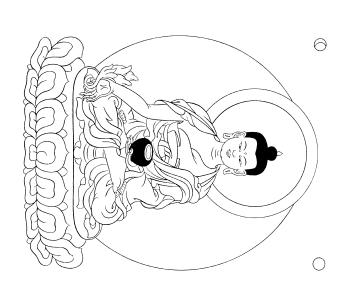
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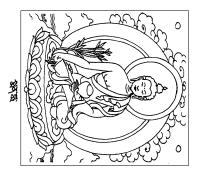
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NAMO GURU MUNINDRAYA

The river of merely hearing your names Makes even Avici's hell-fires cool as a lotus pond. Protectors in degenerate times, seven sugatas And head of the Shakyas, to your feet I bow.

Distracted by activities of varying importance,
To benefit myself and those with faith in the life stories
Of the seven buddhas for degenerate times,
I'll condense the ambrosia sutra ritual to its molten essence.

Because of the infallibility of Arya Buddha's proclamation that the power and blessings of the Medicine Buddhas are greater and swifter in degenerate times, we accept it. Having already made preparations as described in the sutra ritual, one who wishes to perform this quintessential ritual for invoking the heart commitment of the protectors during degenerate times, the seven sugatas, should recite as follows, fully infusing the mind with refuge and bodhichitta:



Refuge and Bodhichitta

the wisdom eye. (3x)the glorious holy protectors, Dharma protector guardians endowed with holy Dharma. I seek refuge in the eight brothers gone to bliss, the lord I seek refuge in the kind and glorious holy root and lineage gurus. I seek of eighty-four thousand collections of Dharmas, lord of all arya Sangha, tivity of all the tathagatas of the ten directions and three times, source Medicine Buddhas with their hosts of retinue deities. I seek refuge in refuge in the completely enlightened lord buddhas. I seek refuge in the Nature incorporating the entire body, speech, mind, qualities, and ac

May I become a buddha to benefit all sentient beings. (3x)By my merit of giving and other perfections I go for refuge until I am enlightened To the Buddha, the Dharma, and the Supreme Assembly.

The Four Immeasurables

without suffering, and I shall set in equanimity, the cause of well-being and the causes of suffering, I shall make inseparable from happiness happiness and the causes for happiness, I shall separate from suffering dharmadhatu by nature, have not realized it thus, I shall endow with All sentient beings who, although self and all appearances are free from attachment, aversion, and partiality. (3x)

The Power of Truth

Through the power of the supreme truth of the buddhas' and bodhisattvas' blessings,

With all the desirable perfections of both samsara and nirvana May this realm's beings and environment be enriched like Sukhavati The might of the two collections, and the purity of the dharmadhatu

Offerings

Human and divine enjoyments: Samantabhadra's offerings every-Flowers strewn and sandalwood fragrance rising; Whose bottoms are covered with gold, silver, and pearl dust; Jeweled ground adorned with trees and with ponds





May [everywhere] be filled with oceans of clouds of offerings, which On lotuses and lion thrones, buddhas and bodhisattvas abide. There, in the center of a charming jeweled palace they enjoy,

Born through the force of mantra, samadhi, and aspiration

Invocation

Invited as the support and protector retuge to protect others and Buddha Shakyamuni, holy Dharma, bodhisattvas, and guardians, Compassionate protectors in degenerate times, seven sugatas

May you come here, gather, and grant your blessings

Prostrations

King of the Shakyas, Manjushri, Shantarakshita, and so on, To the direct and lineage gurus, I prostrate. Holding in their hands this profound sutra: Root guru whose kindness is without equal

And the maharajas and yakshas – 1 prostrate. Seven sugatas, Buddha Shakyamuni, and holy Dharma, Manjushri, Kyab Dröl, Vajrapani, Brahma and Ishvara, To the compassionate ones who liberate destitute beings

Offering

And dedicate such virtues as these to the great enlightenment. Rejoice in virtues, request and beseech, I confess all downfalls and negativities, Through the force of mantra, samadhi, and aspiration I make every collection of offerings, actually arranged and emanated

Beseeching

Pray, show me in actuality it is true! During the final period of Shakyamuni's teachings: Your previous prayers will be fulfilled Seven sugatas, just as you promised, Great bhagavan assembly, pray listen





Buddha Renowned Glorious King of Excellent Signs (Suparikirti To the bhagavan, the tathagata, the arhat, the fully enlightened

I prostrate, offer, and go for refuge. (7x)

Golden in color with mudra of granting retuge

Who accomplished eight prayers, majestic with the glory of two accumulations,

To Renowned Glorious King of Excellent Signs, I prostrate Glorious one of the buddha-field Unconquered by Others:

One who sees, hears, or thinks of you is glorified Anthers of minor signs, such a beautiful body: In flowers of the major marks flourishing and pure

To Renowned Glorious King of Excellent Signs.

I make every collection of offerings, actually

Through the force of mantra, samadhi, and aspiration. arranged and emanated

l confess all downfalls and negativities,

Renowned Glorious King of Excellent Signs

Rejoice in virtues, request and beseech,

And dedicate such virtues as these to the great enlightenment.

Through the force of hearing the conqueror's name,

Expressing it, remembering, prostrating, and offering May all sentient beings such as ourselves be treed

From epidemics, execution, criminals, and spirits;

Have faculties fully complete; have the continuum of suffering and negativities cut;

Not fall to lower realms; and experience the happiness of humans and gods.

Without torments of body such as bindings and beatings; With hunger, thirst, and poverty pacified, may there be wealth

May we pass to fearless bliss. Endowed with loving minds and relieved from fear of flood as well, Without harm of tigers, lions, and snakes; with conflict pacified;

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And when we pass away from this life,

Become a vessel for transmitting the teachings of conquerors. May we be born from a lotus in that buddha-field, qualities complete,

Such as Renowned Glorious King of Excellent Signs, and cause them delight.



King of Melodious Sound, Brilliant Radiance of Skill, Adorned with Jewels, Moon, and Lotus (Svaragosaraja) To the bhagavan, the tathagata, the arhat, the fully enlightened Buddha

I prostrate, ofter, and go for refuge. (7x)

Who accomplished eight prayers, majestic with the Yellow in color with mudra of granting the supreme glory of two accumulations,

Glorious one of the buddha-field Endowed With Jewels:

l prostrate to King of Melodious Sound

I make every collection of offerings, actually arranged and emanated

Through the force of mantra, samadhi, and aspiration.

And dedicate such virtues as these to the great enlightenment Rejoice in virtues, request and beseech,

I confess all downfalls and negativities,

Expressing it, remembering, prostrating, and offering, Through the force of hearing the conqueror's name,

For all sentient beings such as ourselves

May the distracted flourish in the Dharma;

Have wealth and goods of humans and gods;

Without torment at conception, be always born human;

Purify obscurations; and attain the happiness of humans and gods. Never be separated from bodhichitta; increase in virtuous Dharma;

May we be freed from being separated from the spiritual guide,

From dark ages, spirit harm, death, and enemies

And from the dangers of isolated places

May we have enthusiasm for making offerings and performing ritual



King of Melodious Sound

May tormenting fires be cooled May lesser beings have samadhi, mindfulness, strength The dharani of non-forgetfulness, and attain supreme wisdom.

And when we pass away from this life,

Become a vessel for transmitting the teachings of conquerors, May we be born from a lotus in that buddha-field, qualities complete

Such as King of Melodious Sound, and cause them delight.



Buddha Stainless Excellent Gold, Great Jewel Who Accomplishes All Vows (Suvarnabhadradravimala), To the bhagavan, the tathagata, the arhat, the fully enlightened

I prostrate, offer, and go for refuge.

(7x)

Golden in color, like the River Tsambu, with Dharma teaching

Having accomplished four prayers, majestic with the glory of two accumulations,

Glorious one of the buddha-field Incense Filled

I prostrate to Stainless Excellent Gold

Paramount among golds like the gold of the River Tsambu,

Blazing with more radiance than a thousand suns,

Body like a stainless golden stupa: I prostrate to Stainless Excellent Gold

I make every collection of offerings

Through the force of mantra, samadhi and aspiration. actually arranged and emanated

I confess all downfalls and negativities,

Rejoice in virtues, request and beseech,

Stainless Excellent Gold

And dedicate such virtues as these to the great enlightenment.

Through the force of hearing the conqueror's name,

For all sentient beings such as ourselves Expressing it, remembering, prostrating, and offering, May the short-lived gain longevity, the poor, full wealth;

May combatants come to have loving minds.

But be bound by our vows and never without bodhichitta May we not be without training and fall to the lower realms

And when we pass away from this life,

Such as Stainless Excellent Gold, and cause them delight. Become a vessel for transmitting the teachings of conquerors May we be born from a lotus in that buddha-field, qualities complete,



I prostrate, ofter, and go for refuge. (7x)dha Supreme Glory Free from Sorrow (Asokottamasriraja) To the bhagavan, the tathagata, the arhat, the fully enlightened Bud-

Who accomplished four prayers, majestic with the glory of two accu-Light red in color with mudra of meditative equipoise

I prostrate to Supreme Glory Free from Sorrow Glorious one of the buddha-field Without Sorrow

Protector of beings of the six realms, To the glorified one, Supreme Glory Free Pacifier of sentient beings' three poisons and sufferings Passed beyond sorrow, attained to supreme bliss, from Sorrow, I prostrate

Rejoice in virtues, request and beseech, I confess all downfalls and negativities Through the force of mantra, samadhi, I make every collection of offerings and aspiration. actually arranged and emanated

And dedicate such virtues as these to the great enlightenment.

For all sentient beings such as ourselves Expressing it, remembering, prostrating, and offering May sorrow and the like always be pacified, and life be long and Through the force of hearing the conqueror's name,

happy.





And when we pass away from this life, May we have brightness, beauty, and wealth, unharmed by spirits; May the conquerors' light increase bliss and joy in the hells Become a vessel for transmission of the teachings of conquerors, May we be born from a lotus in that buddha-field, qualities complete, May we have love for each other; and there be no disease



Such as Supreme Glory Free from Sorrow, and cause them delight.

dha Melodious Ocean of Proclaimed Dharma (Dharmakirtisagara) I prostrate, offer, and go for refuge. To the bhagavan, the tathagata, the arhat, the fully enlightened Bud-(7x)

Pink in color with mudra of teaching the Dharma,

Who accomplished four prayers, majestic with the glory of two accu-

mulations,

Glorious one of the buddha-field Victory Banner of Dharma:

Great sound of Dharma conquering adversaries I prostrate to Melodious Ocean of Proclaimed Dharma

I prostrate to Melodious Ocean of Proclaimed Endowed with speech as deep as the ocean, Pacifier of beings' suffering without exception:

Through the force of mantra, samadhi I make every collection of offerings and aspiration actually arranged and emanated

l confess all downfalls and negativities,

And dedicate such virtues as these to the great enlightenment. Rejoice in virtues, request and beseech

Expressing it, remembering, prostrating, and offering Through the force of hearing the conqueror's name,

For all sentient beings such as ourselves

May we always have perfect view and faith,

Hear the sound of Dharma, and be enriched with bodhichitta

For the sake of resources may we give up negativities;



Melodious Ocean of Proclaimed Dharma





May wealth increase.

May we abide in love, have long lives, and be content.

And when we pass away from this life,

Such as Melodious Ocean of Proclaimed Dharma, and cause them Become a vessel for transmission of the teachings of conquerors, May we be born from a lotus in that buddha-field, qualities complete, delight.



Dharma (Abhijyaraja) Delightful King of Clear Knowing, Supreme Wisdom of an Ocean of To the bhagavan, the tathagata, the arhat, the fully enlightened Buddha

I prostrate, ofter, and go for refuge. (7x)

Coral colored with mudra of granting the supreme, Who accomplished four prayers, majestic with the glory of two accumulations,

Glorious one of the buddha-field Ocean of Jewels:

I prostrate to King of Clear Knowing

Sporting in the pure sphere of truth, Mind of profound Dharma wisdom, difficult to fathom

I prostrate to King of Clear Knowing One who sees all knowable objects directly:

l confess all downfalls and negativities Through the force of mantra, samadhi, I make every collection of offerings actually arranged and emanated and aspiration.

Rejoice in virtues, request and beseech

King of Clear Knowing

And dedicate such virtues as these to the great enlightenment.

For all sentient beings such as ourselves Expressing it, remembering, prostrating, and offering, Through the force of hearing the conqueror's name,

May those on evil paths to lower realms attain the ten virtues. May those controlled by others gain perfect independence, May the distracted be free of malice and rich in goods

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Such as King of Clear Knowing, and cause them delight. May we be born from a lotus in that buddha-field, qualities complete, Become a vessel for transmitting the teachings of conquerors,

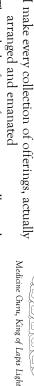


I prostrate, offer, and go for refuge. (7x)dha Medicine Guru, King of Lapis Light (Bhaisajyaguru) To the bhagavan, the tathagata, the arhat, the fully enlightened Bud-

Blue in color with mudra of granting the supreme, Who accomplished twelve prayers, majestic with the glory of two accumulations,

I prostrate to Medicine Guru, King of Doctors Glorious one of the buddha-field Lapis Light:

Dispeller of disease and the three poisons: Whose name, when merely heard, dispels Bhagavan with equal compassion for all, l prostrate to Medicine Buddha Lapis Light the suffering of lower realms,



arranged and emanated

Through the force of mantra, samadhi, and aspiration

I contess all downfalls and negativities,

And dedicate such virtues as these to the great enlightenment. Rejoice in virtues, request and beseech

Expressing it, remembering, prostrating, and offering Through the force of hearing the conqueror's name,

All become, like myself, graced with marks and signs May each and every sentient being such as ourselves

May the light dispelling darkness, the enjoyment of wisdom, and

skillful means be inexhaustible.

May those attracted to mistaken and lesser paths enter Mahayana

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And all be beautified by their vows.

May we be free from pain caused by immorality, be complete in facul-

And without disease, and have abundant goods

May those disillusioned with the weakest conditions always have powerful faculties,

May those tormented by kings gain bliss, and those who, And may we be freed from Mara's noose and perverse viewpoints

May hardships of heat and cold be pacified and all good wishes be Be satisfied with food received in accordance with Dharma Out of hunger, support themselves through negativity

And when we pass away from this life, Endowed with morality that pleases the aryas, may we be liberated

Such as Medicine Guru, King of Doctors, and cause them delight. May we be born from a lotus in that buddha-field, qualities complete, Become a vessel for transmitting the teachings of conquerors



Glorious Conqueror Shakyamuni To the bhagavan, the tathagata, the arhat, the fully enlightened buddha

I prostrate, offer, and go for refuge. (7x)

Became the glorious one of this, the fearless Who through the force of unique great Golden in color with earth-pressing mudra, compassion and enthusiasm

I prostrate to the supreme leader, head of the Shakyas.

world system:



Shakyamuni Buddha

Born in the Shakya lineage out of skillful means and compassion,

Body majestic as a golden Mount Meru: Unchallenged by others, conqueror of Mara's forces

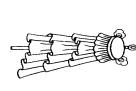
I prostrate to the king of the Shakyas.

I make every collection of offerings, actually arranged and emanated

I confess all downfalls and negativities, And dedicate such virtues as these to the great enlightenment. Rejoice in virtues, request and beseech Through the force of mantra, samadhi, and aspiration

In the extensive sutra ritual of Medicine Buddha The benefits as taught by the supreme teacher To receive here immediately, without exception, Pray, bless us and all beings who lack a protector

I prostrate, offer, and go for refuge. (3x)Supreme lamp dispelling the darkness of ignorance, Foremost of medicines alleviating suffering and disease To the entire sublime jewel of Dharma,



I make every collection of offerings, actually arranged and emanated And dedicate such virtues as these to the great enlightenment. I confess all downfalls and negativities, Through the force of mantra, samadhi, and aspiration Rejoice in virtues, request and beseech,

Practice the Buddha's teachings in their entirety May I and all others, henceforth in all our lives. Through the blessings of the truth of the holy Dharma jewel Exactly as the buddhas intended.

Pray, manifest all of them for me here and now Thus requested, they proclaimed this sutra's benefits Including Manjushri, Kyab Dröl, and Vajrapani. By thirty-six thousand sons of sugatas. The conquerors' heart commitments were invoked

As you promised to do before previous teachers -And always protect us without break Accomplish these desired goals as we wish Pacify all conflict, and increase physical and mental bliss And to the worldly protector yaksha leaders as well Increase wealth, power, property, crops, and life span – lo stop enemies, harmers, and epidemics,

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BHEKHANDZYE MAHA BHEKHANDZYE [BHEKHANDZYE]**/ BUDDHAYA / TADYATHA / OM BHEKHANDZYE PRABHA RADZAYA / TATHAGATAYA / ARHATE SAMYAKSAM OM NAMO BHAGAVATE BHEKHANDZYE / GURU BAIDURYA / RADZA SAMUDGATE SVAHA

Thus, recite the long mantra, or the short mantra as follows:

BHEKHANDZYE [BHEKHANDZYE]**/ RADZA SAMUDGATE TADYATHA OM BHEKHANDZYE BHEKHANDZYE MAHA

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or not, as one wishes. **Syllables in brackets [] are optional. They may be included when reciting the mantra

To the direct and lineage gurus, I prostrate Holding in their hands this profound sutra: King of the Shakyas, Manjushri, Shantarakshita, and so on, Root guru whose kindness is without equal

And the maharajas and yakshas, 1 prostrate To Manjushri, Kyab Dröl, Vajrapani, Brahma and Ishwara To the Seven Sugatas, Buddha Shakyamuni, and the holy Dharma, To the compassionate ones who liberate destitute beings.

And dedicate such virtues as these to the great enlighter I confess all downfalls and negativities, I make every collection of offerings, actually arranged and emanated Rejoice in virtues, request and beseech Through the force of mantra, samadhi, and aspiration

Please be patient with all of these Or done with my deluded mind, That was unprepared or degenerated Whatever I have done or caused to be done

Of lesser merit mixed with ignorant delusions Whatever the beings of this degenerate age have been done

That did not fulfill the aryas' wishes, Please be patient with these as well.

Under the influence of miserliness, lacking in skill, Having made bad offerings or faulty arrangements, O protector endowed with great compassion, Please be patient with these as well.

Whatever was superfluous or left undone, Degeneration in parts of the ritual, Or whatever was forgotten, Please be patient with these as well.



By remaining here together with this image For the sake of all migrators, May you grant us long life without illness, Power, and supreme attainment.

OM SUPRATISHTA VAJRAYE SVAHA

Just as the brave Manjushri and Samantabhadra, too, Realized things as they are, I too dedicate all these merits in the best way, That I may follow their perfect example. I dedicate all these roots of virtue With the dedication praised as the best By the victorious ones thus gone of the three times, So I might perform good works.

The hosts of Medicine Buddha deities
Pervading all directions of the round of space with perfection –
Some raining down multicolored lotuses,
Some singing songs requesting goodness,
Some acting to conquer maras and obstructers,
And all bestowing on you supreme good fortune:
Know this full well and be very joyful
And I shall voice sweet melody expressing auspiciousness.

Supreme teacher of humans and gods,
Touching my crown to your feet of jeweled moonlight
Grants the glory of good fortune of kumuda flowers' blossoming:

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To Munindra, moon of expounders, I prostrate.

Manjushri and great abbot Shantarakshita,
Trisong Detsen, Atisha father and sons,
Second conqueror Losang Dragpa, and so on:
Through the auspiciousness of all collected good qualities
Of the supreme root and lineage gurus,
May all negativity and degeneration be ended,
And bliss and goodness increasing like the waxing moon,
May it be auspicious to enjoy the glory of perfection.

Accomplishing a supreme ocean of prayers invoking truth During the teachings' decline for protectorless beings Who were untamed by other sun-like conquerors, Through the auspiciousness of all collected good qualities Of those seven sugatas, protectors during degenerate times. May all negativity and degeneration be ended, And bliss and goodness increasing like a waxing moon, May it be auspicious to enjoy the glory of perfection.

Arising well from the broad lotus-like tongue
Of the lord of the able ones,
Especially exalted even in the later days of the Shakya's teachings
Such that, if performed, one gains
The essence of immortality's ambrosia:
Through the auspiciousness of all collected good qualities
Of that king of the vast and profound sutra pitaka,
May all negativity and degeneration be ended,
And bliss and goodness increasing like the waxing moon,
May it be auspicious to enjoy the glory of perfection.

Through the auspiciousness of all collected good qualities
Of those children of the lineage performing the sutra ritual
By simply reciting the names of the kings of doctors
Of all realms' ten directions
And through the especially extensive prayers of the teacher Buddha and the sugatas,

May all negativity and degeneration be ended,
And bliss and goodness increasing like the waxing moon,
May it be auspicious to enjoy the glory of perfection.



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Accomplished through the compassion mantra of the sugatas, Through faith, samadhi, and words of truth, construction of jewels, Abode of the Three Jewels beyond the three realms, Through the auspiciousness of all collected good qualities Of that supreme buddha-field equal to Sukhavati, May all negativity and degeneration be ended, And bliss and goodness increasing like the waxing moon, May it be auspicious to enjoy the glory of perfection.



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