

Adapted from Amida Shu's *Nienfo Book* by Johnathan Robertson

Offering

In gratitude we make an offering
to all Buddhas and Bodhisattvas
throughout space and time.
May it be as blessed as earth herself,
reflecting our careful efforts,
our whole-hearted awareness,
and the fruit of understanding slowly ripening.
May we and all beings be
companions of Buddhas and Bodhisattvas.
May we awaken from forgetfulness
and realise the Pure Land.

Refuge

I take refuge in Amida, the Unimpeded Light

*Namo Amitabhaya**

I take refuge in the Buddha, the One who shows me the way in this life

*Namo Buddhaya**

I take refuge in the Dharma, the way of understanding and love

*Namo Dharmaya**

I take refuge in the Sangha, The community that lives in harmony and awareness

*Namo Sanghaya**

I take refuge in the Pure Land, the perfect field of merit

*Namo Buddha-kshetraya**

Buddham Saranam Gacchami

Dharmam Saranam Gacchami

Sangham Saranam Gacchami***

Resolution

(Shan Tao -Majjhima Nikaya)

Rare is it to meet with the Dharma,
ultimate and profound,
Even though one seeks for
hundreds and thousands of aeons
Fortunately we now hear and receive it
We pray that we may understand
the Tathagata's true meaning.

Reading

Dharma Talk

(Optional)

Chanting

Silence

Chanting

Bodhisattva Vow

Innumerable are sentient beings: *we vow to save them all*
Inexhaustible are deluded passions: *we vow to transform them all*
Immeasurable are the Dharma teachings: *we vow to master them all*
Infinite is the Buddha's way: *we vow to fulfill it completely* *

Transference

With this meritorious practice, may we dedicate ourselves to repay what we owe
to our parents, teachers, friends, and predecessors.

(Furthermore, we dedicate this merit to...)

Celebration of Amida's Vows

The original and sacred vows
Are the unique and essential grace
By which to enter the Pure Land.
Therefore, with body, speech and mind,
We are devoted to the teachings
That all may attain the state of bliss.

Chants

Rhythmic Nembutsu:

Namo Amidabu, Namu Amidabu, Namu Amidabu, Namu Amida

“Amida Shu” Nembutsu:

Namo Amida Bu, Namu Amida Bu, Namu Amida Bu, Namu Amida

Amitabha Chant:

Amitabha, Amitabha, Amitabha, Amitabha...

Quan Shi Yin Chant:

Namo Quan Shi Yin Bosat

Ten Verse Kannon Sutra:

KANZEON

NAMU BUTSU

YO BUTSU U IN

YO BUTSU U EN

BUPPO SO EN

JO RAKU GA JO;

CHO NEN KANZEON

BO NEN KANZEON

NEN NEN JU SHIN KI

NEN NEN FU RI SHIN

Namo Tassa:

Namo Tassa Bhagavato Arahato Samasambuddhassa

Om Shakyamuni:

Om Shakyamuni Buddha, Om Shakyamuni Buddha

Life of No Regret

Your radiant face,
Like a mountain peak catching the first burst of
morning light
Has awesome and unequalled majesty.
Like black ink by comparison
Are the sun, the moon, or the "mani" treasure.
Tathagata, such is your incomparable face.
The melody of your enlightenment fills the world
Rare and precious are your precepts,
Learning, energy, meditation,
Wisdom and amazing virtue.
The oceanic Dharma of all Buddhas
Which you fathom to its deepest depths
Dispels the three poisons from the heart—
You are like a lion: valiant and divinely pure.

Great power! Deep wisdom! Awesome light!
Reverberation!
A prayer I make, a Buddha to become
Equal to you, my Dharma king,
To lead all beings to the other shore,
Leaving none behind.
The six paramitas to perfect
With prajna at their head.
Should I become Buddha:
I will fulfil this prayer completely:

To everyone I'll bring great peace.
To Buddhas countless as sand grains, my offerings I
make,
And do not flinch from the trials of the incomparable
Way, Powerful, straight and true.
Though Buddha lands and worldly realms
Be numberless like sand,
by sheer power of aspiration I'll fill them all with light.
Let me become a Buddha, and the multitude of beings
Will all enjoy my primordial Nirvana world.
By indiscriminate compassion, I will enlighten all.
Reborn here from no matter where
In my country their hearts will lighten and be joyful,
happy and at ease.
Oh you Buddha, witness my vow, my true aspiration,
Establishing my vow on you
Gives me the strength to fulfil it.
Buddhas throughout space and time
Of unimpeded wisdom
Always witness my heart's practice.
No matter the obstacles, the hardships,
My practice will endure through all,
Without regret.

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