

Deadname Ceremony

Trans Sangha, October 31, 2024

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(Each line call and response)

Being One with the Buddhas in ten directions

Being One with the Dharma in ten directions

Being One with the Sangha in ten directions

Being One with the mother of all Buddhas, Maha Prajna Paramita

Being One with our original teacher, Shakyamuni Buddha

Being One with Great Compassion Avalokitesvara Bodhisattva

Being One with Great Wisdom Manjushri Bodhisattva

Being One with Great Action Samantabhadra Bodhisattva

Being One with Great Vow Jizo Bodhisattva

Being One with our ancestors, known and unknown

(Together)

Raising the Bodhi Mind, the supreme meal is offered to all the hungry spirits throughout space and time, filling the smallest particle to the largest space. All you hungry spirits in the ten directions, please gather here. Sharing your distress, we offer you this food, hoping it will resolve your thirsts and hungers. We pray that all who receive this offering will return its merits to all Buddhas and to all beings throughout space and time, in this way they will be thoroughly satisfied. We further pray that in receiving this meal all your sufferings will be eliminated, and that you will be liberated, so that being joyously reborn you will play freely in the fields of the Pure Land. Raising the Bodhi Mind and practicing the Enlightened Way, you become the future Buddhas without any further regress. Those who realize the way first, please vow to liberate all others throughout all space and time. We further beseech you to sustain us day and night and give us courage to fulfill our vows. In offering this meal, we pray that you give its merits equally to all creations in the Dharma worlds. Please transfer the merits of this offering to the Dharma world of True Reality, to unsurpassable enlightenment, and to all the Buddha wisdoms. May all beings in the Dharma world swiftly accomplish the Buddha Way together.

Approach the altar, one by one, write on paper

Dharani of Breaking Down the Gates of Hell and Opening Hungry Spirits' Throats

OM BO HO TEI RI GYA TA RI TA TA GYA TA YA

Dharani of Expansion prayer upon the Food and Drink

NO MAKU SA RA BA TA TA GYA TA BARO KI TEI OM SAN BA RA SAN BA RA
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Dharani of Feeding all the Hungry Spirits

(repeat until offering is complete, at least 3 times)

NO MAKU SAN MAN DA BO TA NAN BAN

Creating Mandala of empowerment

(Each line call and response)

Being One with the Compassionate Presence Ancestor Tathagata above

Being One with the Radiant Trans Tathagata below

Being One with the Freedom from Fear Tathagata in the North

Being One with the Many Jewels Tathagata in the South

Being One with the Wondrous Form Body Tathagata in the East

Being One with the King of Sweet Dew Tathagata in the West

Being One with the Boundless Body Tathagata in the Center

Dharani for Raising the Bodhi Mind (x3)

OM BO JI SHI TA BO DA HA DA YA MI

Now we have raised the Bodhi Mind

Dharani of Giving the Bodhisattva Samaya Precepts (x3)

OM SAN MA YA SA TO BAN

I am the Buddhas and they are me

Pause for the burning of the papers. Remain silent while chant leader gives dedication.

Dedication

(All together)

All buddhas, ten directions, three times.

All honored ones, bodhisattva-mahasattvas,

Wisdom beyond wisdom,

Maha Prajña Paramita