

# Theravada buddhists' CHANTING BOOK

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### Introductory chanting

### Homage to the Triple Gem

arahaṃ sammā sambuddho bhagavā buddhaṃ bhagavantaṃ abhivādemi (bow down once)

The Blessed One is an Arahant, the Fully Self-Awaken One, the Exalted One.

To the Buddha, the Exalted One, I pay homage.

svākkhāto bhagavatā dhammo dhammam namassāmi (bow down once)

Well-taught is the teaching of the Buddha.

To the Teaching I pay homage.

supaṭipanno bhagavato sāvaka-saṅgho saṅghaṃ namāmi (bow down once)

Well practiced are the Noble Disciples of the Buddha. I bow down to the Sangha.

namo tassa bhagavato arahato sammā sambuddhassa (3 times) Homage to the Blessed, Worthy, and Perfectly Enlightened One.

### Taking Refuge in the Triple Gem

buddhaṃ saraṇaṃ gacchāmi I go to the Buddha for Refuge.

dhammaṃ saraṇaṃ gacchāmi
I go to the Dhamma for Refuge.

saṅghaṃ saraṇaṃ gacchāmi I go to the Sangha for Refuge.

dutiyam pi buddham saranam gacchāmi

For the second time, I go to the Buddha for Refuge.

dutiyam pi dhammam saranam gacchāmi

For the second time, I go to the Dhamma for Refuge.

dutiyam pi sangham saranam gacchāmi

For the second time, I go to the Sangha for Refuge.

tatiyam pi buddham saranam gacchāmi For the third time, I go to the Buddha for Refuge.

tatiyam pi dhammam saranam gacchāmi

For the third time, I go to the Dhamma for Refuge.

tatiyam pi sangham saranam gacchāmi

For the third time, I go to the Sangha for Refuge.

tisaraṇagamanaṃ

Taking Refuge in the Triple Gem

### Nine Attributes of the Buddha

itipi so bhagavā araham sammāsambuddho

The Lord is indeed thus: an Arahant; Perfectly Enlightened One;

vijjācaraņa-sampanno sugato lokavidū

Perfect in knowing and doing (knowledge and conduct); Going along well (well gone); One who can know all worlds;

anuttaro purisadamma-sārathi

An incomparable trainer of those ready for training;

satthā deva-manussānaṃ buddho bhagavāti

Teacher of gods and men; Awake; Blessed.

### Six Attributes of the Dhamma

svākkhāto bhagavatā dhammo,

The Dhamma is well-expounded by the Blessed One,

sanditthiko akāliko,

Visible here and now, timeless,

ehipassiko opanayiko

Inviting to come and see, deserving to be used,

paccattam veditabbo viññūhī'ti.

To be seen by the wise each for themselves.

### Nine Attributes of the Sangha

supațipanno bhagavato sāvakasangho

The Community of the Noble Disciples of the Blessed One are of good conduct;

uju-pațipanno bhagavato sāvakasangho

The Community of the Noble Disciples of the Blessed One are of straight conduct;

ñāya-paṭipanno bhagavato sāvakasaṅgho

The Community of the Noble Disciples of the Blessed One are of conduct conforming with the Path;

### sāmīci-paṭipanno bhagavato sāvakasaṅgho

The Community of the Noble Disciples of the Blessed One are of dutiful conduct;

### yadidam cattāri purisayugāni aṭṭha purisapuggalā

That is to say, the four pairs of noble men or the eight types of noble individuals,

### esa bhagavato sāvakasaṅgho

This, indeed, is the Community of the Noble Disciples of the Blessed One:

### āhuņeyyo pāhuņeyyo dakkhiņeyyo añjali-karaņīyo

Worthy of veneration with offering, worthy of hospitality; worthy of gifts; worthy of respectful greeting;

### anuttaram puññakkhettam lokassā 'ti.

The incomparable field in which merit grows for the whole world.

### **Invoking Blessings**

natthi me saranam aññaṃ buddho me saranam varaṃ etena saccavajjena hotu no jayamaṅgalaṃ

No other refuge I seek, the Buddha is my sole refuge. By the power of this truth, may victory and blessing be ours.

natthi me saranam aññam dhammo me saranam varam etena saccavajjena hotu no jayamangalam.

No other refuge I seek, the Dhamma is my sole refuge. By the power of this truth, may victory and blessing be ours.

natthi me saranam aññaṃ saṅgho me saraṇaṃ varaṃ etena saccavajjena hotu no jayamaṅgalaṃ.

No other refuge I seek, the Sangha is my sole refuge. By the power of this truth, may victory and blessing be ours.

yam kiñci ratanam loke vijjati vividham puthu ratanam buddhasamam natthi tasmā sotthi bhavantu no

Whatever variety of priceless jewels there be in this universe, There is no jewel equal to the Buddha. By this truth, may we be prosperous.

yam kiñci ratanam loke vijjati vividham puthu ratanam dhammasamam natthi tasmā sotthi bhavantu no

Whatever variety of priceless jewels there be in this universe, There is no jewel equal to the Dhamma. By this truth, may we be prosperous.

yaṃ kiñci ratanaṃ loke vijjati vividhaṃ puthu ratanaṃ saṅghasamaṃ natthi tasmā sotthi bhavantu no

> Whatever variety of priceless jewels there be in this universe, There is no jewel equal to the Sangha. By this truth, may we be prosperous.

## Morning chanting

### Nibbāna

nāmarūpam aniccam khayaṭṭhena

Mind and matter are impermanent in the sense of wasting away.

niccam vata nibbānam

Indeed, nibbāna is permanent!

nāmarūpam dukkham bhayaṭṭhena

Mind and matter are imperfect in the sense of [inherent] danger.

sukham vata nibbānam

Indeed, nibbāna is perfect!

nāmarūpaṃ anattā asārakaṭṭhena

Mind and matter are self-less in the sense of being essenceless.

sāraṃ vata nibbānaṃ

Indeed, nibbāna has essence!

nāmarūpam aniccam

Mind and matter are impermanent,

nāmarūpam dukkham

mind and matter are imperfect,

nāmarūpam anattā

mind and matter are self-less.

niccam vata nibbānam

Indeed, nibbāna is permanent,

sukhaṃ vata nibbānaṃ

indeed, nibbāna is perfect,

sāraṃ vata nibbānaṃ

indeed, nibbāna has essence!

nibbānam paramam sukham

nibbāna is the highest happiness!

### **Dependent origination**

avijjāpaccayā sankhārā;

With ignorance as condition there are (volitional) processes,

the Dhamma I worship the Dhamma sankhārapaccayā viññāṇaṃ;

with (volitional) processes as condition: consciousness,

viññāṇapaccayā nāmarūpaṃ;

with consciousness as condition: mind and body,

nāmarūpapaccayā saļāyatanam;

with mind and body as condition: the six sense spheres,

saļāyatanapaccayā phasso;

with the six sense spheres as condition: contact,

phassapaccayā vedanā;

with contact as condition: feeling,

vedanāpaccayā taņhā;

with feeling as condition: craving,

tanhāpaccayā upādānam;

with craving as condition: attachment,

upādānapaccayā bhavo;

with attachment as condition: continuation,

### bhavapaccayā jāti;

with continuation as condition: birth,

jātipaccayā jarāmaraṇaṃ sokaparidevadukkhadomanassupāyāsā sambhavanti.

with birth as condition: old age, death, grief, lamentation, pain, sorrow, and despair (all) arise,

evam etassa kevalassa dukkhakkhandhassa samudayo hoti and so there is an origination of this whole mass of suffering.

### avijjāya tveva asesavirāganirodhā saṅkhāranirodho;

But from the complete fading away and cessation of ignorance, there is the cessation of (volitional) processes,

### sankhāranirodhā viññāṇanirodho;

from the cessation of (volitional) processes, the cessation of consciousness,

### viññāṇanirodhā nāmarūpanirodho;

from the cessation of consciousness, the cessation of mind and body,

### nāmarūpanirodhā saļāyatananirodho;

from the cessation of mind and body, the cessation of the six sense spheres,

### saļāyatananirodhā phassanirodho;

from the cessation of the six sense spheres, the cessation of contact,

### phassanirodhā vedanānirodho;

from the cessation of contact, the cessation of feeling,

### vedanānirodhā tanhānirodho;

from the cessation of feeling, the cessation of craving,

### taṇhānirodhā upādānanirodho;

from the cessation of craving, the cessation of attachment,

### upādānanirodhā bhavanirodho;

from the cessation of attachment, the cessation of continuation,

### bhavanirodhā jātinirodho;

from the cessation of continuation, the cessation of birth,

jātinirodhā jarāmaraṇaṃ sokaparidevadukkhadomanassupāyāsā nirujjhanti.

from the cessation of birth, old age, death, grief, lamentation, pain, sorrow, and despair (all) cease,

evam etassa kevalassa dukkhakkhandhassa nirodho hotī'ti and so there is a cessation of this whole mass of suffering.

### The Buddha's First Exclamation

{anekajātisaṃsāraṃ sandhāvissaṃ anibbisaṃ

Through countless births in samsāra I have wandered without finding

gahakārakam gavesanto dukkhā jāti punappunam

the housebuilder I was seeking: born and suffering again and again.

gahakāraka diṭṭhosi puna gehaṃ na kāhasi

O housebuilder, now you are seen! You will not build the house again:

sabbā te phāsukā bhaggā gahakūṭaṃ visaṅkhataṃ all your rafters have been broken, and the ridgepole has been destroyed,

visankhāragataṃ cittaṃ taṇhānaṃ khayam-ajjhagā'ti} (3 times) my mind has reached the unconditioned, and craving's end has been achieved.

### Verses of victory

mahākāruņiko nātho hitāya sabbapāṇinaṃ

The lord of great compassion, for the benefit of all living creatures,

pūretvā pāramī sabbā patto sambodhim uttamam

having fulfilled all the perfections has attained supreme and Complete Awakening.

### etena saccavajjena hotu no jayamangalam

By the power of this truth, may victory and blessing be ours.

### jayanto bodhiyā mūle sakyānaṃ nandivaḍḍhano

Succeeding at the root of the Bodhi tree he furthered the Sakyans' joy -

### evam eva jayo hotu jayassu jayamangale

so may you be successful, may you succeed with the blessing of success!

### aparājitapallanke sīse paṭhavipukkhale

Seated cross-legged and undefeated on the top of the world

### abhiseke sabba-buddhānaṃ aggappatto pamodati

which was consecrated by all Buddhas, he rejoices in the highest attainment.

### sunakkhattam sumangalam suppabhātam suhutthitam

(May there be) good planets, good blessings, good daybreaks, good gifts,

sukhaṇo sumuhutto ca suyiṭṭhaṃ brahmacārisu

good moments, good instants and good sacrifices in the spiritual lives,

## padakkhiṇaṃ kayakammaṃ vācākammaṃ padakkhiṇaṃ (May there be) favourable body-actions, favourable speechactions

### padakkhiṇaṃ manokammaṃ paṇidhi te padakkhiṇā favourable mind-actions, and favourable aspiration for you.

## padakkhiṇāni katvāna labhantatthe padakkhiṇe And after making these favourable things, (may there be) favourable gains,

### te atthaladdhā sukhitā viruļhā buddhasāsane and (with these) favourable gains (may there be) for you happy growth in the Buddha's Dispensation,

### arogā sukhitā hotha saha sabbehi ñātibhi may you be well and happy, together with all your relatives!

## bhavatu sabbamaṅgalaṃ rakkhantu sabbadevatā May there be every blessing, and may all of the gods protect us,

sabba-buddhānubhāvena sadā sotthī bhavantu no by the power of all the Buddhas may we be well forever!

### bhavatu sabbamangalam rakkhantu sabbadevatā

May there be every blessing, and may all of the gods protect us,

### sabba-dhammānubhāvena sadā sotthī bhavantu no

by the power of all that is Dhamma may we be well forever!

### bhavatu sabbamangalam rakkhantu sabbadevatā

May there be every blessing, and may all of the gods protect us,

### sabba-saṅghānubhāvena sadā sotthī bhavantu no

by the power of the whole Sangha may we be well forever!  $s\bar{a}dhu\;s\bar{a}dhu\;s\bar{a}dhu$ 

### **Evening chanting**

## Homage to the Buddha of the Past, the Future and the Present

ye ca **buddhā** atītā ca ye ca buddhā anāgatā paccupannā ca ye buddhā sabbe vandāmi te ahaṃ

I pay homage to all the Buddhas of the past, the future and the present.

ye ca **dhammā** atītā ca ye ca dhammā anāgatā paccupannā ca ye dhammā sabbe vandāmi te ahaṃ

... all the Dhamma...

ye ca **saṅghā** atītā ca ye ca saṅghā anāgatā paccupannā ca ye saṅghā sabbe vandāmi te ahaṃ

... all the Sangha...

ye ca **dhātū** atītā ca ye ca dhātū anāgatā paccupannā ca ye dhātū sabbe vandāmi te ahaṃ

... all the relics...

ye ca **pādā** atītā ca ye ca pādā anāgatā paccupannā ca ye pādā sabbe vandāmi te ahaṃ

... all the all the footprints of the Buddhas...

ye ca **bodhī** atītā ca ye ca bodhī anāgatā paccupannā ca ye bodhi sabbe vandāmi te ahaṃ

... all the Bodhi trees....

ye ca **biṃbā** atītā ca ye ca biṃbā anāgatā paccupannā ca ye biṃbā sabbe vandāmi te ahaṃ

... all the images/statues of the Buddhas...

ye ca **dantā** atītā ca ye ca dantā anāgatā paccupannā ca ye dantā sabbe vandāmi te ahaṃ

... all the tooth relics...

ye ca **cūļāmanī** atītā ca ye ca cūļāmanī anāgatā paccupannā ca ye cūļāmanī sabbe vandāmi te ahaṃ

... all the Cūļāmani cetiyas...

ye ca **kesā** atītā ca ye ca kesā anāgatā paccupannā ca ye kesā sabbe vandāmi te ahaṃ

... all the hair relics (on the head) of the Buddhas...

ye ca **moļī** atītā ca ye ca moļī anāgatā paccupannā ca ye moļī sabbe vandāmi te ahaṃ

... all the special hairs on the forehead of the Buddhas...

buddha paccekabuddhānaṃ dhammaṃ saṅghañ ca dhātuyo bodhicetiyabiṃbānam atulayā namāmi'ham

The Buddhas, Pacceka-buddhas, their teachings, noble disciples,

The Bodhi tree and chaitiyas, statues, to these incomparable ones I pay my homage.

## Homage to the 30 Pāramī Practices of the Buddha

āyantu bhonto idha dāna sīla nekkhamma paññā viriya khantī sacca adiṭṭhāna mettā upekkhā yuddhāya vo gaṇhatha āvudhāniti.

Friends in the Dhamma, please come. Let us take up generosity, moral virtue, letting go, wisdom, effort, patience, truth, determination, loving-kindness and equanimity as weapons [so that we conquer battles in life].

itipiso bhagavā **dāna**-pāramisampanno dāna-upapāramisampanno dāna-paramatthapāramisampanno, buddho mettā mahesi, karuṇā, muditā, upekkhā pāramisampanno

This Blessed One is endowed with the perfection of generosity, with the higher perfection of generosity, and with the highest perfection of generosity. He is the Buddha, the Great Sage, endowed with loving-kindness, compassion, sympathetic joy, equanimity and perfections.

itipiso bhagavā **sīla**-pāramisampanno sīla-upapāramisampanno sīlaparamatthapāramisampanno, buddho mettā mahesi, karuṇā, muditā, upekkhā pāramisampanno

This Blessed One is endowed with the perfection of moral virtue, with the higher perfection of moral virtue, and with the highest perfection of moral virtue. He is the Buddha, the Great Sage, endowed with loving-kindness, compassion, sympathetic joy, equanimity and perfections.

itipiso bhagavā **nekkhamma**-pāramisampanno nekkhamma-upapāramisampan nekkhamma-paramatthapāramisampanno, buddho mettā mahesi, karuṇā, muditā, upekkhā pāramisampanno

This Blessed One is endowed with the perfection of letting go, with the higher perfection of letting go, and with the highest perfection of letting go. He is the Buddha, the Great Sage, endowed with loving-kindness, compassion, sympathetic joy, equanimity and perfections.

itipiso bhagavā **paññā**-pāramisampanno, paññā-upapāramisampanno, paññā-paramatthapāramisampanno, buddho mettā mahesi, karuṇā, muditā, upekkhā pāramisampanno

This Blessed One is endowed with the perfection of wisdom, with the higher perfection of wisdom, and with the highest perfection of wisdom. He is the Buddha, the Great Sage, endowed with loving-kindness, compassion, sympathetic joy, equanimity and perfections.

itipiso bhagavā **viriya**-pāramisampanno viriya-upapāramisampanno viriya-paramatthapāramisampanno, buddho mettā mahesi, karuṇā, muditā, upekkhā pāramisampanno

This Blessed One is endowed with the perfection of effort, with the higher perfection of effort, and with the highest perfection of effort. He is the Buddha, the Great Sage, endowed with loving-kindness, compassion, sympathetic joy, equanimity and perfections.

itipiso bhagavā **khantī**-pāramisampanno khantī-upapāramisampanno khantī-paramatthapāramisampanno, buddho mettā mahesi, karuṇā, muditā, upekkhā pāramisampanno

This Blessed One is endowed with the perfection of patience, with the higher perfection of patience, and with the highest perfection of patience. He is the Buddha, the Great Sage, endowed with loving-kindness, compassion, sympathetic joy, equanimity and perfections.

itipiso bhagavā **sacca**-pāramisampanno sacca-upapāramisampanno sacca-paramatthapāramisampanno, buddho mettā mahesi, karuṇā, muditā, upekkhā pāramisampanno

This Blessed One is endowed with the perfection of truth, with the higher perfection of truth, and with the highest perfection of truth. He is the Buddha, the Great Sage, endowed with loving-kindness, compassion, sympathetic joy, equanimity and perfections.

itipiso bhagavā **adiṭṭhāna**-pāramisampanno adiṭṭhāna-upapāramisampanno adiṭṭhāna-paramatthapāramisampanno, buddho mettā mahesi, karunā, muditā, upekkhā pāramisampanno This Blessed One is endowed with the perfection of determination, with the higher perfection of determination, and with the highest perfection of determination. He is the Buddha, the Great Sage, endowed with loving-kindness, compassion, sympathetic joy, equanimity and perfections.

itipiso bhagavā **mettā**-pāramisampanno, mettā-upapāramisampanno, mettā-paramatthapāramisampanno, buddho mettā mahesi, karuṇā, muditā, upekkhā pāramisampanno

This Blessed One is endowed with the perfection of loving-kindness, with the higher perfection of loving-kindness, and with the highest perfection of loving-kindness. He is the Buddha, the Great Sage, endowed with loving-kindness, compassion, sympathetic joy, equanimity and perfections.

itipiso bhagavā **upekkhā**-pāramisampanno upekkhā-upapāramisampanno upekkhā-paramatthapāramisampanno, buddho mettā mahesi, karuṇā, muditā, upekkhā pāramisampanno

This Blessed One is endowed with the perfection of equanimity, with the higher perfection of equanimity, and with the highest perfection of equanimity. He is the Buddha, the Great Sage, endowed with loving-kindness, compassion, sympathetic joy, equanimity and perfections.

itipiso bhagavā **dasa**-pāramisampanno dasa-upapāramisampanno dasaparamatthapāramisampanno, buddho mettā mahesi, karuṇā, muditā, upekkhā pāramisampanno This Blessed One is endowed with the ten perfections, with the higher ten perfections, and with the highest ten perfections. He is the Buddha, the Great Sage, endowed with lovingkindness, compassion, sympathetic joy, equanimity and perfections.

### itipiso bhagavā **samatiṃsa**-pāramisampanno

This Blessed One is endowed with all the thirty perfections.

### itipiso bhagavā dhana-pariccāga-dānapāramisampanno

This Blessed One is endowed with the of perfection generosity through giving away wealth.

### itipiso bhagavā anga-pariccāga-dānapāramisampanno

This Blessed One is endowed with the of perfection generosity through giving away bodily parts.

### itipiso bhagavā **jīvita-pariccāga**-dānapāramisampanno

This Blessed One is endowed with the of perfection generosity through giving away life.

### itipiso bhagavā putta-pariccāga-dānapāramisampanno

This Blessed One is endowed with the of perfection generosity through giving away children.

### itipiso bhagavā bhariyā-pariccāga-dānapāramisampanno

This Blessed One is endowed with the of perfection generosity through giving away wives.

### itipiso bhaqavā **pañca-mahāpariccāga**-dānapāramisampanno

This Blessed One is endowed with the of perfection generosity through five kinds of giving.

### itipiso bhagavā buddhattha-cariyāya pāramisampanno

The Blessed One is endowed with perfections that he practiced for the sake of achieving full enlightenment.

### itipiso bhagavā ñātattha-cariyāya pāramisampanno

The Blessed One is endowed with perfections that he practiced for the sake of helping his relatives.

### itipiso bhagavā **lokattha-cariyāya** pāramisampanno

The Blessed One is endowed with perfections that he practiced for the sake of helping the world.

### itipiso bhagavā **tisso cariyāya** pāramisampanno

The Blessed One is endowed with perfections for these three purposes.

### itipiso bhagavā kāya-sucarita-sampanno.

The Blessed One is endowed with the perfection of bodily actions.

itipiso bhagavā **vacī-sucarita-**sampanno.

The Blessed One is endowed with the perfection of speech.

### itipiso bhagavā **mano-sucarita-**sampanno.

The Blessed One is endowed with the perfection of mental actions.

### itipiso bhagavā tividha-sucarita-sampanno.

The Blessed One is endowed with the perfection of these three kinds of actions.

itipiso bhagavā buddho anantādiguņo itipiso bhagavā itipi The Blessed One is one that has such innumerable attributes. This Blessed One is like this.

### The Discourse on Loving-bkindness

- 1. karaṇīyam atthakusalena yanta santaṃ padaṃ abhisamecca This is what should be done by one skilled in the good, having made the breakthrough to that peaceful state:
- sakko ujū ca suhujū ca sūvaco cassa mudu anatimānī he should be able, upright, and very upright, amenable to advice and gentle, without arrogance.
- 2. santussako ca subharo ca appakicco ca sallahukavutti
  [He should be] content and easily supported, of few duties and a frugal way of living;

- santindriyo ca nipako ca appagabbho kulesu ananugiddho of peaceful faculties and judicious, courteous, without greed when among families.
- 3. na ca khuddam ācare kiñci yena viññū pare upavadeyyuṃ He should not do anything, however slight, because of which other wise people might criticize him.
- sukhino va khemino hontu sabbe sattā bhavantu sukhitattā May all beings be happy and secure; may they be inwardly happy!
- 4. *ye keci pāṇabhūtatthi tasā vā thāvarā va anavasesā*Whatever living beings there are whether frail or firm, without omission,
- dīghā vā ye va mahantā majjhimā rassakā aņukathūlā those that are long or those that are large, middling, short, fine, or gross;
- 5. diṭṭhā vā ye va adiṭṭhā ye va dūre vasanti avidūre whether they are seen or unseen, whether they dwell far or near,
- bhūtā va sambhavesī va sabbasattā bhavantu sukhitattā whether they have come to be or will come to be, may all beings be inwardly happy!
- 6. na paro paraṃ nikubbetha nātimaññetha katthaci na kañci No one should deceive another, nor despise anyone anywhere.

- byārosanā paṭighasaññā nāññam aññassa dukkham iccheyya Because of anger and thoughts of aversion no one should wish suffering for another."
- 7. mātā yathā niyaṃ puttam āyusā ekaputtam anurakkhe
  Just as a mother would protect her son, her only son, with her
  own life,
- evam pi sabbabhūtesu mānasaṃ bhāvaye aparimāṇaṃ so one should develop toward all beings a state of mind without boundaries.
- mettañ ca sabbalokasmi mānasam bhāvaye aparimānam
   And toward the whole world one should develop loving-kindness,
- uddhaṃ adho ca tiriyañ ca asambādhaṃ averam asapattaṃ a state of mind without boundaries — above, below, and across — unconfined, without enmity, without adversaries.
- tiṭṭhaṃ caraṃ nisinno vā sayāno yāva tāssa vigatamiddo Whether standing, walking, sitting, or lying down, as long as one is not drowsy,
- etaṃ satiṃ adhiṭṭheyya brahmam etaṃ vihāram idham āhu one should resolve on this mindfulness: they call this a divine dwelling here.
- 10. diṭṭhiñ ca anupaggamma sīlavā dassanena sampanno

Not taking up any views, possessing good behavior, endowed with vision,

kāmesu vineyya gedhaṃ na hi jātuggabbhaseyya punaretī' ti having removed greed for sensual pleasures, one never again comes back to the bed of a womb.

karaṇīyamettā suttaṃ Loving-kindness sutta

### **Blessing**

bhavatu sabbamangalam rakkhantu sabbadevatā

May there be every blessing, and may all of the gods protect us,

sabba-buddhānubhāvena sadā sotthī bhavantu no by the power of all the Buddhas may we be well forever!

bhavatu sabbamangalam rakkhantu sabbadevatā

May there be every blessing, and may all of the gods protect us,

sabba-dhammānubhāvena sadā sotthī bhavantu no by the power of all that is Dhamma may we be well forever! bhavatu sabbamangalam rakkhantu sabbadevatā May there be every blessing, and may all of the gods protect us,

sabba-saṅghānubhāvena sadā sotthī bhavantu no by the power of the whole Sangha may we be well forever! sādhu sādhu

## Aspirations and Sharing Merits

### **Aspirations**

iminā dhammakammena
By this righteous action,

imasmim buddhasāsane in this Buddha's dispensation,

nibbānaṃ pāpuṇeyyāmi may I attain nibbāna,

anventi me upāsakā and the lay-followers follow in my footsteps.

sace nibbānaṃ nādhigaccheyyaṃ

If I do not reach nibbāna,

paññāvasmiṃ visārado with absolute confidence in the Wise One,

saṃsārento pi saṃsāre even wandering in samsara,

kule uttamake ahaṃ I will be in high family.

yadā ariyametteyo When Ariya Metteya,

buddho atthi anāgate

The Buddha lives in the fu

The Buddha, lives in the future

aham pi sāsane jāto Being also born in His dispensation

pabbaje jinasantike

May I go forth in His presence.

paññāvā iddhisampanno

Endowed with wisdom and psychic powers,

## pākato iva candimā

like the Moon clearly seen,

## dhāreyyam piṭakattaye

may I keep the three Piṭakas

## sāsane saniyyānike'ti

in the dispensation that leads to freedom.

## imāya dhammānudhammapaṭipattiyā buddhaṃ pūjemi By this practice in conformity with the Dhamma I worship the Buddha,

- imāya dhammānudhammapaṭipattiyā dhammaṃ pūjemi by this practice in conformity with the Dhamma I worship the Dhamma,
- imāya dhammānudhammapaṭipattiyā saṅghaṃ pūjemi by this practice in conformity with the Dhamma I worship the Saṅgha,
- addhā imāya paṭipadāya jātijarābyādhimaraṇamhā parimuccisāmi by this practice may I be freed from birth, old age, sickness and death.

## **Sharing Merits**

idaṃ me puññaṃ āsavakkhayāvahaṃ hotu

May this merit of mine bring about the destruction of the pollutants.

idaṃ me puññaṃ nibbānassa paccayo hotu

May this merit of mine be a condition for (gaining) nibbāna.

mama puññabhāgaṃ sabbasattānaṃ bhājemi I share my portion of merits with all beings,

te sabbe me samaṃ puññabhāgaṃ labhantu may all of them share my portion of merits evenly.

sādhu sādhu sādhu

## In Lithuanian

Daug gerų darbų sukaupta praeityje ir dabar, nuopelnais gerų darbų dalinamės mes su visais, su būtybėmis dangiškosioms, su žmonėmis ir kitais. Te jie džiaugiasi nuoširdžiai gėriu, kurį nešame, ir naudą tų gerų darbų te patiria kiekvienas.

sādhu sādhu sādhu

Drauge mes buvome dosnūs, laikėmės dorovės principų, medituodami vystėme protą. Sukauptais nuopelnais dalinamės su visais. Tegul tuos nuopelnus palaiko mūsų atida, ir jie saugiai būna mūsų širdyse, kol pasieksim nibbaną, tikrąją laisvę, ramybę ir laimę.

sādhu sādhu sādhu

## In English

Merit's been accumulated
In the past lives and in this.
That merit we now share with all,
Beings that are near and far.
May they all truly rejoice
in the good that's done by us;
And, then the benefits of our merits,
May receive each and every one of them.
sādhu sādhu sādhu

Together and in unity, Generosity has been performed; Holy moral codes observed;

And, meditative minds cultivated. May the merits of these Be shared by one and all; But, taken away by none. Let them be sustained through mindfulness, And, also securely deposited In our hearts, Until we realize nibbana, True liberation, peace, and happiness. sādhu sādhu sādhu Merit's been accumulated In the past lives and in this. That merit we now share With all beings near and far. May they all truly rejoice in the good that's done by us; And, then the benefits of our merits, May receive each one of them.

#### sādhu sādhu sādhu

Together and in unity,
Generosity has been performed;
Holy moral codes observed;
And, meditative minds cultivated.
May the merits of these deeds
Be shared by one and all;

But, taken away by none.
Let them be sustained through mindfulness,
And, also securely deposited
In our hearts,
Until we realize *nibbana*,
True liberation, peace, and happiness.

sādhu sādhu sādhu

# **Precepts**

## **Five Precepts**

## Requesting the Three Refuges and the Precepts

aham ayye/bhante tisaranena saha pañcasilam dhammam yācāmi anuggaham katvā sīlam detha me ayye/bhante

Venerable Lady/Sir, I am requesting for the five precepts together with the Three Refuges. Do a favour, Venerable, give me the precepts.

teacher: yam ahaṃ vadāmi taṃ vadetha

Repeat what I say.

ama ayye/bhante

Yes, Venerable Lady/Sir.

## Going to the Three Refuges

- namo tassa bhagavato arahato sammāsambuddhasa (3 times) Homage to the Blessed, Worthy, and Perfectly Enlightened One.
- buddhaṃ saraṇaṃ gacchāmi I go to the Buddha for Refuge.
- dhammaṃ saraṇaṃ gacchāmi I go to the Dhamma for Refuge.
- saṅghaṃ saraṇaṃ gacchāmi I go to the Sangha for Refuge.
- dutiyam pi buddham saranam gacchāmi

  For the second time, I go to the Buddha for Refuge.
- dutiyam pi dhammam saranam gacchāmi

  For the second time, I go to the Dhamma for Refuge.
- dutiyam pi sangham saranam gacchāmi

  For the second time, I go to the Sangha for Refuge.
- tatiyam pi buddham saranam gacchāmi

  For the third time, I go to the Buddha for Refuge.
- tatiyam pi dhammam saranam gacchāmi
  For the third time, I go to the Dhamma for Refuge.

tatiyam pi sangham saranam gacchāmi

For the third time, I go to the Sangha for Refuge.

teacher: tisaraṇagamanaṃ paripunnaṃ Going to the Three Refuges has been fulfilled.

ama ayye/bhante

Yes, Venerable Lady/Sir.

## Five Precepts

- 1. pāṇātipātā veramaṇī sikkhāpadaṃ samādiyāmi I undertake the training rule to refrain from taking the life of any living creature.
- 2. adinnādānā veramaṇī sikkhāpadaṃ samādiyāmi I undertake the training rule to refrain from taking that which is not given.
- 3. kāmesumicchācārā veramaṇī sikkhāpadaṃ samādiyāmi I undertake the training rule to refrain from sexual misconduct.
- 4. musāvādā veramaņī sikkhāpadaṃ samādiyāmi I undertake the training rule to refrain from lying.
- 5. surāmerayamajjapamādaṭṭhānā veramaṇī sikkhāpadaṃ samādiyāmi

I undertake the training rule to refrain from consuming intoxicating drink and drugs which lead to carelessness.

idam me puññam āsavakkhayāvaham hotu

May this merit of mine bring about the destruction of the pollutants.

idam me sīlam nibbānassa paccayo hotu

May this merit of mine be a condition for (gaining) nibbāna.

teacher: tisaraṇena saha pañcasilaṃ dhammaṃ sādhukaṃ katvā appamādena sampādetha

You have properly taken the five precepts together with the Three Refuges. Now, strive diligently.

ama ayye/bhante

Yes, Venerable Lady/Sir.

## **Eight Precepts**

## Requesting the Three Refuges and the Precepts

aham ayye/bhante tisaranena saha atthangasamannāgatam uposathasīlam dhammam yācāmi anuggaham katvā sīlam detha me ayye/bhante

Venerable Lady/Sir, I am requesting for the eight *uposatha* precepts together with the Three Refuges. Do a favour, Venerable, give me the precepts.

teacher: yam ahaṃ vadāmi taṃ vadetha Repeat what I say.

ama ayye/bhante
Yes, Venerable Lady/Sir.

## Going to the Three Refuges

namo tassa bhagavato arahato sammāsambuddhasa (3 times) Homage to the Blessed, Worthy, and Perfectly Enlightened One.

buddhaṃ saraṇaṃ gacchāmi I go to the Buddha for Refuge.

dhammaṃ saraṇaṃ gacchāmi I go to the Dhamma for Refuge.

saṅghaṃ saraṇaṃ gacchāmi I go to the Sangha for Refuge.

dutiyam pi buddham saranam gacchāmi For the second time, I go to the Buddha for Refuge.

dutiyam pi dhammam saranam gacchāmi

For the second time, I go to the Dhamma for Refuge.

dutiyam pi sangham saranam gacchāmi

For the second time, I go to the Sangha for Refuge.

tatiyam pi buddham saranam gacchāmi
For the third time, I go to the Buddha for Refuge.

tatiyam pi dhammam saranam gacchāmi
For the third time, I go to the Dhamma for Refuge.

tatiyam pi sangham saranam gacchāmi For the third time, I go to the Sangha for Refuge.

teacher: tisaraṇagamanaṃ paripunnaṃ Going to the Three Refuges has been fulfilled.

ama ayye/bhante
Yes, Venerable Lady/Sir.

## **Eight Precepts**

- 1. pāṇātipātā veramaṇī sikkhāpadaṃ samādiyāmi I undertake the training rule to refrain from taking the life of any living creature.
- 2. adinnādānā veramaņī sikkhāpadam samādiyāmi

I undertake the training rule to refrain from taking that which is not given.

- 3. abrahmacariyā veramaṇī sikkhāpadaṃ samādiyāmi I undertake the training rule to refrain from any intentional sexual activity.
- 4. musāvādā veramaņī sikkhāpadaṃ samādiyāmi I undertake the training rule to refrain from lying.
- 5. surāmerayamajjapamādaṭṭhānā veramaṇī sikkhāpadaṃ samādiyāmi

I undertake the training rule to refrain from consuming intoxicating drink and drugs which lead to carelessness.

- 6. vikālabhojanā veramaṇī sikkhāpadaṃ samādiyāmi I undertake the training rule to refrain from eating at inappropriate times.
- 7. nacca-gīta-vādita-visūkadassanā mālā-gandha-vilepana-dhāraṇa-maṇḍana-vibhūsanaṭṭhānā veramaṇī sikkhāpadaṃ samādiyāmi
  I undertake the training rule to refrain from singing, dancing and other entertainments, beautification, and adornment.
- 8. uccāsayana-mahāsayanā veramaṇī sikkhāpadaṃ samādiyāmi I undertake the precept to refrain from lying on a high or luxurious sleeping place.

idam me puññam āsavakkhayāvaham hotu

May this merit of mine bring about the destruction of the pollutants.

idam me sīlam nibbānassa paccayo hotu

May this merit of mine be a condition for (gaining) nibbāna.

teacher: tisaraṇena saha atthaṅgasamannāgataṃ uposathasīlaṃ dhammaṃ sādhukaṃ katvā appamādena sampādetha

You have properly taken the eight *uposatha* precepts together with the Three Refuges. Now, strive diligently.

ama ayye/bhante

Yes, Venerable Lady/Sir.

## Suttas

# The Discourse that Set the Dhamma Wheel Rolling

## Dhammacakkappavattanasuttam

ekaṃ samayaṃ bhagavā bārāṇasiyaṃ viharati Once, the Blessed One was living near Bārāṇasī,

isipatane migadāye

at the Deer Park in Isipatana.

tatra kho bhagavā pañcavaggiye bhikkh $\bar{\mathrm{u}}$  āmantesi

Then the Blessed One addressed the group-of-five monks, saying:

dveme bhikkhave antā

"There are these two extremes, monks,

## pabbajitena na sevitabbā

that one who has gone forth ought not to associate with,

#### katame dve

which two?

## yo cāyaṃ kāmesu kāmasukhallikānuyogo

which is this: devotion and clinging to the pleasure in sense pleasures,

## hīno gammo pothujjaniko anariyo anatthasaṃhito

which is low, vulgar, worldly, ignoble, and not connected with the goal;

## yo cāyaṃ attakilamathānuyogo

and this: devotion to self-mortification,

## dukkho anariyo anatthasamhito

which is painful, ignoble, and not connected with the goal.

## ete kho bhikkhave ubho ante anupagamma

Not having approached either of these two extremes, monks,

## majjhimā paṭipadā tathāgatena abhisambuddhā

the middle practice was awakened to by the Realised One,

## cakkhukaranī ñāṇakaranī

which produces vision, produces knowledge,

upasamāya abhiññāya sambodhāya nibbānāya saṃvattati and which leads to peace, deep knowledge, Complete Awakening, and Emancipation.

#### katamā ca sā bhikkhave

Now what is, monks,

majjhimā paṭipadā tathāgatena abhisambuddhā this middle practice that was awakened to by the Realised One,

cakkhukaraṇī ñāṇakaraṇī

which produces vision, produces knowledge,

upasamāya abhiññāya sambodhāya nibbānāya saṃvattati and which leads to peace, deep knowledge, Complete Awakening, and Emancipation?

ayam eva ariyo aṭṭhaṅgiko maggo It is this Eightfold Noble Path,

seyyathidam sammādiṭṭhi sammāsankappo as follows: right view, right thought,

sammāvācā sammākammanto right speech, right action,

sammāājīvo sammāvāyāmo

right livelihood, right effort,

sammāsati sammāsamādhi right mindfulness, right concentration.

ayaṃ kho sā bhikkhave

This is the middle practice, monks,

majjhimā paṭipadā tathāgatena abhisambuddhā that was awakened to by the Realised One,

cakkhukaraṇī ñāṇakaraṇī which produces vision, produces knowledge,

upasamāya abhiññāya sambodhāya nibbānāya saṃvattati and which leads to peace, deep knowledge, Complete Awakening, and Emancipation.

idaṃ kho pana bhikkhave dukkhaṃ ariyasaccaṃ
Now this, monks, is the noble truth of suffering:

jāti pi dukkhā
birth is suffering

jarā pi dukkhā also old age is suffering byādhi pi dukkho

also sickness is suffering

maranam pi dukkham

also death is suffering

appiyehi sampayogo dukkho

being joined to what is not dear is suffering

piyehi vippayogo dukkho

being separated from what is dear is suffering

yam piccham na labhati tam pi dukkham

also not to obtain what one longs for is suffering

samkhittena pañcupādānakkhandhā dukkhā

in brief, the five constituent parts (of mind and body) that provide fuel for attachment are suffering.

idaṃ kho pana bhikkhave dukkhasamudayaṃ ariyasaccaṃ

Now this, monks, is the noble truth of the arising of suffering:

yā yaṃ taṇhā ponobbhavikā

it is that craving which leads to continuation in existence,

nandirāgasahagatā

which is connected with enjoyment and passion,

tatratatrābhinandinī

greatly enjoying this and that,

## seyyathidam kāmatanhā

as follows: craving for sense pleasures

## bhavatanhā vibhavatanhā

craving for continuation, craving for discontinuation.

## idam kho pana bhikkhave dukkhanirodham ariyasaccam

Now this, monks, is the noble truth of the cessation of suffering:

## yo tassā yeva taṇhāya

it is of that craving

## asesavirāganirodho cāgo

the complete fading away and cessation without remainder, liberation,

## paținissaggo mutti anālayo

letting go, release, and non-adherence.

## idaṃ kho pana bhikkhave dukkhanirodhagāminī paṭipadā ariyasaccam

Now this, monks, is the noble truth of the practice leading to the end of suffering,

## ayam eva ariyo aṭṭhaṅgiko maggo

it is this Eightfold Noble Path,

seyyathidam sammādiṭṭhi sammāsankappo as follows: right view, right thought,

sammāvācā sammākammanto right speech, right action,

sammāājīvo sammāvāyāmo right livelihood, right effort,

sammāsati sammāsamādhi right mindfulness, right concentration.

idaṃ dukkhaṃ ariyasacca'nti "This is the noble truth of suffering" -

me bhikkhave pubbe ananussutesu dhammesu to me, monks, regarding these previously unheard-of things

cakkhuṃ udapādi ñāṇaṃ udapādi paññā udapādi vision arose, knowledge arose, wisdom arose,

vijjā udapādi āloko udapādi understanding arose, light arose.

taṃ kho panidaṃ dukkhaṃ ariyasaccaṃ pariññeyya'nti Now that to which "this is the noble truth of suffering" refers (i.e. suffering itself) ought to be fully known

- *me bhikkhave pubbe ananussutesu dhammesu* to me, monks, regarding these previously unheard-of things
- cakkhuṃ udapādi ñāṇaṃ udapādi paññā udapādi vision arose, knowledge arose, wisdom arose,
- vijjā udapādi āloko udapādi understanding arose, light arose.
- taṃ kho panidaṃ dukkhaṃ ariyasaccaṃ pariññāta'nti Now that to which "this is the noble truth of suffering" refers has been fully known -
- me bhikkhave pubbe ananussutesu dhammesu to me, monks, regarding these previously unheard-of things
- cakkhuṃ udapādi ñāṇaṃ udapādi paññā udapādi vision arose, knowledge arose, wisdom arose,
- vijjā udapādi āloko udapādi understanding arose, light arose.
- 'idaṃ dukkhasamudayaṃ ariyasacca'nti
  "This is the noble truth of the arising of suffering" -
- me bhikkhave pubbe ananussutesu dhammesu to me, monks, regarding these previously unheard-of things cakkhum udapādi ñāṇam udapādi paññā udapādi

vision arose, knowledge arose, wisdom arose,

- vijjā udapādi āloko udapādi understanding arose, light arose.
- taṃ kho panidaṃ dukkhasamudayaṃ ariyasaccaṃ pahātabba'nti Now that to which "this is the noble truth of the arising of suffering" refers (i.e. craving) ought to be given up -
- me bhikkhave pubbe ananussutesu dhammesu to me, monks, regarding these previously unheard-of things
- cakkhuṃ udapādi ñāṇaṃ udapādi paññā udapādi vision arose, knowledge arose, wisdom arose,
- vijjā udapādi āloko udapādi understanding arose, light arose.
- taṃ kho panidaṃ dukkhasamudayaṃ ariyasaccaṃ pahīna'nti Now that to which "this is the noble truth of the arising of suffering" refers has been given up,
- me bhikkhave pubbe ananussutesu dhammesu to me, monks, regarding these previously unheard-of things
- cakkhuṃ udapādi ñāṇaṃ udapādi paññā udapādi vision arose, knowledge arose, wisdom arose,

vijjā udapādi āloko udapādi

understanding arose, light arose.

'idaṃ dukkhanirodhaṃ ariyasacca'nti "This is the noble truth of the cessation of suffering" -

me bhikkhave pubbe ananussutesu dhammesu to me, monks, regarding these previously unheard-of things

cakkhuṃ udapādi ñāṇaṃ udapādi paññā udapādi vision arose, knowledge arose, wisdom arose,

vijjā udapādi āloko udapādi understanding arose, light arose.

taṃ kho panidaṃ dukkhanirodhaṃ ariyasaccaṃ sacchikātabba'nti Now that to which "this is the noble truth of the cessation of suffering" refers (i.e. Emancipation) ought to be experienced

*me bhikkhave pubbe ananussutesu dhammesu* to me, monks, regarding these previously unheard-of things

cakkhuṃ udapādi ñāṇaṃ udapādi paññā udapādi vision arose, knowledge arose, wisdom arose,

vijjā udapādi āloko udapādi understanding arose, light arose.

tam kho panidam dukkhanirodham ariyasaccam sacchikata'nti

Now that to which "this is the noble truth of the cessation of suffering" refers has been experienced -

me bhikkhave pubbe ananussutesu dhammesu to me, monks, regarding these previously unheard-of things

cakkhuṃ udapādi ñāṇaṃ udapādi paññā udapādi vision arose, knowledge arose, wisdom arose,

vijjā udapādi āloko udapādi understanding arose, light arose.

'idaṃ dukkhanirodhagāminī paṭipadā ariyasacca'nti "This is the noble truth of the practice going to the cessation of suffering" -

me bhikkhave pubbe ananussutesu dhammesu to me, monks, regarding these previously unheard-of things

cakkhuṃ udapādi ñāṇaṃ udapādi paññā udapādi vision arose, knowledge arose, wisdom arose,

vijjā udapādi āloko udapādi understanding arose, light arose.

taṃ kho panidaṃ dukkhanirodhagāminī paṭipadā ariyasaccaṃ bhā-vetabba'nti

Now that to which "this is the noble truth of the practice leading to the end of suffering" refers (i.e. the practice itself) ought to be developed -

me bhikkhave pubbe ananussutesu dhammesu

to me, monks, regarding these previously unheard-of things

cakkhum udapādi ñāṇam udapādi paññā udapādi

vision arose, knowledge arose, wisdom arose,

vijjā udapādi āloko udapādi

understanding arose, light arose.

taṃ kho panidaṃ dukkhanirodhagāminī paṭipadā ariyasaccaṃ bhāvita'nti

Now that to which "this is the noble truth of the practice leading to the end of suffering" refers has been developed -

me bhikkhave pubbe ananussutesu dhammesu

to me, monks, regarding these previously unheard-of things

cakkhuṃ udapādi ñāṇaṃ udapādi paññā udapādi

vision arose, knowledge arose, wisdom arose,

vijjā udapādi āloko udapādi

understanding arose, light arose.

yāva kīvañ ca me bhikkhave imesu catūsu ariyasaccesu

For as long as to me, monks, in regard to these four noble truths

## evam tiparivaṭṭam dvādasākāram yathābhūtam ñāṇadassanam

- turned like this, in three ways, twelvefold - knowledge and insight as it really is

## na suvisuddham ahosi

was not quite clear

## neva tāvāham bhikkhave

for that long, monks,

#### sadevake loke

I did not declare to the world with its gods,

#### samārake sabrahmake

Māra, and Brahmā,

## sassamanabrāhmaniyā pajāya

to this generation, with its ascetics and brāhmaṇas,

## sadevamanussāya

princes and men,

# anuttaraṃ sammāsambodhiṃ abhisambuddho'ti paccaññāsiṃ that I was fully awakened with unsurpassed complete awak-

ening.

## yato ca kho me bhikkhave imesu catūsu ariyasaccesu

But when to me, monks, in regard to these four noble truths

evam tiparivaṭṭam dvādasākāram yathābhūtam ñānadassanam
turned like this, in three ways, twelvefold - knowledge and insight as it really is

suvisuddham ahosi

was quite clear

athāham bhikkhave

then, monks, I

sadevake loke

did declare to the world with its gods,

samārake sabrahmake

Māra, and Brahmā,

sassamanabrāhmaniyā pajāya

to this generation, with its ascetics and brāhmaṇas,

sadevamanussāya

princes and men,

anuttaraṃ sammāsambodhiṃ abhisambuddho'ti paccaññāsiṃ that I was fully awakened with unsurpassed complete awakening.

ñāṇañ ca pana me dassanaṃ udapādi

To me knowledge and insight arose:

akuppā me vimutti

"Sure is my liberation

ayam antimā jāti

this is my last birth

natthidāni punabbhavo'ti

now there is no continuation of existence."

idam avoca bhagavā

The Blessed One said this,

attamanā pañcavaggiyā bhikkhū

and the group-of-five monks were uplifted

bhagavato bhāsitam abhinandun'ti

and greatly rejoiced in what was said by the Blessed One.

imasmiñ ca pana veyyākaraṇasmiṃ bhaññamāne

Moreover, as this sermon was being given,

āyasmato koṇḍaññassa virajaṃ vītamalaṃ dhammacakkhuṃ udapādi

to the venerable Koṇḍañña: the dust-free, stainless, Vision-of-the-Dhamma arose:

yam kiñci samudayadhammam sabbam tam nirodhadhamma'nti

"Whatever has the nature of arising, all that has the nature of ceasing."

## pavattite ca pana bhagavatā dhammacakke

Now when the Dhamma Wheel was set rolling by the Blessed One

bhummā devā saddamanussāvesum

the Earth gods let loose a cry:

etam bhagavatā bārānasiyam isipatane migadāye

"Near Bārāṇasī, in the Deer Park at Isipatana,

## anuttaram dhammacakkam pavattitam

the unsurpassed Dhamma Wheel has been set rolling by the Blessed One.

appativattiyam samanena vā brāhmanena vā

and it cannot be rolled back by an ascetic or by a brāhmaṇa

devena vā mārena vā

or by a god or by a Māra

brahmunā vā kenaci vā lokasmi'nti

or by a Brahmā or by anyone in the world."

bhummānam devānam saddam sutvā

Having heard the cry of the Earth gods

cātumahārājikā devā saddam anussāvesuṃ the gods called the Four Great Kings let loose a cry:...

cātumahārājikānaṃ devānaṃ saddaṃ sutvā

Having heard the cry of the gods called the Four Great Kings

tāvatiṃsā devā saddam anussāvesuṃ the gods called the Thirty-three let loose a cry:...

tāvatiṃsānaṃ devānaṃ saddaṃ sutvā Having heard the cry of the gods called the Thirty-three

yāmā devā saddam anussāvesum The Yāma gods let loose a cry:...

yāmānaṃ devānaṃ saddaṃ sutvā Having heard the cry of the Yāma gods

tusitā devā saddam anussāvesum the Contented gods let loose a cry:...

tusitānaṃ devānaṃ saddaṃ sutvā Having heard the cry of the Contented gods

nimmānaratī devā saddam anussāvesum the gods Delighting in Creation let loose a cry:...

nimmānaratīnam devānam saddam sutvā

Having heard the cry of the gods Delighting in Creation

paranimmitavasavattī devā saddam anussāvesum

the gods Wielding Power over the Creation of Others let loose a cry:...

paranimmitavasavattīnam devānam saddam sutvā

Having heard the cry of the gods Wielding Power over the Creation of Others

brahmaparisajjā devā saddamanussāvesum

the gods called Retinue of Brahma let loose a cry:...

brahmaparisajjānam devānam saddam sutvā

Having heard the cry of the gods called Retinue of Brahma

brahmapurohitā devā saddamanussāvesum

the gods called Ministers of Brahma let loose a cry:...

brahmapurohitānam devānam saddam sutvā

Having heard the cry of the gods called Ministers of Brahma

mahābrahmā devā saddamanussāvesum

the gods called Great Brahmas let loose a cry:...

mahābrahmānam devānam saddam sutvā

Having heard the cry of the gods called Great Brahmas

parittābhā devā saddamanussāvesum

gods of Limited Radiance let loose a cry:...

parittābhānaṃ devānaṃ saddaṃ sutvā Having heard the cry of gods of Limited Radiance

appamāṇābhā devā saddamanussāvesuṃ gods of Unbounded Radiance let loose a cry:...

appamāṇābhānaṃ devānaṃ saddaṃ sutvā

Having heard the cry of gods of Unbounded Radiance

ābhassarā devā saddamanussāvesuṃ gods of Streaming Radiance let loose a cry:...

ābhassarānaṃ devānaṃ saddaṃ sutvā Having heard the cry of gods of Streaming Radiance

parittasubhā devā saddamanussāvesuṃ gods of Limited Glory let loose a cry:...

parittasubhānaṃ devānaṃ saddaṃ sutvā Having heard the cry of gods of Limited Glory

appamāṇasubhā devā saddamanussāvesuṃ gods of Unbounded Glory let loose a cry:...

appamāṇasubhānaṃ devānaṃ saddaṃ sutvā

Having heard the cry of gods of Unbounded Glory
subhakinhā devā saddamanussāvesum

gods of Refulgent Glory let loose a cry:...

subhakiṇhānaṃ devānaṃ saddaṃ sutvā Having heard the cry of gods of Refulgent Glory

vehapphalā devā saddamanussāvesum Very Fruitful gods let loose a cry:...

vehapphalānaṃ devānaṃ saddaṃ sutvā Having heard the cry of Very Fruitful gods

avihā devā saddamanussāvesuṃ gods not Falling Away let loose a cry:...

avihānaṃ devānaṃ saddaṃ sutvā Having heard the cry of gods not Falling Away

atappā devā saddamanussāvesuṃ Untroubled gods let loose a cry:...

atappānaṃ devānaṃ saddaṃ sutvā Having heard the cry of Untroubled gods

sudassā devā saddamanussāvesuṃ Beautiful gods let loose a cry:...

sudassānaṃ devānaṃ saddaṃ sutvā Having heard the cry of Beautiful gods sudassī devā saddamanussāvesum Clear-sighted gods let loose a cry:...

sudassīnaṃ devānaṃ saddaṃ sutvā Having heard the cry of Clear-sighted gods

akaniṭṭhā devā saddamanussāvesuṃ Peerless gods let loose a cry:

etaṃ bhagavatā bārāṇasiyaṃ isipatane migadāye "Near Bārāṇasī, in the Deer Park at Isipatana,

anuttaraṃ dhammacakkaṃ pavattitaṃ the unsurpassed Dhamma Wheel has been set rolling by the Blessed One,

appaṭivattiyaṃ samaṇena vā brāhmaṇena vā and it cannot be rolled back by an ascetic or by a brāhmaṇa

devena vā mārena vā or by a god or by a Māra

brahmunā vā kenaci vā lokasmi'nti or by a Brahmā or by anyone in the world."

itiha tena khaṇena Thus at that moment, tena layena

at that instant,

tena muhuttena

at that second,

yāva brahmalokā saddo abbhuggacchi that cry reached as far as the Brahmā worlds,

ayañ ca dasasahassilokadhātu

and this ten-thousand world-element

saṅkampi sampakampi sampavedhi moved, wavered, and shook,

appamāṇo ca uḷāro obhāso loke pāturahosi, and great and measureless light became manifest in the world,

atikkamma devānaṃ devānubhāvanti transcending the godly power of the gods.

atha kho bhagavā

Then the Blessed One

imaṃ udānaṃ udānesi uttered this inspired utterance: aññāsi vata, bho, koṇḍañño
"Koṇḍañña surely knows,

aññāsi vata, bho, koṇḍañño"ti Koṇḍañña surely knows."

iti hidaṃ āyasmato koṇḍaññassa Thus to the venerable Koṇḍañña

aññāsikoṇḍañño tveva nāmaṃ ahosīti came the name Aññāsi Koṇḍañña (Koṇḍañña, he-who-knows).

dhammacakkappavattanasuttam niṭṭhitam
The Discourse that Set the Dhamma Wheel Rolling is finished

## Sutta about Gems

## Ratanasuttam

yānīdha bhūtāni samāgatāni bhummāni vā yāni va antalikkhe
 Whatever beings are gathered here, whether of the earth or
 in the sky,

sabbeva bhūtā sumanā bhavantu athopi sakkacca suṇantu bhāsitaṃ

may all beings indeed be happy and then listen carefully to what is said.

2. tasmā hi bhūtā nisāmetha sabbe mettaṃ karotha mānusiyā pajāya

Therefore, O beings, all of you listen; show loving-kindness to the human population,

- divā ca ratto ca haranti ye balim tasmā hi ne rakkhatha appamattā. who day and night bring you offerings; therefore, being heedful, protect them.
- 3. yaṃ kiñci vittaṃ idha vā huraṃ vā saggesu vā yaṃ ratanaṃ paṇītaṃ

Whatever treasure exists here or beyond, or the sublime gem in the heavens,

na no samaṃ atthi tathāgatena idam pi buddhe ratanaṃ paṇītaṃ there is none equal to the Tathāgata. This too is the sublime gem in the Buddha:

etena saccena suvatthi hotu

by this truth, may there be safety!

4. khayam virāgam amatam paņītam yadajjhagā sakyamunī samāhito

Destruction, dispassion, the deathless, the sublime, which Sakyamuni, concentrated, attained:

na tena dhammena samatthi kiñci idam pi dhamme ratanaṃ paṇītaṃ

there is nothing equal to that Dhamma. This too is the sublime gem in the Dhamma:

## etena saccena suvatthi hotu

by this truth, may there be safety!

5. yaṃ buddhaseṭṭho parivaṇṇayī suciṃ samādhim ānantarikaññam āhu

The purity that the supreme Buddha praised, which they call concentration without interval —

samādhinā tena samo na vijjati idam pi dhamme ratanaṃ paṇītaṃ the equal of that concentration does not exist. This too is the sublime gem in the Dhamma:

#### etena saccena suvatthi hotu

by this truth, may there be safety!

- 6. *ye puggalā aṭṭha sataṃ pasatthā cattāri etāni yugāni honti*The eight persons praised by the good constitute these four pairs.
- te dakkhiṇeyyā sugatassa sāvakā etesu dinnāni mahapphalāni These, worthy of offerings, are the Fortunate One's disciples; gifts given to them yield abundant fruit.
- idam pi saṅghe ratanaṃ paṇītaṃ etena saccena suvatthi hotu This too is the sublime gem in the Sangha: by this truth, may there be safety!
- 7. ye suppayuttā manasā daļhena nikkāmino gotamasāsanamhi Those who strived well with a firm mind, who are desireless in Gotama's teaching,

- te pattipattā amataṃ vigayha, laddhā mudhā nibbutiṃ bhuñjamānā have reached attainment, having plunged into the deathless, enjoying perfect peace obtained free of charge.
- idam pi saṅghe ratanaṃ paṇītaṃ etena saccena suvatthi hotu This too is the sublime gem in the Sangha: by this truth, may there be safety!
- 8. yathindakhīlo pathavissito siyā catubbhi vātehi asampakampiyo As a gate post, planted in the ground, would be unshakable by the four winds,
- tathūpamaṃ sappurisaṃ vadāmi, yo ariyasaccāni avecca passati similarly I speak of the good person who, having experienced them, sees the noble truths.
- idam pi saṅghe ratanaṃ paṇītaṃ etena saccena suvatthi hotu This too is the sublime gem in the Sangha: by this truth, may there be safety!
- ye ariyasaccāni vibhāvayanti gambhīrapaññena sudesitāni
   Those who have cognized the noble truths well taught by the one of deep wisdom,
- kiñcāpi te honti bhusaṃ pamattā na te bhavaṃ aṭṭhamam ādiyanti even if they are extremely heedless, do not take an eighth existence.
- idam pi sanghe ratanam panītam etena saccena suvatthi hotu

- This too is the sublime gem in the Sangha: by this truth, may there be safety!
- 10. sahāvassa dassanasampadāya tayassu dhammā jahitā bhavanti
  - Together with one's achievement of vision three things are discarded:
- sakkāyadiṭṭhī vicikicchitañca sīlabbataṃ vāpi yadatthi kiñci the view of the personal entity and doubt, and whatever good behavior and observances there are.
- 11. catūhapāyehi ca vippamutto chaccābhiṭhānāni abhabba kātuṃ
  - One is also freed from the four planes of misery and is incapable of doing six deeds.
- idam pi saṅghe ratanaṃ paṇītaṃ etena saccena suvatthi hotu This too is the sublime gem in the Sangha: by this truth, may there be safety!
- 12. kiñcāpi so kammaṃ karoti pāpakaṃ kāyena vācā uda cetasā vā Although one does a bad deed by body, speech, or mind,
- abhabba so tassa paṭicchadāya abhabbatā diṭṭhapadassa vuttā one is incapable of concealing it; such inability is stated for one who has seen the state.
- idam pi saṅghe ratanaṃ paṇītaṃ etena saccena suvatthi hotu This too is the sublime gem in the Sangha: by this truth, may there be safety!

13. vanappagumbe yathā phussitagge gimhānamāse paṭhamasmiṃ gimhe

ike a woodland thicket with flowering crests in a summer month, in the first of the summer,

tathūpamaṃ dhammavaraṃ adesayī nibbānagāmiṃ paramaṃhitāya

just so he taught the excellent Dhamma, leading to nibbāna, for the supreme welfare.

- idam pi buddhe ratanam paṇītam etena saccena suvatthi hotu This too is the sublime gem in the Buddha: by this truth, may there be safety!
- 14. varo varaññū varado varāharo anuttaro dhammavaram adesayi

The excellent one, knower of the excellent, giver of the excellent, bringer of the excellent, the unsurpassed one taught the excellent Dhamma.

- idam pi buddhe ratanam paṇītam etena saccena suvatthi hotu This too is the sublime gem in the Buddha: by this truth, may there be safety!
- 15. khīṇaṃ purāṇaṃ nava natthi sambhavaṃ, virattacittāyatike bhavasmiṃ

The old is destroyed, there is no new origination, their minds are dispassionate toward future existence.

te khīṇabījā avirūlhichandā nibbanti dhīrā yathāyam padīpo

- With seeds destroyed, with no desire for growth, those wise ones are extinguished like this lamp.
- idam pi saṅghe ratanaṃ paṇītaṃ etena saccena suvatthi hotu This too is the sublime gem in the Sangha: by this truth, may there be safety!
- 16. yānīdha bhūtāni samāgatāni bhummāni vā yāni va antalikkhe Whatever beings are gathered here, whether of the earth or in the sky,
- tathāgatam devamanussapūjitam buddham namassāma suvatthi hotu
  - we pay homage to the thus-gone Buddha, venerated by devas and humans: may there be safety!
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ratanasuttam niṭṭhitam

The end of the *sutta* about Gems.