

Moon Journeying Through Clouds



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The Way of Buddha

The Way of Buddha is vast and all-encompassing. Nothing in the universe is excluded from it. I wish to follow this great way, so that I may become an awakened one and serve all beings.

As one who follows the Buddha's Way, I strongly believe in oneness of life. In oneness of life, there is no true self apart from my kinship with all life. When I realize this, the thought of enlightenment awakens in my heart to lead all beings out of pain to peace and happiness. My yearning for full enlightenment and attainment of Buddhahood is no other than my compassion for my fellow beings who still suffer from their delusion of separate identities. Therefore I practice Dharma to become the instrument of freedom for all.

In my Dharma practice, there is no distinction between my cultivation of wisdom and my compassion for others. All beings, in their urgent need, constantly inspire me to attain full enlightenment, so I dedicate all my work to them.

Three Jewels: Buddha, Dharma and Sangha

My mind is Buddha which is peace, love and happiness. Like the vast empty sky it holds everything yet with no trace. Like the great wide ocean it is full yet always empty. That which is truly empty is that which is truly real. There is no sky that does not yield to movement no matter how slight, nor is there a sky that does not absorb pressure no matter how strong. There is no ocean broken up by any object no matter how big, nor is there ocean that does not ripple in movement no matter how small. Such is our Buddha-mind. Out of this unlimited mind I make a vow to save all sentient and insentient.

My mind is Dharma which is discipline and truth. The well disciplined mind shines, and reveals love and wisdom, like the moon coming out of the clouds. Ultimately there is no delusion, no ignorance and no death. There is only life which has to be lived fully every minute anew. I wish to discover this life and save countless beings from delusion and suffering. Our mind is originally pure, bright and free from attachments. I now resolve not to cling to anything as real in order to keep this mind pure and free. The disciple is one who has gone beyond. He lives like a cloud, like wind, and like trees. She lives like water, like trees and like smiles. I now resolve to cease from all anxiety and flow like eternal happiness and freedom.

I am so grateful to be with grass, to stand with trees, to look up at sky, to run with dogs, to laugh with children, to be among rocks, to greet friends, and to learn that we are all so different yet the same. I now resolve to be ever grateful and protect them all.

My mind is Sangha which is spiritual community where people pursue right livelihood and endeavor to build Buddha-land right here and now. It is the spiritual basis of my life on this planet. I now resolve to support Sangha and devote all my life to the network of universal Sangha.

Three Refuges (1)

*Chi-sim kwi-myong-nae: Si-bang-sam-se Che-mang-ch'al-hae
Sang-ju-il-ch'e Pul-t'a-ya-jung*

*Chi-sim kwi-myong-nae: Si-bang-sam-se Che-mang-ch'al-hae
Sang-ju-il-ch'e Dal-ma-ya-jung*

*Chi-sim kwi-myong-nae: Si-bang-sam-se Che-mang-ch'al-hae
Sang-ju-il-ch'e Sang-ga-ya-jung*

I go for refuge to the Buddha and resolve with all beings,
I will cultivate a heart of enlightenment and realize the Great Way.

I go for refuge to the Dharma and resolve with all beings,
I will penetrate the teachings and uncover oceans of wisdom.

I go for refuge to the Sangha and resolve with all beings,
I will seek peace and happiness for the many
and transform this world into Buddhaland unimpeded.

Three Refuges (2)

*Buch'o-nimkke maum-dahae uiji-hamnida
Dharma-nimkke maum-dahae uiji-hamnida
Sunim-nekke maum-dahae uiji-hamnida*

Buddha, the awakened one, the awakened heart in us all
and the living force of peace
May I take refuge in the Buddha

Dharma, the teachings of Buddha, moral discipline and wisdom
May I take refuge in the Dharma.

Sangha, the happy and joyous community of all beings
May I take refuge in the Sangha.

*Going for refuge to the Three Jewels of the Buddha, Dharma, and Sangha is the most important
ritual act in Buddhism. These versions of the refuges are used in public services at the temple.*

Yebul: Homage to The Three Jewels

morning

A-gum Ch'ong-chong-su Byon-wi-kam-no-da Bong-hon Sam-bo-nim-jon
Won-su E-nap-su Won-su E-nap-su Won-su Cha-bi E-nap-su

evening

Kye-hyang Chong-hyang Hye-hyang, Hyet'al-hyang Hye-t'al-ji-gyon-hyang;
Kwang-myong-un-dae Chu-byon-bob-gye Kong-yang Si-bang-mu-ryang
Bul-bop-sung;

Hon-hyang chin-on: Om Pa-a-ra To-bi-ya Hum (3 times)

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Chi-sim Kwi-myong-nae: Sam-gye-do-sa sa-saeng-ja-bu si-a-bon-sa
So-ga-mo-ni-bul

Chi-sim Kwi-myong-nae: Si-bang-sam-se che-mang-ch'al-hae sang-ju-il-ch'e
Pul-t'a-ya-jung

Chi-sim Kwi-myong-nae: Si-bang-sam-se che-mang-ch'al-hae sang-ju-il-ch'e
Dal-ma-ya-jung

Chi-sim Kwi-myong-nae: Tae-ji-mun-su sa-ri-bo-sal tae-haeng-bo-hyun-bo-sal
tae-bi-kwan-se-um-bo-sal tae-won-bon-jon-ji-jang-bo-sal ma-ha-sal

Chi-sim Kwi-myong-nae: Yong-san-dang-si su-bul-bu-ch'ok sib-dae-je-ja
sim-nyuk-song o-baek-song tok-su-song ne-ji ch'on-I-baek che-dae-arahan
mu-ryang-song-jung

Chi-sim Kwi-myong-nae: So-gon-dong-jin kup-a-hae-dong yok-tae-jon-dung
che-dae-jo-sa ch'on-ha-jong-sa il-ch'e-mi-jin-su che-dae son-ji-sik

Chi-sim Kwi-myong-nae: Si-bang-sam-se che-mang-ch'al-hae sang-ju-il-ch'e
Sung-ga-ya-jung

Yu-won mu-jin-sam-bo tae-ja-dae-bi su-a-jong-nye myong-hun-ga-p'i-ryok
won-gong-bob-gye-je-jung-saeng cha-ta-il-si-song-bul-do.

Yebul is chanted in Sino-Korean during regular temple morning and evening practice.

(Translation of the Evening Yebul)

*Fragrance of Sila, Fragrance of Samadhi, Fragrance of Prajna, Fragrance of Emancipation, Fra-
grance of Emancipation-Knowledge.*

Where the light of wisdom and the clouds of great compassion spread in the Dharma realm.

May I pay homage to all the Buddhas, all the Dharmas, and all the Sanghas of the ten directions.

Mantra of Incense Offering: Om Para Tobiya Hum

*With my utmost heart I make devotions to our Great Teacher Buddha Shakyamuni, guide of the
three realms and compassionate father of the four forms of life.*

*With my utmost heart I make devotions to the eternally existent assembly of all the Buddhas of
the past, of the present, and of the future, throughout the ten directions as countless as the lands
and seas in Indra's jeweled net.*

*With my utmost heart I make devotions to all the Dharmas, eternally existent, of the past, of
the present, and of the future, throughout the ten directions as countless as the lands and seas in
Indra's jeweled net.*

*With my utmost heart I make devotions to Manjusri the Bodhisattva of Great Wisdom Sa-
mantabhadra the Bodhisattva of Great Deeds, Kwansum Posal the Bodhisattva of Great Com-
passion, Chijang Posal the Bodhisattva of Great Vows and all great bodhisattvas.*

*With my utmost heart I make devotions to the Ten Great Disciples of the Buddha, the Sixteen
Arhans, the Five Hundred Arhans, the solitary buddhas and the twelve hundred and fifty bhik-
khus and numerous holy ones who received instruction from Lord Buddha on the Vulture Peak.*

*With my utmost heart I make devotions to the great masters, the venerable teachers recognized
throughout the ages and innumerable spiritual teachers and friends who have transmitted the
lamp of Dharma through many lands to us.*

*With my utmost heart I make devotions to all the sanghas, eternally existent, of the past, of the
present, and of the future, throughout the ten directions as countless as the lands and seas in
Indra's jeweled net.*

May the inexhaustible Three Jewels accept my devotions with great compassionate heart.

*May the divine power of the inexhaustible Three Jewels help us fulfill our wish that all beings in
the Dharma realm attain their Buddhahood together at one and the same time.*

Eight Precepts

1. I resolve to abstain from doing harm, but to cherish all life.
2. I resolve to abstain from taking what is not given, but to respect the things of others.
3. I resolve to abstain from engaging in sexual misconduct, but to practice purity of mind and self-restraint.
4. I resolve to abstain from lying, but to speak the truth.
5. I resolve to abstain from partaking in the production and trading of firearms and chemical poisons.
6. I resolve to abstain from wasting, but to conserve energy and natural resources.
7. I resolve to abstain from harboring enmity against the wrongs of others, but to promote peace and justice through non-violent means.
8. I resolve to abstain from clinging to things that belong to me, but to practice generosity and the joy of sharing.

The Eight Precepts are guidelines for ethical awakening. Taking the precepts under the guidance of a teacher constitutes a formal commitment to the Buddhist path.

Six Paramitas

1. Dana Paramita
May I be generous and helpful.
2. Sila Paramita
May I be pure and virtuous.
3. Ksanti Paramita
May I be patient! May I be able to bear and forbear the wrongs of others.
4. Virya Paramita
May I be strenuous, energetic and persevering.
5. Dhyana Paramita
May I practice meditation and attain concentration and oneness to serve all beings.
6. Prajna Paramita
May I gain wisdom and be able to give the benefit of my wisdom to others.

The Six Paramitas are recited during public dharma services. They also serve as guidance for informal practice and as a source for contemplation.

Four Great Vows

1. All beings one body, I vow to liberate.
2. Blind passions one root, I vow to terminate.
3. Dharma gates one mind, I vow to penetrate.
4. The great Way of Buddha, I vow to realize.

The Four Great Vows are recited at the close of formal meetings or gatherings.

The Heart Sutra (Sino-Korean)

Ma-ha Pan-ya Pa-ra-mil-da Sim-gyong:

Kwan-ja-jae-bosal haeng-sim-ban-ya pa-ra-mil-da-si,
cho-gyon-o-on-ge-gong-do-
il-ch'e-go-aek. Sa-ri-ja,
saek-pul-i-gong kong-bul-i-saek;
saek-chuk-si-gong
kong-juk-si-saek su-sang-haeng-sik yok-pu-yo-si.

Sa-ri-ja, si-je-bob-gong-sang pul-saeng-bul-myol
pul-gu-bu-jong pu-jung-bul-gam;
si-go kong-jung-mu-saek,
mu-su-sang-haeng-sik,
mu-an-i bi-sol-sin-ui,
mu-saek-song-hyang-mi-ch'ok-pop
mu-an-gye ne-ji mu-ui-sik-kye;
mu-mu-myong yok-mu-mu-myong-jin
ne-ji mu-no-sa yok-mu-no-sa-jin,
mu-go-jip-myol-do mu-ji yok mu-duk
i-mu-so-duk-ko po-ri-sal-t'a-ui
ban-ya-ba-ra-mil-da;
ko-sim-mu-ga-e
mu-ga-e-go mu-yu-gong-p'o wol-li-jon-do
mong-sang ku-kyong-yol-ban.
Sam-se-je-bul ui ban-ya-ba-ra-mil-da,
ko-duk-a-nyok-ta-ra-sam-myak-sam-bo-ri:
ko-ji-ban-ya-ba-ra-mil-da
si-dae-sin-ju si-dae-myong-ju si-mu-sang-ju
si-mu-deung-deung-ju
nung-je-il-ch'e-go
chin-sil-bul-ho-ko-sol-
ban-ya-ba-ra-mil-da ju chuk-sol-ju-wal:

'a-je-a-je pa-ra-a-je pa-ra-sung-a-je po-ri sa-ba-ha!' (3 times)
Ma-ha Pan-ya Pa-ra-mil.

The Heart Sutra

THE MAHA PRAJNAPARAMITA HRIDAYA SUTRA

The Bodhisattva of Great Compassion
from the deep practice of Prajnaparamita
perceived the emptiness of all five skandhas
and delivered all beings from their suffering.

O Sariputra, form is no other than emptiness,
emptiness no other than form.
Form is emptiness, emptiness form.
The same is true of feeling, thought, impulse and consciousness.

O Sariputra, all dharmas are empty.
They are not born nor annihilated.
They are not defiled nor immaculate.
They do not increase nor decrease.
So in emptiness no form, no feeling, no thought, no impulse, no consciousness.

No eye, ear, nose, tongue, body, mind;
no form, sound, smell, taste, touch, or objects of mind,
No realm of sight; no realm of consciousness.

No ignorance, nor extinction of ignorance,
no old age and death, nor extinction of them.

No suffering, no cause of suffering,
no cease from suffering, no path to lead out of suffering;
no knowledge, no attainment, no realization
for there is nothing to attain.

The Bodhisattva holds onto nothing but Prajnaparamita.
Therefore his mind is clear of any delusive hindrance.
Without hindrance there is no fear;
away from all perverted views he reaches final Nirvana.

All Buddhas of past, present and future,
through faith in Prajnaparamita,
attain to the highest perfect enlightenment.

Know then the Prajnaparamita is the great Dharani,
the radiant peerless mantram, the utmost supreme mantram,
which is capable of allaying all pain.
This is true beyond all doubt.

Proclaim now the highest wisdom, the Prajnaparamita:
GATE, GATE / PARAGATE / PARASAMGATE / BODHI, SVAHA!

THE MAHA PRAJNAPARAMITA HRIDAYA SUTRA

*The Heart Sutra is chanted in Sino-Korean during regular temple evening practice, and
in English during Wednesday evening membership services. It can also be chanted in either
language as special individual or group practice after a loved one has passed away.*

Metta Sutta: Meditation on Loving Kindness

This is what should be done
By one who is skilled in goodness,
And who knows the path of peace:
Let them be able and upright,
Straightforward and gentle in speech.
Humble and not conceited,
Contented and easily satisfied.
Unburdened with duties and frugal in their ways.
Peaceful and calm, and wise and skilful,
Not proud and demanding in nature.
Let them not do the slightest thing
That the wise would later reprove.
Wishing: In gladness and in safety,
May all beings be at ease.
Whatever living beings there may be;
Whether they are weak or strong, omitting none,
The great or the mighty, medium, short or small,
The seen and the unseen,
Those living near and far away,
Those born and to-be-born -
May all beings be at ease!
Let none deceive another,
Or despise any being in any state,
Let none through anger or ill-will
Wish harm upon another.
Even as a mother protects with her life
Her child, her only child,
So with a boundless heart
Should one cherish all living beings;
Radiating kindness over the entire world:
Spreading upwards to the skies,
And downwards to the depths;
Outwards and unbounded,
Freed from hatred and ill-will.
Whether standing or walking, seated or lying down
Free from drowsiness,
One should sustain this recollection.

Buddha's Golden Chain of Love

I am a link in Lord Buddha's Golden Chain of Love.
I must keep my link bright and strong.

I will try to be kind and gentle to every living thing
and protect all those who are weaker than myself.
I will try to think pure and beautiful thoughts,
say pure and beautiful words,
and do pure and beautiful deeds,
knowing that on what I do now
depends not only my own happiness,
but also that of others.

May every link in Lord Buddha's Golden Chain of Love
become bright and strong and may we all attain perfect peace.

Buddha's Golden Chain of Love for Children

I will try to be kind and gentle to my friends.
I will try to think good thoughts,
say good words,
and do good things,
so that everyone will be happy and well.

The Way of the Bodhisattva

Thus by the virtue collected
Through all that I have done,
May the pain of every living creature
Be completely cleared away!

May I be the doctor and the medicine
And may I be the nurse
For all sick beings in the world
Until everyone is healed!

May a rain of food and drink descend
To clear away the pain of thirst and hunger,
And during the eon of famine
May I myself change into food and drink!

May I become an inexhaustible treasure
For those who are poor and destitute;
May I turn into all the things they need
And may these be placed close beside them!

Whether those who encounter me
Conceive a faithful or angry thought,
May that always become the source
For fulfilling all their wishes!

May all who say bad things to me
Or cause me any other harm,
And those who mock and insult me
Have the fortune to awaken fully!

May I be a Saviour of those without one,
A guide for all travellers on the way;
May I be a bridge, a boat, and a ship,
For all who wish to cross the water!

May I be an island for those who seek one,
And a lamp for those desiring light!
May I be a bed for all who wish to rest.

May I be a wishing jewel, a magic vase,
Powerful mantras, and great medicine,
May I be a wish-fulfilling tree,
And a cow of plenty for the world!

Just like space
And the great elements such as earth,
May I always support the life
of all the countless creatures!

And until they pass away from pain,
May I also be the source of life
For all the realms of varied beings
That reach unto the ends of space!

Just as the previous Sugatas
Conceived the Spirit of Enlightenment,
And just as they successively lived
In the Bodhisattva practices

Likewise for the sake of all that lives
Do I conceive the Spirit of Enlightenment,
And likewise shall I too
Successively follow the practices.

The Great Compassion Dharani (Buddhist Sanskrit)

Sin-myo-jang-gu Tae-da-ra-ni
na-mo-ra da-na da-ra ya-ya
na-mag-al-yak pa-ro-gi-je se-ba-ra-ya
mo-ji-sa-da-ba-ya
ma-ha-sa-da-ba-ya
ma-ha-ga-ro ni-ga-ya

Om sal-ba ba-ye-su da-ra-na
ga-ra-ya da-sa-myong
na-mak-ka-ri-da-ba

I-mam-al-ya pa-ro-gi-je
sae-ba-ra ta-ba ni-ra-gan-t'a
na-mak-ha-ri-na-ya ma-bal-da
i-sa-mi sal-bal-t'a sa-da-nam
su-ban a-ye-yom sal-ba bo-da-nam
pa-ba-ma-ra mi-su-da-gam ta-nya-t'a

Om a-ro-gye a-ro-ga
ma-ji-ro-ga chi-ga-ran-je
hye-hye-ha-rye ma-ha-mo-ji sa-da-ba
sa-ma-ra sa-ma-ra ha-ri-na-ya
ku-ro-gu-ro kal-ma sa-da-ya sa-da-ya

To-ro-do-ro mi-yon-je
ma-ha-mi-yon-je ta-ra-da-ra
ta-rin-na-rye sae-ba-ra
cha-ra-ja-ra ma-ra mi-ma-ra
a-ma-ra mol-je ye-hye-hye
ro-gye sae-ba-ra ra-a mi-sa-mi
na-sa-ya na-be sa-mi-sa-mi na-sa-ya

Mo-ha-ja-ra mi-sa-mi
na-sa-ya ho-ro-ho-ro
ma-ra-ho-ro ha-rye pa-na-ba
na-ba sa-ra-sa-ra si-ri-si-ri
so-ro-so-ro mot-cha-mot-cha
mo-da-ya mo-da-ya mae-da-ri-ya
ni-ra-gan-t'a ka-ma-sa
nal-sa-nam pa-ra-ha-ra-na-ya

Ma-nak sa-ba-ha
sit-ta-ya sa-ba-ha
ma-ha-sit-ta-ya sa-ba-ha
sit-ta-yu-ye sae-ba-ra-ya sa-ba-ha
ni-ra-gan-ta-ya sa-ba-ha
pa-ra-ha mok-k'a sing-ha-mok-k'a-ya sa-ba-ha

Pa-na-ma ha-ta-ya
sa-ba-ha cha-ga-ra yok-ta-ya sa-ba-ha
san-k'a-sop-na-nye mo-da-na-ya sa-ba-ha
ma-ha-ra ku-t'a-da-ra-ya sa-ba-ha
pa-ma-sa-gan-t'a i-sa-si-ch'e-da ka-rin-na
i-na-ya sa-ba-ha

Mya-ga-ra chal-ma
i-ba-sa-na-ya sa-ba-ha
na-mo-ra ta-na-da-ra
ya-ya na-mag-al-ya pa-ro-gi-je
sae-ba-ra-ya sa-ba-ha

The Great Compassion Dharani is chanted in Buddhist Sanskrit in a sing-song voice every morning at the temple during the playing of the wake-up mokt'ak. It is also chanted during special gatherings like Sangha Days and remembrance services. The Great Compassion Dharani can be chanted over and over again throughout the day as informal practice, and over and over again as formal empowerment practice, or chur'yok. It is not chanted in English.

The Great Compassion Dharani (English Translation)

*Adoration to the Three Treasures—Buddha, Dharma, and Sangha!
Adoration to Avalokitesvara, the Bodhisattva Mahasattva, the Bodhisattva of Compassion!*

Adoration to the one who removes all fear and suffering!

Having adored Avalokitesvara Bodhisattva, may we now recite this glorious dharani which purifies all beings, which fulfills the wishes of all beings.

Hail to Bodhisattva Mahasattva who embodies the Trikaya who has the transcendental wisdom.

Hail to Bodhisattva Mahasattva who continues to save all beings without defilement in his mind.

Hail to Bodhisattva Mahasattva who sustains the highest most complete wisdom and who is free from all impediments.

Hail to Bodhisattva Mahasattva whose deeds reveal the fundamental purity of all beings.

Hail to Bodhisattva Mahasattva who wipes away the three evil delusions—greed, anger and folly.

*Quick, quick! Come, come! Here, here!
A joy springs up in us.
Help us to enter into the realm of great realization.*

Avalokitesvara Bodhisattva, Bodhisattva of Compassion guide us to spiritual contentment. Accomplishment, accomplishment!

Having testified to the freedom and compassion of the mind of Avalokitesvara,

Having purified our own body and mind,

Having become as brave as a lion,

Having become manifest into all beings,

Having attained to the Wheel of Dharma and the Lotus Flower, we can now save all beings without hindrance.

May the understanding of the mysterious nature of Avalokitesvara prevail forever, ever and ever.

Adoration to the Three Treasures—Buddha, Dharma and Sangha!

Adoration to Avalokitesvara, the Bodhisattva Mahasattva, the Bodhisattva of Compassion.

May this dharani be effective. Hail!

Six Right Livelihood Guidelines

1. Consume Mindfully.
Eat with awareness and gratitude.
Pause before buying and see if breathing is enough.
Pay attention to the effects of media you consume.
2. Pause. Breathe. Listen.
When you feel compelled to speak in a meeting or conversation, pause.
Breathe before entering your home, place of work, or school.
Listen to the people you encounter. They are buddhas.
3. Practice Gratitude.
Notice what you have.
Be equally grateful for opportunities and challenges.
Share joy, not negativity.
4. Cultivate Compassion and Loving Kindness.
Notice where help is needed and be quick to help.
Consider others' perspectives deeply.
Work for peace at many levels.
5. Discover Wisdom.
Cultivate “don't know” mind.
Find connections between Buddhist teachings and your life.
Be open to what arises in every moment.
6. Accept Constant Change.

The Six Right Livelihood Guidelines were developed by members of the BSCW to serve as guidance for informal practice and as a source for contemplation.

Morning Prayer Naong Sunim's Resolutions

May I resolve that each time and every place I am born,
I will always abide in the great Wisdom, Prajna, and never retreat,
Obtaining a will as fearless as that of Sogamoni-bul,
Obtaining the fruit of Enlightenment as vast as that of Virojana-bul,
Obtaining wisdom as great as that of Munsu-posal,
Obtaining deeds as boundless as those of Bohyun-posal,
Obtaining bodies as innumerable as those of Chijang-posal,
Obtaining thirty-two transformations as did Kwanseum-posal.

Nowhere will I not manifest myself in all the ten directions
And far and wide help all beings to enter Nirvana.
Those who hear my name will be freed from the three wrongful paths,
Those who see my appearance will be delivered from passions.
May I thus teach and aid for countless kalpas,
Till there be neither Buddhas nor sentient beings in the end.
May all Dharma Guardians
Protect and not forsake me.
Let there be no difficulties where there are difficulties
So I may accomplish my great resolutions.

Again,
May I wish that all the followers of the Way of Buddha in the innumerable
Dharma realms
Play together in the adorned land of Shakyamuni Buddha,
That we all live happily together in the enlightened world,
That we be always in the company of Buddhas and Bodhisattvas,
That we always enjoy the benefit of Buddha-light,
That we eliminate numerous karmic hindrances,
That we obtain great wisdom,
That finally we attain supreme Enlightenment,
That we help save all beings in all lands,
So we may repay all the Buddhas for their loving kindness.

Life after life may we always walk the path of a Bodhisattva till all beings attain
their Buddhahood.

Maha Prajna Paramita!
May all beings be happy!
May all beings be peaceful!
May all beings be enlightened!

*Naong Sunim (1320–1376, Koryo dynasty in Korea). It is recited at the end of the morning
practice at the temple each day.*

Ten Dharma Gates of Spring Wind Sangha

1. Buddha Sakyamuni attained Enlightenment under the Bodhi tree at Bodhi Gaya.
2. He saw with his wisdom eye that all beings were endowed with Buddha-nature, each and every one, with no exception.
3. Thereafter, the Buddha spent forty-five years on the road, teaching the Way of Buddha to the multitude, for the peace of the world and happiness of all beings.
4. Since that time, Buddhas, Bodhisattvas and great masters of the ten directions and the three worlds have carried forward the truth. They have declared that all beings are Buddhas from the very beginning, striving with this teaching to save everyone from ignorance and suffering.
5. Over the centuries and in successive generations, they made special vows out of compassion and used many skillful means to inspire their contemporaries and fellow beings. They urged everyone to look for the Buddha within.
6. Together these Buddhas, Bodhisattvas and great masters have passed on to us the Dharma of hope and purification and the Way of wisdom and emancipation. They have entrusted us with the continued transmission of Dharma and the light of wisdom.
7. When we awaken to the Buddha within, surrender ourselves to the tradition of Three Jewels, and apprehend the manifestation of the three bodies of Buddha, then Dharma sun begins to shine in our everyday life; the wheel of Dharma turns; we are blessed by its turning; and we live in the Dharma realm amidst the ailing and troubled world.
8. Out of our deep humility and boundless gratitude to the Buddhas and Bodhisattvas before us, we wake up again and again, we vow constant practice, we strive to shine again out of clouds. "Be ye a lamp."

9. Remember that it is your Buddha who meditates, lights candles, chants and does prostrations. Remember that it is your Bodhisattva who plays the wake-up mukt'ak, rings the bell, cleans the temple and greets people at the door. Remember that each of your acts is nothing short of full awakening and that each service you render completely fulfills your Bodhisattva vow to liberate all beings.

10. Stop seeking holiness, for the Way of Buddha is no other than ordinary everyday life. Honor all beings, for Buddhas and Bodhisattvas are no other than common ordinary people.

Ten Guides Along the Path (Powang Sammaeron)

1. Don't hope for perfect health. Perfect health leads only to greater greed. "Treat illness as medicine, not disease"—so spoke the Enlightened One.
2. Don't long for a life free from hardship—such a life leads only to haughtiness and self-pampering. "Make worries and hardships a way of life"—so spoke the Enlightened One.
3. Don't hope for a lack of impediments in your study. "Release is hiding right behind obstructions"—so spoke the Enlightened One.
4. Don't hope for a lack of temptations in your training. A lack of temptations will only serve to soften your resolve. "Treat temptations as friends who are helping you along the path"—so spoke the Enlightened One.
5. Don't hope for easy success. Easy accomplishment leads only to increased rashness. "Accomplish through difficulties"—so spoke the Enlightened One.
6. Don't hope to get your own way with friends. Having friends give in to your wishes only leads to arrogance. "Make long-term friends through compromise in your relationships"—so spoke the Enlightened One.
7. Don't expect people to follow your wishes or commands. This, too, leads to arrogance. "Consider those who differ with you to be your character builders"—so spoke the Enlightened One.
8. Don't expect rewards for your kindnesses. This leads only to a scheming mind. "Throw out expectation of rewards like you'd thrown out old shoes"—so spoke the Enlightened One.
9. Don't expect more out of life than you deserve. Exaggerated profit-seeking leads only to foolishness. "Become rich at heart with small amounts"—so spoke the Enlightened One.
10. Don't complain about vexations. This leads only to resentment and poison in the heart. "Consider vexations as the first door on the path"—so spoke the Enlightened One.

Four Self Admonitions (108 Prostrations Gatha)

1. Great is matter of birth and death!
2. Impermanence surrounds us!
3. Be awake each moment!
4. Do not waste your life!

The Four Self Admonitions are recited every morning at the temple during prostrations. They are shouted out loud after each set of twenty-five prostrations, while practitioners are kneeling with hapchang.

Pure Standards for Dharma Students

1. Always remember that you are a direct descendent from Buddha Shakyamuni and the inheritor of His right Dharma. Do not fail to honor your teacher and serve your Dharma friends free from worldly thoughts.
2. The body-and-mind of a true Dharma student is the body of ultimate truth or Dharmakaya. Our original body-and-mind is a great liberated being untainted by defilements and the cycle of birth and death. Therefore, cultivate yourself trusting that your original face is no other than the pure and perfect mind. It is a true Dharma student with an awakened heart who trusts in his/her original self and develops faith mind. Shake off inferior feelings and rise from self-conceit or self-pity with the knowledge that your own original mind is Buddha, and your faith firm in the Buddhist teachings of self-help.
3. Always cherish your beginner's mind. The purity and strong feeling of your first mind have the Dharma power to convert your difficulties and troubles into a valuable gift and joy.
4. Nothing fails to inspire and enlighten the true Dharma student. Please keep in mind that the harder the work and the more daunting the task you face, the better grist for your Dharma future.
5. Truthfulness and faithfulness are the virtues of being human. Purity of speech karma is the guiding light of your life of the three karmic deeds (body, thought and speech). Always speak the truth and be truthful like a mirror.
6. The bodhisattva workers of the Buddhist movement for the salvation of the world must learn the Six Perfections and Four All-Embracing Virtues, so that they are able to offer comfort and hope to those who are distressed and troubled, and love and joy to those who are sick and tired.

Six Paramitas

1. May I be generous and helpful.
2. May I be pure and virtuous.
3. May I be patient. May I be able to bear and forbear the wrongs of others.
4. May I be strenuous, energetic and persevering.
5. May I practice meditation and attain concentration and oneness to serve all beings.
6. May I gain wisdom and be able to give the benefit of my wisdom to others.

Four All-Embracing Virtues

- 1) Giving and sharing, 2) Kind and friendly speech,
 - 3) Conduct beneficial to others, 4) Selfless service to all.
7. The key to the Buddhist movement lies in the practice of love and compassion. It is easy to make mistakes and difficult to remain completely free from faults in the worldly life full of conflicts. Therefore, Dharma students should be willing to learn from their mistakes and misdeeds through moral discipline and repentance practice. True and sincere repentance practice helps develop a compassionate heart towards the wrongs of others. Through your own mistakes and misdeeds, you learn to understand, forgive and love your fellow beings of the world. Repent, love and be happy! You will discover the path to a Big Happiness—that helping yourself is helping others and helping others is helping yourself.

Everyday Admonition for Dharma Students

1. Please perform your formal morning practice faithfully Monday through Friday. Your morning practice is the place of your awakening that you are the living embodiment of the Buddha through your response to the Buddha Shakyamuni and spiritual communion with His tradition of wisdom and compassion. Always begin your day cheerfully with your morning practice and examine yourself before you retire and give thanks to all the Buddhas and Bodhisattvas of the day. (Yebul)
2. Follow your weekly Dharma schedule, be fully accountable for your duties and do your utmost. (Sense of Duty)
3. Enlightenment and truth are always before your eyes and within your reach. Enlightenment is the pure and sincere heart of practice itself, and the truth is the spirit of practice that all sentient beings are Buddha. Accordingly, there is no enlightenment or truth apart from the common ordinary person and the everyday task. You should know that it is delusion to run around looking for truth and enlightenment, and to seek or anticipate them from the outside. Let go of your delusion. The mind of Dharma students should be one of fortitude with the faith and power of the Bodhisattva Vow free from fear, angst and worries. So keep your mind in alignment everyday. (Life of No Delusion)
4. Repent, seek forgiveness and restore yourself right away if you caused trouble to others, committed wrongdoings or made blunders through carelessness and inattention. Keep your mind free from guilt and remorse through sincere repentance and avoid retribution such as hatred and enmity. Constant repentance is constant awakening. (Repentance)
5. The body-and-mind of Dharma students should be poor and pure. Care for goods and articles. They are the properties of the Three Jewels. Use them clean and sparingly so that they last. Recycle them when they are no longer useful. Clean utensils and implements after use and put them where they belong. Try to manage with less or loss, if possible, but be generous and helpful to others as much as possible. (Hidden Virtue)

6. Always keep your dwelling and environment clean and tidy. To take good care of your dwelling place and temple environment is to take good care of the body-and-mind of your Dharma student training. To take good care of the body-and-mind of your Dharma student training (purity of heart) is to transform this world into the land of Buddhas and Bodhisattvas. Cleaning and keeping our environment free from pollution is the Pure Land movement. Be on your guard and diligent. (Environmental Movement)

7. It is conduct unbecoming to a Dharma student to pick on others and blame them in order to build a self-defense or reinforce one's position. It is the downfall of a Dharma student to become jealous of the other people's prosperity and gloat over others' misfortunes. If such a feeling or thought arises you should perform prostrations right away and surrender your weakness, and renew your Bodhisattva vows and pray for the happiness of all beings. (Renewal and Kido)

8. All Dharma students should be happy and energetic Buddhists ready to lend a helping hand. (Three Stars)

Meal Gathas

(before, hold the bowl at eye level)

This food comes from the labors of beings past and present,
from this our body-mind is nourished, our practice sustained.
Gratefully we accept this meal.

(after, with hapchang)

Buddha was born in the Lumbini Garden,
He attained Enlightenment at Bodhi Gaya,
He set in motion the wheel of Dharma at Sarnath,
He entered Parinirvana at Kusinara.

The Meal Gathas are recited before and after lunch, which is the formal meal at the temple.

Gatha for Accepting the Kasa

Wondrous is this robe of liberation,
A jewel beyond form and emptiness.
Wearing it, I will unfold Buddha's teaching,
For the benefit of all sentient beings.

Repentance Gatha

All evil actions committed by me since time immemorial,
Stemming from greed, anger, and ignorance,
Arising from body, speech, and mind,
I now repent having committed.

Dedication of Merit

The merit gained through our Dharma activities,
We now dedicate to all beings for the alleviation of their suffering,
So that we and all sentient beings would be able
To attain our Buddhahood together.

Evening Bell Chant

Gatha for the evening bell.
Listening to the sound of the bell,
My defilements are eliminated.
Wisdom grows.
Awakening mind arises.
Wrongful paths are left behind.
The three realms transcended.
I vow to become a Buddha, to save all beings.

Om-Ga-Ra-Ji-Ya, Sa-Ba-Ha (3 times)

The Evening Bell Chant is chanted every evening during regular temple practice.

Buddha & Bodhisattvas (Sino-Korean)

Sogamoni-bul	Shakyamuni Buddha
Kwanseum Posal	Bodhisattva of Great Compassion (Sanskrit: Avalokitesvara)
Chijang Posal	Bodhisattva of Great Vow (Sanskrit: Ksitigarbha)
Munsu Posal	Bodhisattva of Great Wisdom (Sanskrit: Manjusri)
Pohyun Posal	Bodhisattva of Great Deeds (Sanskrit: Samantabhadra)

The name of a Bodhisattva or the Buddha is chanted over and over again in Sino-Korean during kido chanting, a form of devotional practice. Kido chanting can also be done as informal practice during the day in the midst of activities.

Korean Word List

Items

mokt'ak	wooden gong
kyongse	bell for timing
chukpi	wooden clacker
tagi	tea bowl
chujangja	Dharma staff
bultan	altar
Sumitan	Mt. Sumeru (which the altar represents)
taenghwa	painting of Dharma assembly
yomju	meditation beads
tanju	10 (wrist) beads
kasa	robe

Places

sonbang	meditation hall
pobdang	dharma hall
sonwon	meditation center
Sollyon-sa	Zen Lotus Temple (our temple)
Sambo Sachal	Three Jewel Temples
T'ongdo-sa	Buddha Temple
Haein-sa	Dharma Temple
Songgwang-sa	Sangha Temple
Pomo-sa	Samu Sunim's mother temple in Pusan

Practices, Rituals, Ceremonials

hapchang	hands together (Sanskrit: anjali, Japanese: gassho)
son	meditation
ch'amson	entering into son
kyo	doctrinal study
sakyo ipson	abandoning kyo to enter into son
kido	chanting; purification practice, sound practice
hwadu	punchline of a koan
yongmaeng jeongjin	fearless practice

People

Wonhyo	(617–686, Silla dynasty in Korea)
Chinul	(11581–210, Koryo dynasty in Korea)
Tongsan Sunim	(1890–1965) Samu Sunim's ordination (tonsure) master
Solbong Sunim	(1890–1969) Samu Sunim's Dharma master; Sunim is his heir
Samu Sunim	Three Friends
Chogye-chong	Chogye order, honors son over kyo
haengja	novice monk
posalnim	women devotees