

SEVEN-LIMBED PRAYER

I bow down with a clear mind, body and speech to all lions-among-humans, leaving none out. Those who traverse the three times in the worlds of the ten directions, however many there may be.

I make obeisance to all the conquerors, with bowing bodies as numerous as the particles of those worlds, perceiving all the conquerors through the strength of prayers that aspire to auspicious deeds.

Upon one particle there are Buddhas as numerous as the particles of those worlds, and all are seated in the midst of their children. In this way, all are spheres of reality. I imagine conquerors filling all of those particles.

In praise of all the sugatas, I express the excellence of all the conquerors with all the sound of an ocean of voices in song and oceans of inexhaustible praise.

I offer to the conquerors exquisite flowers, the best garlands, superior perfumes, fragrant powders piled as high as Mount Meru—all in the most excellent arrangements.

I imagine all unsurpassable and vast offerings for all the conquerors. With the strength of my faith in auspicious deeds I bow down and make offerings to all the conquerors.

Whatever sins I have done with body, speech or mind under the influence of attachment, hostility or ignorance, I confess each and every one of them.

I rejoice in all merit, whatever it may be, of all the conquerors of the ten directions, conqueror's children, Pratyekabuddhas, those with more to learn, those with no more to learn, and all ordinary beings.

I implore all the protectors, lights of the world in the ten directions who have reached Buddhahood, which is without attachment, to turn the peerless wheel of the teaching.

I supplicate with palms joined in prayer those wishing to demonstrate their final nirvana—please stay for aeons equal in number to the particles of the universe in order to bring happiness and benefit to all beings.

Whatever merit I have accumulated, however slight, from obeisance, offering, confession, rejoicing, imploring, and supplication, I dedicate it all to enlightenment.

