu Sukhī dīghāyuko bhava Niccaṃ vuḍḍhāpacāyino Āyu vaṇṇo sukhaṃ, balaṃ.

May all distresses be averted, may every disease be destroyed, May there be no dangers for you, may you be happy & live long. For one of respectful nature who constantly honors the worthy, Four qualities increase: long life, beauty, happiness, strength.

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## 55. Ayudo balado dhīro โภชะนะทานานุโมทะนาคาถา

Āyudo balado dhīro Sukhassa dātā medhāvī Āyuṃ datvā balaṃ vaṇṇaṃ Dīghāyu yasavā hoti

Vaṇṇado paṭibhāṇado Sukhaṃ so adhigacchati Sukhañca paṭibhāṇado Yattha yatthūpapajjatīti.

The enlightened person, having given life, strength, beauty, quick-wittedness — The intelligent person, a giver of happiness — attains happiness himself. Having given life, strength, beauty, happiness,& quick-wittedness, He has long life & status wherever he arises.

#### 56. Sabba-buddhānubhāvena มงคลจักรวาลน้อย

The Lesser Sphere Of Blessings

Sabba-buddhānubhāvena sabba-dhammānubhāvena sabba-saṅghānubhāvena buddharatanam dhamma-ratanam sangha-ratanam tinnam ratanānam ānubhāvena caturāsītisahassadhammakkhandhānubhāvena pitakatyānubhāvena jinasāvakānubhāvena: Sabbe te rogā sabbe te bhayā sabbe te antarāyā sabbe te upaddavā sabbe te dunnimittā sabbe te avamangalā vinassantu.

Through the power of all the Buddhas, the power of all the Dhamma, the power of all the Sangha, the power of the Triple Gem — the gem of the Buddha, the gem of the Dhamma, the gem of the Sangha — the power of the 84,000 Dhamma aggregates, the power of the Tripitaka, the power of the Victor's disciples: May all your diseases, all your fears, all your obstacles, all your dangers, all your bad visions, all your bad omens be destroyed.

Āyu-vaddhako dhana-vaddhako siri-vaddhako yasa-vaddhako bala-vaddhako vannavaddhako sukha-vaddhako hotu sabbadā.

May there always be an increase of long life, wealth, glory, status, strength, beauty, & happiness. May suffering, disease, danger, animosity,

> Dukkha-roga-bhayā verā Anekā antarāyāpi Jaya-siddhi dhanam lābham

Vinassantu ca tejasā Sotthi bhāgyam sukham balam Siri āyu ca vanno ca Bhogam vuddhī ca yasavā Sata-vassā ca āyū ca Jīva-siddhī bhavantu te.

sorrow, adversity, misfortune — obstacles without number

— vanish through (the Triple Gem's) radiant energy.

Triumph, success, wealth, & gain,

Safety, luck, happiness, strength, Glory, long life, & beauty,

Fortune, increase, & status, A lifespan of 100 years,

And success in your livelihood: May they be yours.

## 57. Ratanattayanubhavena มงคลจักรวาลน้อยย่อ

Verses on the Power of the Triple Gem

Ratanattayānubhāvena Dukkha-roga-bhayā verā Anekā antarāyāpi

Jaya-siddhi dhanam lābham Siri āyu ca vaņņo ca Sata-vassā ca āyū ca

Ratanattaya-tejasā Sokā sattu c'upaddavā Vinassantu asesato

Sokā sattu c'upaddavā

Sotthi bhāgyam sukham balam Bhogam vuddhī ca yasavā Jīva-siddhī bhavantu te.

Through the power of the Triple Gem, through the radiant energy of the Triple Gem,

May suffering, disease, danger, animosity, sorrow, adversity, misfortune

— obstacles without number — vanish without a trace.

Triumph, success, wealth, & gain,

Safety, luck, happiness, strength, Glory, long life, & beauty,

Fortune, increase, & status, A lifespan of 100 years,

And success in your livelihood: May they be yours.

Bhavatu sabba-maṅgalaṃ Sabba-buddhānubhāvena Bhavatu sabba-maṅgalaṃ Sabba-dhammānubhāvena Bhavatu sabba-maṅgalaṃ Sabba-saṅghānubhāvena Rakkhantu sabba-devatā Sadā sotthī bhavantu te. Rakkhantu sabba-devatā Sadā sotthī bhavantu te. Rakkhantu sabba-devatā Sadā sotthī bhavantu te.

May there be every good blessing, may the devas protect you,

Through the power of all the Buddhas (Dhamma, Sangha) may you always be well.

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### 58. So attha-laddho sukhito โส อัตถะลัทโถ สุขิโต

So attha-laddho sukhito Arogo sukhito hohi Sā attha-laddhā sukhitā Arogā sukhitā hohi Te attha-laddhā sukhitā Arogā sukhitā hotha Viruļho buddha-sāsane Saha sabbehi ñātibhi. Viruļhā buddha-sāsane Saha sabbehi ñātibhi. Viruļhā buddha-sāsane Saha sabbehi ñātibhi.

May he gain his aims, be happy, and flourish in the Buddha's teachings, be happy and free from disease, together with all your relatives.

May she gain her aims, be happy and flourish in the Buddha's teachings, be happy and free from disease, together with all your relatives.

May they gain their aims, be happy and flourish in the Buddha's teachings, be happy and free from disease, together with all your relatives.

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## 59. Yasmim padese kappeti ยัสสะมิง ปะเทเส

Yasmim padese kappeti
Vasam paṇḍita-jātiyo
Sīlavant'ettha bhojetvā
Saññate brahma-cārino
Yā tattha devatā āsum
Tāsam dakkhiṇam-ādise
Mānitā mānayanti nam
Tato nam anukampanti
Mātā puttam va orasam
Devatā'nukampito poso
Sadā bhadrāni passati.

In whatever place a wise person makes his dwelling,— there providing food for the virtuous, the restrained, leaders of the holy life — He should dedicate that offering to the devas there. They, receiving honor, will honor him; Being respected, will show him respect. As a result, they will feel sympathy for him, like that of a mother for her child. A person with whom the devas sympathize always sees things go auspiciously.

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## 60. Kāle dadanti sapaññā กาเลทะทันติ

Verses Of Benediction On Timely Offering1

Kāle dadanti sapaññā
Vadaññū vīta-maccharā
Kālena dinnaṃ ariyesu
Vippasanna-manā tassa
Vipulā hoti dakkhiṇā
Ye tattha anumodanti
Veyyāvaccaṃ karonti vā
Na tena dakkhiṇā onā
Tepi puññassa bhāgino
Yattha dinnaṃ mahapphalaṃ
Puññāni para-lokasmiṃ
Patiṭṭhā honti pāṇinanti.

Those with discernment, responsive, free from stinginess, give in the proper season.

Having given in the proper season With hearts inspired by the Noble Ones — straightened, Such — Their offering bears an abundance. Those who rejoice in that gift, or give assistance, they too have a share of the merit, and the offering is not depleted by that. Therefore, with an unhesitant mind, one should give where the gift bears great fruit. Merit is what establishes living beings in the next life.

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## FORMAL REQUESTS

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#### 61. Ārādhanā Dhammadesanā อาราธนาธรรม

Requesting a Dhamma Talk

(After bowing three times, with hands joined in añjali, recite the following:)

Brahmā ca lokādhipatī sahampati Katañjalī anadhivaram ayācatha: Santīdha sattāpparajakkha-jātikā Desetu dhammam anukampimam pajam.

The Brahma god Sahampati, Lord of the world, With palms joined in reverence, requested a favor: "Beings are here with but little dust in their eyes, Please, teach the Dhamma out of compassion for them."

(Bow three times.)

## 62. Ārādhanā Paritta อาราธนาพระปริตร

Requesting the Protections

Vipatti-paţibāhāya Sabba-dukkha-vināsāya Vipatti-paţibāhāya Sabba-bhaya-vināsāya Vipatti-paţibāhāya Sabba-roga-vināsāya sabba-sampatti-siddhiyā, parittam brūtha maṅgalam. sabba-sampatti-siddhiyā, parittam brūtha maṅgalam. sabba-sampatti-siddhiyā, parittam brūtha maṅgalam.

For warding off misfortune, for the arising of good fortunes,
For the dispelling of all dukkha,
May you chant a blessing and protection.
For warding off misfortune, for the arising of good fortunes,
For the dispelling of all fear,
May you chant a blessing and protection.
For warding off misfortune, for the arising of good fortunes,
For the dispelling of all sickness,
May you chant a blessing and protection.

(Bow three times.)

### 63. Ordination Request for an Eight-Precept Practice

คำขอบวชเนกขัมมะปฏิบัติ

Mayam<sup>94</sup> bhante, sucira-parinibbutampi, tam bhagavantam saranam gacchāma, dhammañca bhikkhu-saṅghañca, detha no pabbajjam bhante saṅgho dhāretu, ajjatagge pānupetam saranam gatam.

Venerable sir, I (we) take refuge in the Blessed One — though he long ago attained Liberation — together with the Dhamma & the Bhikkhu Sangha. May the Sangha regard me as one gone forth, having attained refuge from this day forward.

## 64. The Request for taking leave from an Eight Precept Practice

คำลาบวชเนกขัมมะบารมีปฏิบัติ

Mayaṃ bhante, tassa bhagavato dhammavinaye bhabbajitā ajjatagge paccakkhāma, upāsa-kattaṃ no saṅgho dhāretu.

Venerable sir, may I (we) take leave from Chastity Practice and Eight Precepts with wearing white colth. May you remember that I (we) become ordinary lay disciple from now on.

#### 65. Ārādhanā Tisarana Pañcasīla อาราธนาศีล 5

Request for the Three Refuges and the Five Precepts

Mayam bhante visum  $^{95}$  visum rakkhanatthāya ti-saranena saha pañca sīlāni yācāma.

Dutiyampi mayam bhante visum visum rakkhanatthāya tisaranena saha pañca sīlāni yācāma.

Tatiyampi mayam bhante visum visum rakkhanatthāya tisaranena saha panca sīlāni yācāma.

Venerable Sir, we (I) request the Three Refuges and the Five Precepts. May we (I), O Venerable Sir, observe the Five Precepts together with the Three Refuges.

For the second time, Venerable Sir, we (I) request the Three Refuges and the Five Precepts. May we (I), O Venerable Sir, observe the Five Precepts together with the Three Refuges.

For the third time, Venerable Sir, we (I) request the Three Refuges and the Five Precepts. May we (I), O Venerable Sir, observe the Five Precepts together with the Three Refuges.

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The words **visuṃ visuṃ rakkhaṇatthāya** maybeomitted as desired, in which case the breaking of one precept would require the renewal of all 'five' or 'eight' again as the case may be.

<sup>94</sup> Individual request: change  ${\bf Mayam}$  to Aham, and  ${\bf Y\bar{a}c\bar{a}ma}$  to Y $\bar{a}c\bar{a}mi$  (in every request).

### 66. Ārādhanā Tisarana Atthasīla อาราธนาศีล 8

Request for the Three Refuges and the Eight Precepts

Mayam bhante ti-saranena saha aṭṭha sīlāni yācāma. Dutiyampi mayam bhante ti-saranena saha aṭṭha sīlāni yācāma. Tatiyampi mayam bhante ti-saranena saha aṭṭha sīlāni yācāma.

Venerable Sir, we (I) request the Eight Precepts together with the three Refuges to be our guide.

For the second time, Venerable Sir, we (I) request the the Eight Precepts together with the three Refuges to be our guide.

For the third time, Venerable Sir, we (I) request the Eight Precepts together with the three Refuges to be our guide.

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## 67. Saranagamanapātha ใตรสรณคมน์

Passage on Going for Refuge

[Repeat after leader]

Namo tassa bhagavato arahato sammā-sambuddhassa. (Three times.)

Homage to the Lord, the Emancipated, the All-Enlightened Buddha

Buddham saranam gacchāmi. Dhammam saranam gacchāmi. Sangham saranam gacchāmi.

I go to the Buddha, Dhamma and Sangha for refuge.

Dutiyampi buddham saranam gacchāmi. Dutiyampi dhammam saranam gacchāmi. Dutiyampi sangham saranam gacchāmi.

A second time, I go to the Buddha, Dhamma and Sangha for refuge.

Tatiyampi buddham saranam gacchāmi. Tatiyampi dhammam saranam gacchāmi. Tatiyampi sangham saranam gacchāmi.

A third time, I go to the Buddha, Dhamma and Sangha for refuge.

(BHIKKU): **Ti-sarana-gamanam nitthitam.** (This is the ends of taking the Triple Gem as refuge.)

(ALL): **Āma bhante**. (Yes, Venerable Sir.)

### **68. Pañcasīla** คำสมาทานสิกขาบท 5

The Five Precepts

[Repeat after leader]

1. Pāṇātipātā veramaņī sikkhā-padam samādiyāmi.

I undertake to observe the precept to abstain from taking life.

2. Adinnādānā veramaņī sikkhā-padam samādiyāmi.

I undertake to observe the precept to abstain from taking what is not given.

3. Kāmesu-micchācārā veramanī sikkhā-padam samādiyāmi.

I undertake to observe the precept to abstain from sexual misconduct.

#### 4. Musāvādā veramaņī sikkhā-padam samādiyāmi

I undertake to observe the precept to abstain from false speech.

5. Surā-meraya-majja-pamādaṭṭhānā veramaṇī sikkhā-padaṃ samādiyāmi

I undertake to observe the precept to abstain from intoxicants causing carelessness.

(BHIKKU): **Imāni pañca sikkhā-padāni:** These are the Five Precepts;

[Sīlena sugatiṃ yanti.] virtue is the source of happiness,
[Sīlena bhoga-sampadā.] virtue is the source of true wealth,
[Sīlena nibbutiṃ yanti.] virtue is the source of peacefulness.
[Tasmā sīlaṃ visodhaye.] Therefore let virtue be purified.

(ALL): Sādhu, Sādhu, Sādhu

(Bow three times.)

## 69. Atthasīla คำสมาทานสิกขาบท 8

The Eight Precepts

[Repeat after leader]

1. Pāṇātipātā veramaņī sikkhā-padam samādiyāmi.

I undertake to observe the precept to abstain from taking life.

2. Adinnādānā veramaņī sikkhā-padam samādiyāmi.

I undertake to observe the precept to abstain from taking what is not given.

3. Abrahma-cariyā veramaņī sikkhā-padam samādiyāmi.

I undertake to observe the precept to abstain from unchastity.

4. Musāvādā veramaņī sikkhā-padam samādiyāmi

I undertake to observe the precept to abstain from false speech.

5. Surā-meraya-majja-pamādatthānā veramanī sikkhā-padam samādiyāmi

I undertake to observe the precept to abstain from intoxicants causing carelessness.

6. Vikāla-bhojanā veramanī sikkhā-padam samādiyāmi.

I undertake to observe the precept to abstain eating after noon and before dawn.

 Nacca-gīta-vādita-visūka-dassana mālā-gandha-vilepanadhāraņa-maņḍanavibhūsanatthānā veramanī sikkhā-padam samādiyāmi.

I undertake to observe the precept to abstain from dancing, singing, music, unseemly show, wearing garlands, smartening with scents, and embellishment with unguents.

8. Uccāsayana-mahāsayanā veramanī sikkhā-padam samādiyāmi.

I undertake to observe the precept to abstain from high and luxurious seats and beds.

(BHIKKU): Imāni aṭṭha sikkhā-padāni samādiyāmi: These are the Eight Precepts;

[Sīlena sugatiṃ yanti.] virtue is the source of happiness, virtue is the source of true wealth, virtue is the source of peacefulness.

[Sīlena bhoga-sampadā.] Virtue is the source of peacefulness.

Therefore let virtue be purified.

(ALL): Sādhu, Sādhu, Sādhu

(Bow three times.)

#### 70. General Offering or Sangha Dana

คำถวายสังฆทานทั่วไป

Imāni mayam bhante, bhattāni, saparivārāni, bhikkhu-saṅghassa, oṇojayāma. Sādhu no bhante, bhikkhu-saṅgho, imāni, bhattāni, saparivārāni, paṭiggaṇhātu, amhākaṃ, dīgha-rattaṃ, hitāya, sukhāya.

May we, O Venerable monks, offer these foods together with other requisites to the Sangha (Communities of Monks). So, the Venerable sir, please accept these foods and the other requisites of us, for the benerfit, happiness, and properity restore to us in this life and next life, untill we reach to the Nibbana (Enlightenment).

## 71. Offering of Phapa (Dusty Robes)

คำถวายผ้าป่า

Imāni mayam bhante, paṃsukulacīvarāni, saparivārāni, bhikkhu-saṅghassa, oṇojayāma. Sādhu no bhante, bhikkhu-saṅgho, imāni paṃsukulacīvarāni, saparivārāni, paṭiggaṇhātu, amhākaṃ, dīgha-rattaṃ, hitāya, sukhāya.

May we, O Venerable monks, offer these Paṃsukula Robes (dusty robes) together with other requisites to the Sangha (Communities of Monks). So, the Venerable sir, please accept these Paṃsukula Robes (and the other requisites of us, for the benerfit, happiness, and properity restore to us in this life and next life, untill we reach to the Nibbana (Enlightenment).

72. The verse for Rice-Offering to the Buddha

คำถวายข้าวพระพุทธ

Imaṃ sūpabayañjana, sampannaṃ, sālīnaṃ, bhojanaṃ, utakaṃ varaṃ, buddhassa, pūjema.

O Load Buddha, with all these nice rice and the requisites together with water, we (I) offer you.

73. The verse for asking rice from the Buddha

คำลาข้าวพระพุทธ

Sesam mangalam yācāmi.

May I (we) have this remaining food.

## 74. Requesting Forgiveness

คำขอขมาพระรัตนตรัย แล คำขอขมาสงฆ์

#### (FROM THE TRIPLE GEM)

[Say Nomo 3 times together]

Namo tassa bhagavato arahato sammā-sambuddhassa. (Three times.) Homage to the Lord, the Emancipated, the All-Enlightened Buddha

#### Ratanattaye pamādena, dvārattayena kataṃ, Sabbaṃ aparādhaṃ khamatu no bhante.

May the Triple Gem forgive us for any wrong we have done out of carelessness in thought, word, or deed.

#### (FROM A SENIOR MONK)

[Say Nomo 3 times together]

Namo tassa bhagavato arahato sammā-sambuddhassa. (Three times.) Homage to the Lord, the Emancipated, the All-Enlightened Buddha

> [Mahāthere]\* pamādena, dvārattayena kataṃ, Sabbaṃ aparādhaṃ khamatu no bhante. (Three times.)

Venerable Sir, may you forgive us for any wrong we have done you out of carelessness in thought, word, or deed.

[\* Mahāthere is used for very senior & highly respected monks. Change it to *There* for somewhat less senior monks, *Upajjhāye* for one's preceptor, *Ācariye* for one's teacher, and *Āyasmante* for monks in general.]

Bow down & stay there while the monk says:

#### Aham khamāmi, tumhehi pi me khamitabbam.

I forgive you; may you all also forgive me.

Respond: *Khamāma bhante*. We forgive you, Venerable Sir.

The monk will then recite a blessing, after which all say:

Sādhu bhante.

Very good, Venerable Sir.

**BOW THREE TIMES** 

#### **Transference of Merit**

#### บทแผ่เมตตา

#### 75. Reflections on Universal Well-being

(Handa mayam brahmavihārapharanam karomase)

(Now let us chant the reflections on universal well-being.)

[Ahaṃ sukhito homi], niddukkho homi, avero homi, abyāpajjho homi, anīgho homi, Sukhī attānaṃ pariharāmi.

Sabbe sattā sukhitā hontu, sabbe sattā averā hontu, sabbe sattā abyāpajjhā hontu, sabbe sattā anīghā hontu, sabbe sattā sukhī attānam pariharantu.

Sabbe sattā sabbadukkhā pamucchantu.

Sabbe sattā mā laddha-sampattito vigacchantu.

Sabbe sattā kammassakā kammadāyādā kammayonī kammabandhū kammapaṭisaraṇā, yaṃ kammaṃ karissanti kalyāṇaṃ vā papakaṃ vā tassa dāyādā bhavissanti.

[May I abide in well-being], in freedom from affliction, in freedom from hostility, in freedom from ill-will, in freedom from anxiety, and may I maintain well-being in myself.

May everyone abide in well-being, in freedom from hostility, in freedom from ill-will, in freedom from anxiety, and may they maintain well-being in themselves.

May all beings be released from all suffering.

And may they not be parted from the good fortune they have attained.

When they act upon intention, all beings are the owners of their action and inherit its results. Their future is born from such action, companion to such action, and its results will be their home. All actions with intention, be they skillful or harmful, of such acts they will be the heirs.

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# 76. Mettā bhāvanā - คาถาแผ่เมตตาให้สรรพสัตว์ทั้งหลาย

spreading loving kindness to all beings

Sabbe sattā Sukhī hontu - May all beings subject to birth, aging, illness, and death, be happy.

Sabbe sattā Averā hontu - May all beings be free from enmity, ill-will,

Sabbe sattā Abbayā pajjhā hontu - May all beings be free from exploiting each other,

Sabbe sattā Anīghā hontu - May all beings be free from physical and mental sufferings,

Sabbe sattā Sukhī attānaṃ pariha-rantu- May all beings live in peace and happily, free from all sufferings and dangers.