

NOVENA/ INVOCATION FOR THE SICK, SUFFERING AND RECENTLY DECEASED



**Each participant takes a slip of paper and writes down names of people they would like included in prayers*

(3 bells)

 Opening and Paying Homage

All chant vigorously:

Om Namó, Namó Buddhaya, Buddhaya, Dhammaya. Sanghaya
(x2)

Om Namó, Om Namó, Om Namó, Namó Buddhaya (x2)

Om Namó, Namó Buddhaya, Buddhaya, Dhammaya. Sanghaya
(x2)

(3 Bells)

The 8 auspicious offerings (if transmitted)

Make 8 auspicious offerings , mantra and mudra silently:

Ong Wor Gan (water for the face), Ba Dang (Water for the feet),
Bu Beh (Flowers), Du Beh (incense), Wor Lo Geh (lamps/light),
Gen Deh (perfume), Le Wei De (food), Shab Da (music/sound), Za
Di Za Hong So Ha (Accept this offering) *prostrations x3*

(3 bells)

Unshakable Faith in the Buddha *(do not recite title)*

All present recite together

When one has faith in the Perfect One,
Unshakable and well established
And good conduct built on virtue,
Dear to the noble ones and praised,

When one has confidence in the Sangha,
And one's view is straightened out,
They say that one isn't poor;
One's life is not lived in vain.

Therefore the person of intelligence,
Remembering the Buddha's Teaching,
Should be devoted to faith and virtue,
To confidence and vision of the Dhamma.

(bell) All bow



Incense offering to the Buddhas *(do not recite title)*

Incense burning,
All space is filled with the fragrance,
All Buddhas smell it from afar,
Auspicious clouds gather everywhere,
With utmost sincerity all Buddhas appear.
We pay homage and offer clouds of incense to the Bodhisattvas
and the Mahasattvas *(repeat this verse 3 times)*

Contemplation on impermanence *(do not recite title)*

Recite: All conditioned phenomena are like a dream, a shadow, all sentient beings will definitely die. All inanimate things will definitely perish. When one realizes this is true, they enter the beginning stage of a mind intent upon release.

(reflect until bell rings)

Recite: Then, we make 4 sublime offerings: putting Dharma into practice, generating loving-kindness and compassion for friends and enemies, repaying the kindness of our living teacher by heeding the special instructions given and offering our virtuous actions for the benefit of all beings. We confess all downfalls and negativities, and rejoice in all virtues.

(Reflect on the 4 sublime offerings until bell rings)



Recite: May all living beings have happiness and the causes of happiness. May we all separate from suffering and the causes of suffering. May my own heart be joyful over the happiness of others and their freedom from suffering. May I have boundless generosity, the cause of well-being, free from attachment, aversion and partiality.

(bell)

Silently contemplate the above reflections and aspiration in preparation to chant the Great Compassion Mantra. When chanting this mantra, we imagine we are exchanging our virtue for that of Kuan Sher Yin's pure intentions and power; and with fearless compassion and brightness we spontaneously benefit living beings in the seven realms, offering them all this bodhi mind.

(3 bells)



Great Compassion Mantra (Mahakaruna Dharani)

[Nā mo] hē là dá nà duō là yè yé。 ☸

Nā mo a lī yé

pó lú jié dì shuò bō là yé。

Pú tí sà duǒ pó yé。

Mó hā sà duǒ pó yé 。

Mó hā jiā lú ní jiā yé。

OM。 Sà pan là fá yì。

Shù da nǎ dá xiě。

Nā mo xī jí lí duǒ yī mēng a lī yé。

Pó lú jié dì shì fó là léng tuó pó。

Nāmo nǎ là jǐn chí 。

Xī lī mó hā bó duō shā miē。

Sà pó a tā dòu shū péng a shì yùn。

Sà pó sà duō nǎ mó pǒ sà duō

Nǎ mó pó qié mó fá tè dòu。

Dá zhí tuo 。

OM a pó lú xī。 Lú jiā dì 。

(faster)

Jiā luó dì 。

Yí xī lī 。

Mó hā pú tí sà duǒ。

Sà pó sà pó。 Mó là mó là。

Mó xī mó xī lī tuó yùn。

Jù lú jù lú jié méng。

Dù lú dù lú fá shé yé dì 。

Mó he fá shé yé dì。

Tuó là tuó là dì lī ní shì fó là yē。

Zhē là zhē là。 Mó mó fá mó là。

Mù dì lì。 Yí xī yī xī。 Shì nǎ shì nǎ。 A là shēn fó là shě lì。

Fá shā fá shēn fó là shě yé。

Hū lú hū lú mó là。 Hū lú hū lú xī lī 。

Suō là suō là。 Xī lī xī lī 。

Sū lú sū lú。 Pú tí yè pú tí yè。

Pú tuó yè pú tuó yè。

Mí dì lī yè nǎ là jǐn chí。

Dì lī sè ní nà。

Bō yè mó nà suō pó he。

Xī tuó yè suō pó he。

Mó hā xī tuó yè suō pó he。

Xī tuó yù yì shì pan là yè suō pó he。

Nǎ là jǐn chí suō pó he。

Mó là nǎ là suō pó he。

Xī là sēng a mù qū yé suō pó he。

Suō pó mó hā a xī tuó yé suō pó he。

Zhě jí là a xī tuó yè suō pó he。

Bō tuó mó jié xī tuó yè suō pó he。

Nǎ là jǐn chí pan qié là yé suō pó he。

Mó pó lì shèng jié là yè suō pó he。

Nā mo hē là dá nà duō là yè yé。

Nā mo ǚ lì yé

Pó lú jí dì shuō pan là yè suō pó he。

An xī diàn dū màn duō là。 Bá tuó yé suō pó he。 ☸

Jīn gāng shèng zhuāng yán suō pó hē
Mó jié shèng zhuāng yán suō pó hē
Shēng wén shèng zhuāng yán suō pó hē
Ong, Bá shě là shì lì yē suō pó hē
(drums sounding end) (3 bells)

Offering the mandala – *Offer mudra (if received) and all recite:*

We offer everything to the great beings, our wealth, loves, attachments, joys, grief, sorrows, and the lives of every living being in every realm.

However many awakened beings there are in the worlds of the 10 directions and 3 times, Without exception I prostrate to you with body, speech and mind. *(bow) (bell)*

Compassionate protectors in degenerate times, may you come here, gather and grant your blessings. By the power of prayers of excellent deeds all conquerors appear clearly to my mind and bowing with bodies as numerous as all the atoms of the world, I visualize innumerable conquerors filling the realms of space. To all, I prostrate. *(bow) (bell)*

With an inexhaustible ocean of praise and the sound of infinite tongues, I proclaim and praise the excellent qualities of those thus gone. *(bow) (bell)*



Medicine Buddha and Kuan Yin Petitions

****Each participant who wishes, shares name(s) and brief description of subject of prayer (ie. Nicholas who is suffering with pancreatic cancer right now and whose family is struggling to accept prognosis)***

Bowl is circulated, collecting names and offered to Medicine Buddha altar

(3 bells) All recite:

Expressing, remembering, prostrating, and offering, May all sentient beings be freed from epidemics, execution, criminals, and spirits. *(bell)*

May we 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. *(bell)*

With hunger, thirst, and poverty pacified, may there be wealth. Without torments of body such as bindings and beatings; without harm of wild animals; with conflict pacified; endowed with loving minds and relieved from fear of floods and fires as well, may we achieve fearless bliss. *(bell)*

May we have brightness, beauty, and wealth, unharmed by spirits; may we have love for each other; and may there be no disease. And when we pass away from this life, may we be born from a lotus in that buddha-field, with qualities complete, a vessel for transmitting the teachings of conquerors such as:

Renowned Glorious King of Excellent Signs *(bell)*

and King of Melodious Sound *(bell)*

Melodious Ocean of Proclaimed Dharma *(bell)*

Delightful King of Clear Knowing *(bell)*

and Medicine Guru King of Doctors, just hearing your name brings
great consolation and delight *(3 bells)*

Sangha chants :TA YA TA / OM BEKANZAY BEKANZAY MAHA
BEKANZAY / RADZA SAMUD GATE SOHA

 Great Zen Emptiness Mantra

[Recite]: When performing true charity there is no giver, no
receiver and no gift and everything becomes emptiness:

[Quickly and softly recite]:

Ong Sang Ba Wa Sho Da

Sa Wa Da Ma

Sang Ba Wa Sho Do Hong

Repeat 3 times

(Bell)

Silent Meditation and prayer

Dedication of Merit 

All recite: We dedicate whatever merit there may be resulting from this practice to all sentient beings, everywhere. May you create the causes of peace, contentment, and happiness and have the actual manifestation of such wherever you may be.

3 bells

Wish Fulfilling Mantra and Mudra *(if transmitted)*

8 Auspicious Offerings *(if transmitted)*