

A puja to Vajrasattva

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“May any merit arising from its use
be for the benefit of all beings.”

Worship

Homage to you, Vajrasattva.

Dazzling white in colour,
you sit poised in the midst of the blue sky,
smiling down with compassion.

The golden vajra
that you hold close to your heart
transforms the five poisons
into the Five Wisdoms.

The silver bell
that you hold lightly at your side
wakes me and reminds me
that my mind is essentially pure.

O Vajrasattva,
the embodiment of essential purity,
I offer to you
everything that is most pleasing,
everything that is most beautiful,
everything that is most precious.

Salutation
I pay salutation to you, Vajrasattva.

Since beginningless time
the rainbows that surround you
have filled the world
with the Wisdom light of the Five Buddhas.

Since beginningless time
the pure white nectar
that flows from the deep-blue HUM at your heart
has purified all beings in all realms.

Since beginningless time
beings at the moment of death,
lost and confused in the bardo,

have been guided safely by you.

I pay salutation to you, Vajrasattva.

Going for Refuge

O Vajrasattva,

You are the Dharmakaya Buddha,
the embodiment of all the Buddhas.

Therefore, today, right now
with body, speech and mind
I go for refuge to you.

You are the teacher of the path of purification
which leads to liberation from suffering.

Therefore, today, right now
with body, speech and mind
I go for refuge to you.

You are the upholder of the bond between us,
protector of my essential nature.

Therefore, today, right now
with body, speech and mind
I go for refuge to you.

Confession

O Vajrasattva,

You are always faithful to the bond between us.
Yet I, again and again, am unfaithful to it.

You act purely at all times,
expressing Wisdom and Compassion.
Yet I, again and again, act with an impure motive.

Caught up in the distractions of the world,
I act recklessly,
without thought for my own welfare,
or for the welfare of others.

Therefore now,
in your presence,
I confess all my impure actions.

From this moment on,
for my own welfare
and for the welfare of all beings,
may I act with a pure motive.

From this moment on,
may I remain ever faithful to the bond between us,
and may my actions be worthy of that bond.

Rejoicing

O Vajrasattva,

I rejoice in your perfect Wisdom,
I rejoice in your infinite Compassion,
I rejoice in your pure diamond-like nature.

I rejoice in the merits
of all who act with a pure motive.

I rejoice in the merits
of all whose minds are pure.

I rejoice in the Vajrasattva nature of all beings.

I rejoice that liberation from suffering is possible,
and I rejoice in the path of purification
which leads to that liberation.

Entreaty

Vajrasattva, I entreat you.

When I falter on the path,
stand close beside me.

When I lack faith,
be faithful to me.

When I lack love,
love me deeply.

Protect me from my own foolishness.
Rid me of doubt and fear.
Destroy all evil.

Help me to realise that in my essential nature
I am pure.

Help me to realise
that all beings
in their essential nature
are pure.

May I become as you are,
may I hold the silver bell,
may I hold the golden vajra,
may I embody Wisdom and Compassion.

Transference of Merit

O Vajrasattva,

You teach me that I am essentially pure
and that all beings are essentially pure.

So it would be foolish of me
to keep for myself
the merit gained from this practice.

Therefore,
I gladly dedicate all merit
to the benefit of all beings.

May all beings in all realms
be liberated from suffering.

May all beings in all realms
realise their essential pure nature.

May all beings in all realms
become Buddhas.

O Vajrasattva,
the most pure of beings,
may your light shine in the world forever.