

THE KING OF ASPIRATION PRAYERS FOR THE EXCELLENT CONDUCT OF THE NOBLE ONES

I pay homage to noble Manjushri Kumara.

To all the tathagathas without exception, those lions of men and women of the three times who abide in the countless worlds of the ten directions, I prostrate inspired by faith with body, speech and mind.

Through the power of this aspiration prayer for excellent conduct, I manifest in mind all the victorious ones. Bowing down with bodies as countless as atoms in all the realms, I fully prostrate to all the victorious ones.

I imagine on a single atom, buddhas as countless as atoms in the universe, each residing with his son and daughter bodhisattvas. In this way all the realms of the dharmadhatu are filled with victorious ones.

With oceans of inexhaustible exaltation consisting of all the sounds of oceans of various types of melodies, I fully express the qualities of all the victorious ones and praise all the sugatas.

With the finest flowers, the finest garlands, music, perfumes, supreme parasols, supreme lamps and the finest incense, I make offering to all the victorious ones.

With the finest clothing, supreme scents, heaps of aromatic powders equal in size to Mount Meru and so on, all displayed in the most sublime of arrangements, I make offering to the victorious ones. Supreme victory banners and supreme pennants, all of these again I offer to the victorious ones.

Through the power of respectful faith in all the victorious ones, and through the power of trusting faith in excellent conduct, I prostrate and make offerings unsurpassable and vast to all the victorious ones.

Through the power of passion, aggression and ignorance, I have performed harmful actions with body, speech and likewise mind. All these actions I confess, each and every one.

I rejoice in all merits, those of the victorious ones and their descendant bodhisattvas of the ten directions, those of the pratyekabuddhas, the shravakas requiring practice, the arhats who no longer need practice, and those of all beings.

I request all the protectors, those beacons of the worlds of the ten directions, who have traveled the stages of the path of bodhi and have reached enlightenment free from obscuration, to turn the wheel of the unsurpassable dharma.

With palms joined, I supplicate all the tathagatas who are planning to pass into nirvana, to remain for as many kalpas as there are atoms in the buddha realms, in order to provide benefit and happiness to all sentient beings.

Whatever small virtue I have accumulated, through prostration, offering and confession, rejoicing, requesting to teach, and supplicating to remain, I dedicate entirely for the sake of enlightenment.

I make offering to the Buddhas of the past and to those who reside in the worlds of the ten directions. May those who have not yet appeared as Buddhas, quickly complete their intentions. May they progress through the stages of enlightenment and attain Buddhahood.

May the countless realms of the ten directions be completely transformed into vast and completely pure realms. May these pure realms be completely filled with Buddhas together with their son and daughter bodhisattvas, and may each Buddha reside sitting under the greatest of all trees, the tree of Bodhi.

May the countless sentient beings of the ten directions be free from illness and enjoy happiness at all times. May all beings who are acting in accord with the goals of the dharma be in harmony and may their aspirations be accomplished.

May I perform enlightened activities and may I recall all my previous lives. In all of my lives, from birth to death, may I always be a renunciate.

Training by following the examples of all the victorious ones, may I completely perfect excellent conduct. May my activities and discipline be without stain and be completely pure. May my conduct at all times be free of faults and impairments.

May I teach the dharma in the language of the gods, in the language of the nagas, in the language of the yakshas, in the language of the Kumbhandas, in the different languages of humans, and in all the many languages spoken by sentient beings.

With a mind of peace, may I fully exert myself in the paramitas. May I never forget bodhichitta. May I completely purify without exception, all harmful actions and their ensuing obscurations to liberation.

May I be liberated from nonvirtuous actions, kleshas and Mara's activities that obstruct accomplishment, and may I act for all the beings of this world, just like the lotus unstained by mud and just like the beneficial sun and moon unhindered by space.

May I completely pacify the suffering of the beings of the lower realms who in extent would fill all the directions of the Buddha fields. May I establish all beings in happiness and bring benefit to all.

May I completely perfect the activities of enlightenment and engage in harmonious activities in order to ripen sentient beings.

May I fully teach excellent conduct and perform the sum of the above activities throughout all future kalpas.

May I always accompany those whose good actions are similar to mine. May our activities and aspirations of body, speech and mind be one and the same.

May I always meet those spiritual friends who wish to benefit me and fully teach me excellent conduct. May I never displease them.

At all times may I see in person the victorious ones, those lords who are encircled by their bodhisattvas. Throughout all future kalpas, may I tirelessly make a vast variety of offerings to them.

May I retain the authentic dharma of the victorious ones and thus be able to shed light on all enlightened conduct. Thoroughly training in excellent conduct, may I practice it at all times in all future kalpas.

In all my rebirths in samsara, may I obtain inexhaustible merit and wisdom. In this way may I become an inexhaustible treasury of the qualities of upaya, prajna, samadhi and liberation.

Within a single atom, may I see all the countless Buddha realms. Within each of these realms may I see the incomprehensible Buddhas residing with their son and daughter bodhisattvas. As they perform enlightened activities may I do so along with them.

Then, in each of the realms in all directions, may space even the size of a tip of a hair be filled with realms the size of oceans containing oceans of Buddhas of the three times. May I fully engage in enlightened conduct together with the Buddhas throughout oceans of kalpas.

Every single teaching of the Buddha appears in languages having oceans of qualities. It has the qualities of the pure melodic speech of all the victorious ones and harmoniously satisfies the different wishes of all sentient beings. May I always listen to the speech of the buddhas.

All the victorious tathagatas of the three times have fully turned the wheel of the dharma. May I, through the power of mind, fully enter into the inexhaustible melodious speech of all the victorious ones.

Just as the Buddhas enter into wisdom in all future kalpas may I too enter into such wisdom in this very instant. Combining the entire extent of all the kalpas of the three times into a fraction of a single instant, may I perform enlightened conduct wherever I may be.

In this very instant may I see all the lions of men and women, the tathagathas of the three times. May I at all times realize the liberation of the tathagathas that sees all objects of experience as illusion.

May I make the Buddha realms of the three times manifest within a single atom. May I then make each atom in all directions without exception manifest all the pure realms of the victorious ones.

May I go into the presence of all the present and future lords, those beacons who illuminate the world, who demonstrate stage by stage the attainment of enlightenment, who turn the wheel of the dharma, and who attain the ultimate complete peace of nirvana.

By way of the power of altogether swift miracles, the power of the vehicle that travels the path of complete benefit, the power of conduct having all excellent qualities, the power of all pervasive loving kindness, the power of all virtuous merit, the power of wisdom that is free from attachment, and the powers of prajna, upaya and samadhi, may I perfectly accomplish the power of enlightenment.

May I completely purify the power of karma, may I fully subjugate the power of the kleshas, may I render the power of the maras powerless, and may I perfect the power of excellent conduct.

May I completely purify oceans of realms, completely liberate oceans of sentient beings, fully see oceans of dharmas, fully realize oceans of wisdom, perform oceans of excellent activities completely purifying all faults, fully complete oceans of aspirations, and fully offer to oceans of Buddhas. May I perform all these activities without weariness throughout oceans of kalpas.

All the victorious ones of the three times have made multitudes of enlightened aspirations. May I become an enlightened Buddha through performing excellent conduct thereby completing all of their aspirations without exception.

The principal son of all the victorious ones is the individual named Samantabhadra. In order to act in the same manner as this master, I fully dedicate all my virtuous activity. I also make dedication for pure body, speech and mind, for pure conduct, and for the complete purification of the realms. May I be just like the master in making this excellent dedication.

In order to practice the excellent conduct of the all virtuous dharmas, may my aspirations be the same as those of Manjushri. In all future kalpas, may I be without weariness in completing all the activities of Manjushri.

May my paramita activities be immeasurable. May my excellent qualities be immeasurable. Having performed immeasurable activities, may I attain all the manifestations of the buddhas and bodhisattvas.

Just as space is without limit so too are all sentient beings. Just as their karma and kleshas are without limit, so, too, may my aspirations be without limit.

An individual could offer limitless realms of the ten directions ornamented with precious jewels to the victorious ones. They could also offer substances of gods and humans producing supreme delight. They could make these offerings in numbers as countless as atoms in the realms over many kalpas. However, if they were to listen to

this king of dedication prayers, be motivated to supreme enlightenment, and then give rise to faith even a single time, the merit gained would be even more sublime.

If I make this aspiration prayer for excellent conduct, I will abandon all rebirths in the lower realms. I will be free from associating with inappropriate friends and will quickly see the Buddha Amitabha.

I will completely obtain the supreme attainments, I will be happy in this life, and in this present life everything will go well.

In aspiring to be like Samantabhadra, I will be just like him in a short period of time.

If I perform the five inexpressible sins out of ignorance, when I recite this Prayer for Excellent Conduct, I will quickly and completely purify them.

I will attain wisdom, have a beautiful body, possess the major and minor marks, be born into an excellent family and be radiant in appearance.

The maras and tirthikas will not be able to harm me, and all beings of the three worlds will make offerings to me.

I will quickly go before the Bodhi tree, and abiding there I will be able to benefit sentient beings.

Having subdued the maras and their troops, I will attain enlightenment and fully turn the wheel of the dharma.

If I keep this Aspiration Prayer for Excellent Conduct with me, chant or read it, I will gain the complete fruition only known by the Buddhas, the attainment of supreme enlightenment –of this there is no doubt!

Just as Manjushri has supreme knowledge, so too, has Samantabhadra. In order to follow in the footsteps of these supreme bodhisattvas, I fully dedicate all the virtue arising from making this aspiration.

With dedications that are praised as supreme by all the victorious ones of the three times, I fully dedicate all of my roots of virtues in order that all beings attain the conduct of Samantabhadra.

At the time of my death, may all my obscurations be dispelled. Having seen Buddha Amitabha in person, may I instantly go to the pure realm of Sukhavati.

Having gone there, may all the fruitions of making this Aspiration Prayer fully manifest. May all of my wishes and those of others be completely fulfilled, and may I benefit sentient beings as long as worlds exist.

In that joyous realm having the excellent qualities of the mandala of victorious Amitabha, may I take birth on a beautiful lotus. May victorious Amitabha appear to me in person, and may I receive a prophecy from him.

Having fully received this prophecy in Sukhavati, may I emanate many billions of emanations, and through my intent, may a multitude of benefits be performed for sentient beings in the ten directions.

Through whatever small virtue I have accumulated by reciting this Aspiration Prayer for Excellent Conduct, may all the positive wishes of sentient beings and all positive results be accomplished instantly.

The merit obtained through the dedication of the Aspiration Prayer for Excellent Conduct is limitless and authentic. By whatever merit I have so obtained, may all sentient beings drowning in the river of suffering gain complete rebirth in the realm of Sukhavati.

Through this king of aspiration prayers may all sentient beings receive benefit and attain the greatest of all attainments.

By accomplishing this aspiration prayer taught by Samantabhadra that is ornamented with Buddha activity, may the lower realms be completely emptied of beings.

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