

The Universal Gate of Bodhisattva Kanzeon

(Kannon Gyo / The Lotos Sutra)

At that time the Bodhisattva Inexhaustible Intent immediately rose from his seat, bared his right shoulder, pressed his palms together and, facing the Buddha, spoke these words:

"World Honored One, this Bodhisattva Perceiver of the World's Sounds-- why is he called Perceiver of the World's Sounds?"

The Buddha said to Bodhisattva Inexhaustible Intent: "Good man, suppose there are immeasurable hundreds, thousands, ten thousands, millions of living beings who are undergoing various trials and suffering. If they hear of this Bodhisattva Perceiver of the World's Sounds and single-mindedly call his name, then at once he will perceive the sound of their voices and they will all gain deliverance from their trials.

If someone, holding fast to the name of Bodhisattva perceiver of the World's Sounds, should enter a great fire, the fire could not burn him. This would come about because of this Bodhisattva's authority and superna-tural power. If one were washed away by a great flood and call upon his name, one would immediately find himself in a shallow place.

"Suppose there were a hundred, a thousand, ten thousand, a million living beings who, seeking for gold, silver, lapis lazuli, seashell, agate, coral, amber, pearls, and other treasures, set out on the great sea; and suppose a fierce wind should blow their ship off course and it drifted to the land of rakshasas demons. If among those people there is even just one who calls the name of Bodhisattva Perceiver of the World's sounds, then all those people will be delivered from their troubles with the rakshasas. This is why he is called Perceiver of the World's Sounds.

"If a person who faces imminent threat of attack should call the name of Bodhisattva Perceiver of the World's sounds, then the swords and staves wielded by his attackers would instantly shatter into so many pieces and he would be delivered.

Thought enough yakshas and rakshasas to fill all the thousand-million-fold world should try to come and torment a person, if they hear him calling the name demons will not even be able to look at him with their evil eyes, much less do him harm. "Suppose, in a place filled with all the evil-hearted bandits of the thousand-million-fold world, there is a merchant leader who is guiding a band of merchants carrying valuable treasures over a steep and dangerous road, and that one man shouts out these words: 'Good men, do not be afraid! You must single-mindedly call on the name of Bodhisattva Perceiver of the World's Sounds. This Bodhisatt-va can grant fearlessness to living beings. If you call his name, you will be delivered from these evil-hearted bandits!' When the band of merchants hear this, they all together raise their voices, saying, 'Hail to the Bodhisattva Perceiver of the World's Sounds!' And because they call his name, they are at once able to gain deliverance. Inexhaustible Intent, the autho-ri-ty and supernatural power of the Bodhisattva and mahasattva Perceiver of the World's Sounds are as mighty as this!

"If there should be living beings beset by numerous lusts and cravings, let them think with constant reverence of Bodhi-sattva Perceiver of the World's Sounds and then they can shed their desires. If they have great wrath and ire, let them think with constant reverence of Bodhisattva Perceiver of the World's Sounds and then they can shed their ire. If they have great ignorance and stupidity, let them think with constant reverence of Bodhisattva Perceiver of the World's Sounds and they can rid themselves of stupidity.

"Inexhaustible Intent, the Bodhisattva Perceiver of the World's Sounds possesses great authority and supernatural powers, as I have described, and can confer many benefits. For this reason, living beings should constantly keep the thought of him in mind.

"If a woman wishes to give birth to a male child, she should offer obeisance and alms to

Bodhi-sattva Perceiver of the World's Sounds and then she will bear a son blessed with merit, virtue, and wisdom. And if she wishes to bear a daughter, she will bear one with all the marks of comely-ness, one who in the past planted the roots of virtue and is loved and respected by many persons. "Inexhaustible Intent, the Bodhi-sattva Perceiver of the World's Sounds has power to do all this. If there are living beings who pay respect and obeisance to Bodhisattva Perceiver of the World's Sounds, their good fortune will not be fleeting or vain. Therefore living beings should all accept and uphold the name of Bodhisattva Perceiver of the World's Sounds.

"Inexhaustible Intent, suppose there is a person who accepts and upholds the names of as many Bodhisattvas as there are sands in sixty-two million Ganges, and for as long as his present body lasts, he offers them alms in the form of food and drink, clothing, bedding and medicines. What is your opinion? Would this good man or good woman gain many benefits or would he not?"

Inexhaustible Intent replied, "They would be very many, World-Honored One."

The Buddha said: "Suppose also that there is a person who accepts and upholds the name of Bodhisattva Perceiver of the World's Sounds and even just once offers him obeisance and alms. The good fortune gained by these two persons would be exactly equal and without difference. For a hundred, a thousand, ten thousand, a million kalpas it would never be exhausted or run out. Inexhaustible Intent, if one accepts and upholds the name of Bodhisattva Perceiver of the World's Sounds, he will gain the benefit of merit and virtue that is as immeasurable and boundless as this!"

Bodhisattva Inexhaustible Intent said to the Buddha, "World-Honored One, Bodhisattva Perceiver of the World's Sounds-- how does he come and go in this saha world? How does he preach the Dharma for the sake of living beings? How does the power of expedient means apply in this case?"

The Buddha said to Bodhisattva Inexhaustible Intent: "Good man, if there are living beings in the land who need someone in the body of a Buddha in order to be saved, Bodhisattva Perceiver of the World's Sounds immediately manifests himself in a Buddha's body and preaches the Dharma for them. If they need someone in a pratyekabuddha's body in order to be saved, immediately he manifests a pratyekabuddha's body and preaches the Dharma to them. If they need a voice-hearer to be saved, immediately he becomes a voice-hearer and preaches the Dharma for them. If they need King Brahma to be saved, immediately he becomes King Brahma and preaches the Dharma for them. If they need the lord Shakra to be saved, immediately he becomes the lord Shakra and preaches the Dharma for them. If they need the heavenly being Freedom to be saved, immediately he becomes the heavenly being Freedom and preaches the Dharma for them. If they need a great general of heaven to be saved, immediately he becomes a great general of heaven and preaches the Dharma for them. If they need Vaishrava to be saved, immediately he becomes Vaishrava and preaches the Dharma for them. If they need a petty king to be saved, immediately he becomes a petty king and preaches the law for them.

If they need a rich man to be saved, immediately he becomes a rich man and preaches the Dharma for them. If they need a householder to be saved, immediately he becomes a householder and preaches the Dharma for them. If they need a chief minister to be saved, immediately he becomes a chief minister and preaches the Dharma for them. If they need a Brahman to be saved, immediately he becomes a

Brahman and preaches the Dharma for them. If they need a monk, a nun, a layman believer, or a laywoman believer and preaches the Dharma for them. If they need the wife of a rich man, of a householder, a chief minister, or a Brahman to be saved, immediately he becomes those wives and preaches the Dharma for them. If they need a young boy or a young girl immediately he becomes one of these and preaches the Dharma for them. If they need a heavenly being, a dragon, a yaksha, a gandharva, an asura, a garuda, a kimnara, a mahoraga, a human or a non-human being to be saved, immediately he becomes all of these and preaches the Dharma for them. If they need a vajra-bearing god immediately he becomes one and preaches the Dharma for them.

"Inexhaustible Intent, this Bodhisattva Perceiver of the World's Sounds has succeeded in acquiring benefits such as these and. Taking on a variety of different forms, goes about among the lands saving living beings. For this reason you and the others should single-mindedly offer alms to Bodhi-sattva Perceiver of the World's Sounds because he can bestow fearlessness on those who are in fearful, pressing or difficult circumstances. That is why in this saha world everyone calls him Bestower of Fearlessness."

"Bodhisattva Inexhaustible Intent said to the Buddha, "World-Honored One, now I must offer alms to Bodhisattva Perceiver of the World's Sounds."

Then he took from his neck a necklace adorned with numerous precious gems, worth a hundred or a thousand taels of gold, and presented it to [the Bodhisattva], saying, "Sir, please accept this necklace of precious gems as a gift in the Dharma."

At that time Bodhisattva Perceiver of the World's Sounds was unwilling to accept the gift.

Inexhaustible Intent spoke once more to Bodhisattva Perceiver of the World's Sounds, saying, "Sir, out of compassion for us, please accept this necklace."

Then the Buddha said to Bodhisattva Perceiver of the World's Sounds, "Out of compassion for this Bodhisattva Inexhaustible Intent and for the four kinds of believers, the heavenly kings, dragons, yakshas, gandharvas, asuras, garudas, kimnaras, mahoragas, human and nonhuman beings, you should accept this necklace."

Thereupon Bodhisattva Perceiver of the World's Sounds, having compassion for the four kinds of believers and the heavenly beings, dragons, human and nonhuman beings and the others, accepted the necklace and, dividing it into two parts, presented one part to Shakyamuni Buddha and presented the other to the tower of the Buddha Many Treasures.

[The Buddha said,] "Inexhaustible Intent, these are the kinds of freely exercised supernatural powers that Bodhisattva Perceiver of the World's Sounds displays in his comings and goings in the saha world."

At that time Bodhisattva Inexhaustible Intent posed this question in verse form:

World-Honored One replete with

wonderful features, I now ask you once again for what reason that Buddha's son is named Bodhisattva Perceiver of the World's Sounds?

The honored One endowed with wonderful features replied to Inexhaustible Intent in verse:

Listen to the actions of the Perceiver of Sounds, how aptly he responds in various quarters.

His vast oath is deep as the ocean; kalpas pass but it remains unfathomable

He has attended many thousands and millions of Buddhas, setting forth his great pure vow. I

will describe him in outline for you - listen to his name, observe his body, bear him in mind, not passing the time vainly, for he can wipe out the pains of existence.

Suppose someone should conceive a wish to harm you, should push you into a great pit of fire.

Think on the power of that Perceiver of Sounds and the pit of fire will change into a pond! If you should be cast adrift on the vast ocean, menaced by dragons, fish and various demons, think on the power of that Perceiver of Sounds and the billows and waves cannot drown you!

Suppose you are on the peak of Mount Sumeru and someone pushes you off.

Think on the power of that Perceiver of Sounds and you will hang in midair like the sun!

Suppose you are pursued by evil men who wish to throw you down from a diamond mountain.

Think on the power of that Perceiver of Sounds and they cannot harm a hair of you! Suppose you are surrounded by evil-hearted bandits, each brandishing a knife to wound you.

Think on the power of that Perceiver of Sounds and at once all will be swayed by compassion! Suppose you encounter trouble with the king's law, face punishment, about to forfeit your life.

Think on the power of that Perceiver of Sounds and the executioner's sword will be broken to bits!

Suppose you are imprisoned in cage and lock, hands and feet bound by fetters and chains.

Think on the power of that Perceiver of Sounds and they will fall off, leaving you free!

Suppose with curses and various poisonous herbs someone should try to injure you.

Think on the power of that Perceiver of Sounds and the injury will rebound upon the originator.

Suppose you encounter evil rakshasas, poison dragons and various demons. Think on the power of that Perceiver of Sounds and then none of them will dare to harm you.

If evil beasts should encircle you, their sharp fangs and claws inspiring terror, think on the power of that Perceiver of sounds and they will scamper away in boundless retreat. If lizards, snakes, vipers, scorpions threaten you with poison breath that sears like flame,

think on the power of that Perceiver of Sounds and, hearing your voice, they will flee of themselves.

If clouds should bring thunder, and lightning strike, if hail pelts or drenching rain comes down, think on the power of that Perceiver of Sounds and at that moment they will vanish away. If living beings encounter weariness or peril, immeasurable suffering pressing them down, the power of the Perceiver of Sounds' wonderful wisdom can save them from the sufferings of the world. He is endowed with transcendental powers and widely practices the expedient means of wisdom.

Throughout the lands in the ten directions there is no region where he does not manifest himself. In many different kinds of evil circumstances, in the realms of hell, hungry spirits or beasts, the sufferings of birth, old age, sickness and death-- all these he bit by bit wipes out.

He of the true gaze, the pure gaze, the gaze of great and encompassing wisdom, the gaze of pity, the gaze of compassion-- constantly we implore him, constantly look up in reverence.

His pure light, free of blemish, is a sun of wisdom dispelling all darkneses. He can quell the wind and fire of misfortune and everywhere bring light to the world. The precepts from his

compassionate body shake us like thunder, the wonder of his pitying mind is like a great cloud. He sends down the sweet dew, the Dharma rain, to quench the flames of earthly desires. When law suits bring you before the officials, when terrified in the midst of an army, think on the power of that Perceiver of Sounds and hatred in all its forms will be dispelled.

Wonderful sound, Perceiver of the World's Sounds, Brahma's sound, the sea tide sound-- they surpass those sounds of the world; therefore you should constantly think on them from thought to thought never entertaining doubt! Perceiver of the World's Sounds, pure sage-- to those in suffering, in danger of death, he can offer aid and support. Endowed with all benefits, he views living beings with compassionate eyes. The sea of his accumulated

blessings is immeasurable; therefore you should bow your head to him!

At that time the Bodhisattva Earth Holder immediately rose from his seat, advanced, and said to the Buddha, "World-Honored One, if there are living beings who hear this chapter on Bodhisattva Perceiver of the World's Sounds, on the freedom of his actions, his manifestation of a universal gateway, and his transcendental powers, it should be known that the benefits these persons gain are not few!"

When the Buddha preached this chapter on the Universal Gateway, a multitude of eighty-four thousand persons in the assembly all conceived a determination to attain the unparalleled state of anuttara-samyak-sambodhi.

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The Shurangama Mantra

(Ryogon Shu)

Give Praise to the Awakened One! The Well Come One! The Holy One! The One With Perfect Universal Knowledge! The Great One! The Buddha Who Sits on Ten Million Thrones!

Give Praise to all the Buddhas and Bodhisattvas!

Give Praise to all the Universally Enlightened Ones! And to those who have abandoned everything-- the Sangha!

Give Praise to the Countless World Honored Arhats!

Give Praise to those who have entered the Holy Stream!

Give Praise to those who have but once more to be reborn!

Give Praise to the Countless Perfected Ones! Those who prevent the Sins of Desire!

Give Praise to the Devas and Immortals!

Give Praise to the Accomplished One! The Knowing Immortal Tara; who if looked upon with reverence takes immediate delight in us!

Give Praise to the Jewel of Salvation!

Give Praise to Indra the Creator!

Give Praise to the Holy One! The Guardian Deva Rudra, Lord of the Storms! And His Consort Unmada!

Give Praise to the Holy One! The Immensely Strong Nara, whose utterances are Great, Perfect and Illuminating! Give Praise to this Completely Compassionate One!

Give Praise to the Holy One! The Buddha Mahakara! He who crossed over in previous times! The Unfettered One! We give homage to this one of Untouched Virtue and Unsurpassed Emancipation who wore the cast-off clothing of graveyards and who was a founder of our sect. Give Praise to this Completely Compassionate One!

Give Praise to the Holy One! The Nobly Descended Tathagata!

Give Praise to the Nobly Descended Red Lotus!

Give Praise to the Nobly Descended Diamond-Thunderbolt!

Give Praise to the Nobly Descended Great Jewel!

Give Praise to the Nobly Descended Great Elephant!

Give Praise to the Holy One! The Sovereign Lord Sulasana, who was beyond being possessed by Joy, this Tathagata!

Give Praise to the Holy One! Give Praise to Amitabha! The Well Come One! The Blessed One! The One with Perfect Universal Knowledge!

Give Praise to the Holy One! The Unmoved Buddha Aksobhya! The Well Come One! The Blessed One! The One with Perfect Universal Knowledge!

Give Praise to the Holy One! The Lapis Lazuli Radiating Medicine Teaching Buddha Bhaisajya Tathagata! Give Praise to the Holy One!

The Completely Empty Teacher of Caution who takes pity on those in Hell! The Well Come One! The Blessed One! The One with Perfect Universal Knowledge!

Give Praise to the Holy Ones! Ratnaketuraja! The Two Thousand Precious Buddhas of the Future! The Well Come Ones! The Blessed Ones! The Ones with Perfect Universal Knowledge!

When we are in danger, if we give praise to these Highest Ones, from their dim clouds the World Honored Ones, the Tathagatas of the Ten Million Thrones, send down their protective White Canopy of Purity.

Giving praise to these who are victorious over backsliding on the Three Evil Paths is the perfect true antidote, and without this antidote we are cutoff from their compassion by our desires.

When you are in public and are called out to, or when fragrances secretly lure you, these Protectors of the Needy will surely save you. By completely worshipping these Virtuous Ones, all wrongdoing ends and the Heavenly Beings who proclaimed this Dharani take delight in our behavior!

Making Obeisance to those Enduring Ones that cause our perfection, I invoke the Destroyers of Evil! The Worthy Young Elephants who have caused the Constellations and have clearly pointed out that which is evil!

Thus! I invoke the Destroyers of Evil. Thus! I cause the confinement of all enemies!

These words contain the antidote that excludes evil and those that wish to prevent our passing to the Other Shore. Thus! I avoid the fire pits of Hell.

Great Moon of Nirvana! Great Purifier of Sins! Great Cause of Forbearance! Great Guardian Against Injury! Great Hearer of the Cries of the World: Noble and Compassionate Tara! To whom it is given to watch over us, and who is our sworn protector!

The Diamond-Thunderbolt Gar-land that pours down on ordinary men!

The Diamond-Thunderbolt Great Utterance of the Fully Accomplished Mind for the Removing of Wickedness!

The Diamond-Thunderbolt Sa-madhi that causes the Living Devi to be sent down from the Heights of Heaven! Great Emancipating and Nobly Compassionate Tara! The Great Guardian Against Damnation. The Diamond-Thunderbolt Auspiciously Adorned Ones!

The Diamond-Thunderbolt Female Devas Who Delight in Protecting Us!

The Diamond-Thunderbolt that ends our offenses and changes our dangers into a covering of fragrant flowers, flowers that spread like a ring; created by Vairocana Buddha who exists on ten thousand worlds and who takes myriad delights in these jewel-like creations!

The Diamond-Thunderbolt of Golden Light!

Vairocana's Diamond Thunder-bolt that overcomes the threats of Mara! This cleansing light shines

from the Buddha Vairocana and His Voice calls out, returning me to the Path of Discipline!

When desire manifests itself, it can be cut off with the following far reaching Gatha:

HUM! Danger Approaches O Yellow Flowered One!

HUM! Danger Approached O Treasured One!

HUM! Danger Approaches O Beyond Accomplishments One Who Is Continually Surrounded By Honors!

HUM! Danger Approaches O Conqueror of All Forms! To the One who has converted multitudes of heretics, I say this

danger is drawing near me!

HUM! Danger Approaches! Thus I invoke the mystic formula of the Holy and Sacred One, the Tathagata who sits on Ten Million Thrones and who saves me from desires! The Great Savior of the multitudes who is honored by the fortunate multitudes! The All Knowing, who makes the earth tranquil and conveys understanding to living beings. I entrust myself to the Great Diamond Thunderbolt Illuminating One of the Pleasing Grove's Mandala! The Dread and Desire Overcoming One that I thus honor and who returns me to the Path of Discipline!

He Who is like a King!

He Who is Master of Form!

He Who is like Fire!

He Who is like Water!

He Who is Fearless!

He Who is the Teacher!

He Who is like a Powerful Wheel!

He Whose Tasks are Difficult!

He Who is Unfettered!

He In Whom the Sky Delights!

He Who Created and Send Us this Dharani!

He Who was the Dragon King!

He Who is Above Censure!

He Who is the Great Dragon!

He Who is the Knowing One!

He Who has Overcome Klesa!

He Who has Compassion for Evil Spirits!

He Who has Compassion for Malignant Demons!

He Who has Compassion for Hungry Ghosts!

He Who has Compassion for Female Spirits!

He Who has Compassion for Demons produced by Metamorphosis!

He Who has Compassion for the Demons who consume the vitality of men!

He Who has Compassion for the Female Demons who poison children!

He Who has Compassion for the Evil Odoured Demons!

He Who has Compassion for the Demons who injure children!

He Who has Compassion for the Demons who cause seizures!

He Who has Compassion for the Demons who cause madness!

He Who has Compassion for the Demons who defile food!

He Who has Compassion for the Demons of the Fiery Pits!

We are carried by Birth!

We are carried by Activity!

We are carried by Gaining Strength!

We are carried by Discriminating!

We are carried by Judging!

We are carried by Producing!

We are carried by Feeling the Passing of Time!

We are carried by Becoming Fearful!

We are carried by Our Ties!

We are carried by Ignorance!

We are carried by Mind!

When we have a strong impulse, All the Compassionate

Ones use their Knowledge to furnish us with the Armor of Restraint and the Power of Self-Control!

The Salvation from Sin knowledge that furnishes us with the armor of restraint and the power of self-control!

The Conquering One's knowledge that furnishes us with the armor of restraint and the power of self-control!

The Terrible Ash-covered Great Storm God's knowledge that furnishes us with the armor of restraint and the power of self-control!

The Power of the Desireless One's knowledge that furnishes us with the armor of restraint and the power of self-control!

The Great and Upright knowledge that furnishes us with the armor of restraint and the power of self-control!

The Greatly Illuminating Condensed knowledge that furnishes us with the armor of restraint and the power of self-control!

The Very Penetrating Mysterious knowledge that furnishes us with the armor of restraint and the power of self-control!

The Cause of Victory, Cause of Joy One Hundred Fold Completely Pleasing knowledge that furnishes us with the armor of restraint and the power of self-control!

The Preeminent Nondiscriminating knowledge that furnishes us with the armor of restraint and the power of self-control!

The Venerable Holy Knowledge that furnishes us with the armor of restraint and the power of self-control!

The Diamond-Thunderbolt Handed, Garland after Garland, Incomparable Lord's knowledge that furnishes us with the armor of restraint and the power of self-control!

The Holy Guardian that returns me to the Path of Discipline!

The Holy Dharani! It descends like a White Canopy to protect us!

Give Praise to the Pure and Elegant Sovereign of the Unfettered Assembly, the Master of Salvation,
the Lord Who Constantly Presides Over the Mind!

Rays of Light! Rays of Light! Shining! Shining!

The pervading illumination, the pervading brilliance that cuts through!

HUM! HUM! Moving, moving, moving, moving, moving the world!

Guardian of those who call out!

Guardian of the unfortunate!

Guardian of those who are yet unsaved!

Guardian of those who support the wise!

Guardian of those who cry out for Heavenly Knowledge!

From all the Female Devas, He guards us!

From all the Serpent Kings, He

guards us!

From all the Demons, He guards us!

From all the Gods of Fragrance, Music and Sensuality, He guards us!

From all the Female Demons, He guards us!

From the Foul smelling Demons, He guards us!

From all Hostile Written Magic, He guards us!

From all Evil Eyes, He guards us!

From all the Followers of Shiva, He guards us!

From all seizures, He guards us!

From all Violent Beings, He guards us!

From all Self-Injuries, He guards us!

From all Worldly Views, He guards us! And His Triumphant Hand

Fills Us with Joy!

From all that would injure us, He guards us! And the Activities of the Sages, He protects!

The One Who Conquered the

Demons' Assembly: He guards us! The Diamond-Thunderbolt that reproaches the wicked!

The One Who Has Knowledge of All Beings: He guards us! The One Who Remembers Us in His Great
Surpassing Contemplation: He guards us! The Diamond-Thunderbolt of Heaven!

The Wisdom Enveloped Victorious Guardian! The Great Illuminating One! He Who Has Embraced All
Wisdom!

Give Praise to Him Who Acts as the Guardian!

He guards against the spread of disease!

He guards against the spread of the dissolution of the wise!

He guards against the spread of ignorance!

He guards against the spread of the Great Black Demon!

He guards against the spread of poisoning!

He guards against the spread of earthquakes!

He guards against the spread of

tempests!

He guards against the spread of angry death causing spirits!

He guards against the spread of darkness on the surface of the earth!

He guards against the spread of the followers of Kali!

And for the freedom of mind of Hearers of the Law, He guards against the spread of celebrity!

He causes injuries to be impeded and thus returns me to the Path of Discipline!

For the Evil Hearted, the Disobedient Hearted, He is the Powerful One, the Praiseworthy One, the Fierce One, the Fragrant One, the Moving One, the Engendering One, the Living One, the Mendicant One, the Shining One, the Nurturing One, the Producing One, the Speaking One

For the Wicked Hearted,

the Evil Hearted,

the Iron Hearted, it is:

He who has compassion for Evil Spirits!

He who has compassion for Malignant Demons!

He who has compassion for Hungry Ghosts!

He who has compassion for Female Spirits!

He who has compassion for Demons produced by metamorphosis!

He who has compassion for Demons who consume the vitality of men!

He who has compassion for Demons who injure children!

He who has compassion for Demons who cause madness!

He who has compassion for Demons who defile food!

He who has compassion for Demons who cause seizures!

He who has compassion for those who injure the Light of the Victorious Ones!

He who has compassion for those who injure the Enlightened Ones!

He who has compassion for

those who cling to clouds!

He who has compassion for the confused and inconsistent!

He who has compassion for those who are very happy!

He who has compassion for those who are unloved!

He who has compassion for those who become intoxicated!

He whose pleasure is the conquering of the multitude with the Light that shines in every region!

He whose pleasure is in accord with His Wishes!

He whose pleasure is to protect the fragrant earth!

He whose pleasure is to know the abandoned!

He whose pleasure is to lead the way for those who will conquer the multitude, lest they falter in their work!

He whose pleasure is to set free!

He whose pleasure is to mark the beautiful boundary!

He whose pleasure is to descend to us from Heaven! The Complete and Universal

Conqueror of the Multitude, who exists in the same realm as the deities and whose exhilarating knowledge pleases the wise! Produced by His Eye! Produced by His Mouth! Produced by His Body!

The One who receives our devotion!

My skin, He makes firm!

My teeth, He makes firm!

My flesh, He makes firm!

My vital spots, He makes firm!

My six parts, He makes firm!

My ligaments, He makes firm!

My belly, He makes firm!

My hair, He makes firm!

My blood, He makes firm!

My breast, He makes firm!

My senses, He makes firm!

My backbone, He makes firm!

My feet, He makes firm!

My whole body, from excesses, He makes firm!

True Father of Wisdom! Conqueror of the Principle of

Life! To whom the Creator of the World presented the "Vessels that Protect the Living" as a sign of His respect for the characteristics of this writing!

He bestows on us this excellent existence!

He bestows on us these Sacred Sounds!

He takes pleasure in our activities!

He takes pleasure in our making offerings of incense!

He bestows on us the power to destroy worldly illusions!

He takes pleasure in our coming together to repent our sins!

He anoints our thoughts and takes pleasure in His complete power of speech and action!

He bestows on us His Universal Vows!

Binding our transient thoughts! This is the antidote for demons and malignant spirits, and from the desires of the illusory life!

His Sacred White Canopy protects us!

The Great Diamond-Thunder-bolt of Ten Million Thrones!

The Great One of Surpassing Wisdom! Who causes my feet to turn to the Conqueror, the Yellow Robed One!

Knowing One! Who increases my compassion!

Saving One! Who increases my compassion!

He of the Surpassing Know-ledge! Who increases my compassion!

The Heavenly One! AUM!

He proceeds on the wind like fire, manifesting His devotion in place after place! The Diamond-

Thunderbolt Handed One! HUM! To Him of Universal Attributes, Hail!

The Great Light Dharani

(of removing Disasters)

(Sho Sai Shu)

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Adoration to all the

Buddhas!

Adoration to the

Teaching that knows no

obstructions!

Thus: Om! Khya khya

Speak, speak!

Hum hum!

Jvala jvala

prajvala prajvala

(blaze, blaze)!

Tistha tistha (up, up)!

Stri Stri!

Sphata (burst, burst)!

One who is quiescent!

To the glorious one,

hail!

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Ten Phrase Life-Prolonging Kannon Sutra

(Enmei Jukku Kannon Gyo, the bell chant)

KANZEON!

Devotion to Buddha

At one with the Buddha

Related to all Buddhas in cause and effect.

And to Buddha, Dharma and Sangha.

Joyful, pure, eternal being!

Morning mind is Kanzeon

Evening mind is Kanzeon

This very moment arises from Mind

This very moment is not separate from mind.

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Dharani of the Great Compassionate One

(Dai Hi Shu)

Adoration to the Triple Treasure!

Adoration to Avalokitesvara the Bodhisattva-Mahasattva who is the great compassionate one! Om, to the one who performs a leap beyond all fears! Having adored him, may I enter into the heart of the blue-necked one known as the noble adorable Avalokitesvara! It means the completing of all meaning, it is pure, it is that which makes all beings victorious and cleanses the path of existence. Thus: Om, the seer, the world-transcending one! O Hari the Mahabodhisattva! All, all! Defilement, defilement! The earth, the earth! It is the heart. Do, do the work!

Hold fast, hold fast! O great victor! Hold on, hold on! I hold on. To Indra the creator I move, move, my defilement-free seal! Come, come! Hear, hear! A joy springs up in me! Speak, speak! Directing! Hulu, hulu, mala, hulu, hulu, hile! Sara, Sara! siri, siri! suru, suru! Be awakened, be awakened! Have awakened, have awakened! O merciful one, blue-necked one! Of daring ones, to the joyous, hail! To the successful one, hail! To the great successful one, hail!

To the one who has attained mastery in the discipline, hail! To the blue-necked one, hail! To the boar-faced one, hail! To the one with a lion's head and face, hail! To the one who holds a weapon in his hand, hail!

To the one who holds a wheel in his hand, hail! To the one who holds a lotus in his hand, hail! To the blue-necked far-causing one, hail! To the beneficent one referred to in this Dharani beginning with "Namah," hail!

Adoration to the Triple Treasure! Adoration to Avalokitesvara! Hail!

May these [prayers] be successful! To this magical formula, hail!

[He of the Diamond-Thunderbolt Surpassing Glory, Hail! He of the Constellation Surpassing Glory, Hail! He of the Small Vehicle Surpassing Glory, Hail! AUM! We honor the words of this Holy One Who Bestows Virtue, Hail! I give praise to the Three Precious Ones! I give praise to Kuan Yin, Hail! May there be success from this Mystical Incantation! Svaha!]

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Prayer on the Occasion of feeding Hungry Ghosts

(Daisegaki, Chant for the Deceased)

If one wishes to know all the Buddhas of the past, present, and future, one should contemplate the nature of this Dharmadhatu essentially as the creation of Absolute Mind.

Adoration to the Buddhas in the ten quarters;

Adoration to the Dharma pervading the ten quarters;

Adoration to the Sangha in the ten quarters;

Adoration to Sakyamuni the Buddha who is our Master;

Adoration to Kanzeon the Bodhisattva, who is the great compassionate and pitying

one, ready to save beings from afflictions;
Adoration to Ananda the Arhat who is the expounder of the Teaching.
Adoration to Hoshin the Jewel-excelled Tathagata; Adoration to Taho the
Abundant-in-jewel Tatha-gata;
Adoration to Myoshishin the Fine-form-body Tathagata;
Adoration to Kohashin the Broad-wide-body Tathagata;
Adoration to Rifui the Freed-from-fear Tathagata; Adoration to Kanroo the Nectar-
king Tathagata; Adoration to Amida Tathagata.
Adored be the Tathagata of Infinite Light! Namely:
O Nectar-raising one!
O Nectar-perfecting one!
O Nectar- producing one!
O One who makes nectar pervade!
O One who makes nectar universally pervade!
O One who makes nectar known as widely as space! Hail!

Be adored! O all the Tatha-gatas who are regarded [as our protectors]; Om!
Provision, provision!
Hum! Adored be the Tathagata Beautifully For-med! Namely: Om!
To the Beautifully-formed One!

To the Beautifully formed One!
To the Beautifully-formed One! Hail! Adored be all the Buddhas! Vam!"

By the supernatural power of this Dharani the food and drink is purified, this we offer to the spiritual beings as numerous as the sands of the Ganges. We pray that they shall all be fully satisfied and abandon their greed; that they shall all leave their abodes of darkness and be born in the blissful paths of existence; and further that taking refuge in the Triple Treasure they shall awaken the desire for supreme enlightenment and finally come to the realization of it. The merit they thus attain is inexhaustible and will continue on to the end of time, making all beings equally share in this Dharma-food.

O you hosts of spiritual beings, we make this offering of food to you all, which we pray will fill the ten quarters and that all beings of your kind will partake of it.

By the practice of this meritorious deed we pray that we repay what we owe to our parents, who have done all they could for our sakes. May those who are still alive continue to enjoy their happy and prosperous lives for ever, while those who are no more with us be released from suffering and born in the land of bliss.

We pray that all sentient beings in the triple world who are recipients of the fourfold benefaction, toge-ther with those beings suffering in the three evil paths of existence and tormented with the eight kinds of calamities, may repent of all their sins and be cleansed of all their sores, so that they may all be released from the cycle of transmigration and be born in the land of purity. We pray to all the Buddhas,

all the Bodhisattva Mahasattvas in the ten quarters, of the past, present, and future, and to Maha Prajna Paramita, that by virtue of this merit universally prevailing, not only we but all beings shall equally attain Buddhahood.

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Dharani of the Victorious Buddha Crown

(Buchinson Shin Dharani)

Adoration to the Blessed One who is the most excellent one in the triple world!
Adoration to the Enlightened One, to the Blessed One!
Namely: Om! Cleanse [us], cleanse [us]! O one who is always impartial! One who, being in possession of all-pervading, all-illuminating light, is pure in his self-nature, cleansed of the darkness of the five paths of existence!
Baptize us, O Sugata, with an immortal baptism which consists of the best words, of the great true phrases!
Remove disasters, remove disasters, O one who holds an eternal life!
Cleanse us, cleanse us, O one who is as pure as the sky!
O one who is as pure as the victorious Buddha-crown!
O one who is inflamed with a thousand rays of light!
O all the Tathagatas who look over [the entire world]!
O one who is perfect in the Six Paramitas!
O one who holds the great seal empowered with the spiritual power which emanates from the heart of every Tathagata!
O one whose body is as hard and pure as Vajra!
O one who is thoroughly pure, cleansed of all impediments, all fears, and all the evil paths!
Turn us away [from evils] O one who enjoys a purified life!
O one who empowers us with [the power of] the original covenant!
O jewel, jewel, the great jewel!
O Suchness which is reality-limit and absolute purity!
O one who is pure in his evolved enlightenment!
Be victorious,
be victorious,
be ever victorious,
be ever victorious!
Bear in mind, bear in mind!
O one who is pure being empowered by all Buddhas!
O Vajragarbha who holds the Vajra! Let my body be like Vajra! Let those of all beings too be like Vajra!
O one who is in possession of an absolutely pure body! O one who is absolutely pure from all the paths of existence! And let me be consoled by all the Tathagatas!
O one who is empowered with the consoling power of all the Tathagatas!
Be enlightened,
be enlightened,
be ever enlightened,
be ever enlightened!
Have them enlightened,

have them enlightened,
have them ever enlightened,
have them ever enlightened!

O one who is most pure in a most thoroughgoing way!

O one who holds a great seal empowered with the spiritual power which emanates
from the heart of every Tathagata!Hail!

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Purification Dharani (Gyaku Hon Jin Shu)

I give my life to the Buddha,

I give my life to the Dharma,

I give my life to the Sangha.

I give my life to various Buddhas

In ten directions.

I give my life to the Bodhisattvas Mahasattvas.

I give my life to the Arhats.

I give my life to the Enlightened Teachers.

All evil karma

Go away, go away, go away!

The seven devils, quickly leave,

Never stay!

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Takuhatsu Sutra

(Fu E Ko)

May we extend this mind throughout the universe, so that we and all sentient
beings may equally bring to fruition the seeds of wisdom. We offer this to all
Buddhas and Bodhisattva-Mahasattvas of the past, present and future in the ten
quarters and to the Maha Prajna Paramita.

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KO TE TA SOWA..)

The Skanda Temple Protecting Deity

Shuya Shin

(ON BA SAN BA EN TEI
SHU YA JIN SO WA KA...)

The Night Watch Deity