

供養 Making Offerings

先禮佛三拜,長跪合掌,誠心念: Make 3 bows. Kneel with joined palms and recite sincerely.

yuàn cỉ xiāng huā yún biàn mǎn shí fāng jiè 編滿十方界 编滿十方界 gòng yàng yí qiè fó 供養一切佛 世間難信法 pǔ xūn zhū zhòng shēng 百姓發菩提心 biàn mǎn shí fāng jiè 编滿十方界 编滿十方界 shì jiān nán xìn fǎ 世間難信法 jiē shàng shàn rén pǔ xūn zhū zhòng shēng 音熏諸眾生 fōng shēng jí lè guó 同生極樂國

May these clouds of flowers and incense
Fully pervade the ten directions
As an offering to all Buddhas,
To the Dharma which in the world is hard to believe,
And to all excellent and good people.
May the fragrance spread everywhere over all living beings
So that they will bring forth the Bodhi resolve
And be reborn together in the Land of Ultimate Bliss.

(起立,問訊 stand, half-bow)

禮拜 Bowing

拜時,應先合掌,誠懇立念:
Before each bow, stand with joined palms and recite sincerely.

yì xīn dǐng lǐ suō pó shì jiè dà cí dà bēi 一心頂禮娑婆世界大慈大悲 rén tiān jiào zhǔ běn shī shì jiā móu ní fó 人天教主本師釋迦牟尼佛

I now single-mindedly bow to our original teacher Shakyamuni Buddha, the greatly kind and compassionate teaching host of humans and gods of the Saha world.

dì zǐ mǒu mǒu 弟子某某, 普為四恩三有, fǎ jiè zhòng shēng zhì chéng chàn huǐ wǒ jí 法界眾生, 至誠懺悔:我及 zhòng shēng 眾生

I, disciple (), repent with utmost sincerity, universally for the sake of the four benefactors, those in the three existences, and all beings of the Dharma Realm:

wǎng xí suǒ zào zhū è yè yè 在 suǒ zào zhū è 惡 辩 辞 惡 告 诺 惡 chēn chēn giē yóu wú shi tān chēn huǐ ha chēn suǒ shēng cóng shēn yǔ zhī suǒ shēng 次 身 語 意 之 chàn huǐ 中切我今皆懺悔

For all the evil deeds living beings and I have done in the past,

Based on beginningless greed, anger, and delusion, And created by body, speech, and mind, I now repent and reform.

zuì cóng xīn qǐ jiāng xīn chàn 罪從心起將心 yì wáng xīn ruò miè shí zuì yì wáng 水īn wáng zuì miè liǎng jù kōng xīn wáng zuì miè liǎng gi kōng 公 zé míng wéi zhēn chàn huǐ 是則名為真懺悔

Offenses arise from the mind; repentance is made by the mind.

If the mind is extinguished, offenses are forgotten.

The mind forgotten, offenses wiped out—both are empty.

This is called true repentance and reform.

néng lǐ suǒ lǐ xìng kōng jí 一拜,想云:能禮所禮性空寂 wǒ cǐ dào chẳng rú dì zhū 我此道場如帝珠 wǒ shēn yǐng xiàn rú lái qián 我身影現如來前 gǎn yìng dào jiāo nán sī yì 感應道交難思議 shì jiā rú lái ying xiàn zhōng 釋迦如來影現中 tóu miàn jiē zú guī mìng lǐ 頭面接足皈命禮

Bow and reflect:

The worshipped and the worshipper are empty and still in nature.

The response and the Way are intertwined inconceivably.

This Way-place of mine is like a wish-fulfilling pearl.

Shakyamuni Buddha manifests in it;

I manifest before Shakyamuni Buddha.

Bowing down, I return my life in worship.

(起立 stand)

yì xīn dǐng lǐ xī fāng jí lè shì jiè dà cí 一心頂禮西方極樂世界大慈 dà bēi dà yuàn dà lì jiē yǐn dǎo shī ā mí 大悲大願大力接引導師阿彌 tuó fǒ 陀佛

I now single-mindedly bow to Amitabha Buddha of the Western Land of Ultimate Bliss, the guiding teacher of great kindness, great compassion, great power, and great vows.

dì zǐ mǒu mǒu pǔ wèi sì ēn sān yǒu 弟子某某,普為四思三有;

tǎ jiè zhòng shēng chéng fā sì hóng shì yuàn 法界眾生,誠發四宏誓願:

I, disciple (), sincerely make four vast vows, universally for the sake of the four benefactors, those in the three existences, and all beings of the Dharma Realm:

I vow to save the numberless living beings. I vow to sever the endless afflictions. I vow to study the countless Dharma doors. I vow to realize the supreme Buddha Way.

néng lǐ suǒ lǐ xìng kōng jí 一拜,想云:能禮所禮性空寂 wǒ cí dào chẳng rú dì zhū 我此道場如帝珠 wǒ shēn yǐng xiàn rú lái qián 我身影現如來前 gǎn yìng dào jiāo nán sī yì 感應道交難思議 ā mí tuó fó yǐng xiàn zhōng 阿彌陀佛影現中 wèi qiú wǎng shēng jiē zú lǐ 為求往生接足禮

Bow and reflect:

The worshipped and the worshipper are empty and still in nature.

The response and the Way are intertwined inconceivably.

This Way-place of mine is like a wish-fulfilling pearl.

Amitabha Buddha manifests in it;

I now manifest before Amitabha Buddha

As I seek rebirth, prostrating and worshipping.

(起立 stand)

yì xīn dǐng lǐ xī fāng jí lè shì jiè dà cí 一心頂禮西方極樂世界大慈 dà bēi jiù kǔ jiù nàn guǎng dà líng gǎn guān shì 大悲救苦救難廣大靈感觀世 yīn pú sà mó hē sà 音菩薩摩訶薩

I now single-mindedly bow to Guan Shi Yin Bodhisattva Mahasattva, the greatly kind and compassionate one of the Western Land of Ultimate Bliss, who responds with great efficacy and saves beings from suffering and disaster.

dì zǐ mǒu mǒu 弟子某某, 普為四恩三有, fǎ jiè zhòng shēng chéng fā dà yuàn yuàn wǒ 法界眾生, 誠發大願:願我 jí zhòng shēng 及眾生 I, disciple (), sincerely make great vows, universally for the sake of the four benefactors, those in the three existences, and all beings of the Dharma Realm: May living beings and I,

Our parents in the past and present lives, And our ancestors, relatives and enemies from eons past, By the Tathagata's kind and compassionate power, Be guided to be reborn in the Land of Peace and Bliss.

néng lǐ suǒ lǐ xìng kōng jí 一拜,想云:能禮所禮性空寂 wǒ cí dào chẳng rú dì zhū 我此道場如帝珠 wǒ shēn yǐng xiàn pú sà qián 我身影現菩薩前 gǎn yìng dào jiāo nán sī yì 感應道交難思議 guān yīn pú sà yǐng xiàn zhōng 觀音菩薩影現中 wèi qiú wǎng shēng jiē zú lǐ 為求往生接足禮

Bow and reflect:

The worshipped and the worshipper are empty and still in nature.

The response and the Way are intertwined inconceivably.

This Way-place of mine is like a wish-fulfilling pearl.

Guan Yin Bodhisattva manifests in it;

I now manifest before Guan Yin Bodhisattva

As I seek rebirth, prostrating and worshipping.

(起立 stand)

yì xīn díng lǐ xī fāng jí lè shì jiè dà cí 一心頂禮西方極樂世界大慈 dà bēi dà shì zhì pú sà mó hē sà 大悲大勢至菩薩摩訶薩

I now single-mindedly bow to Great Strength Bodhisattva Mahasattva, the greatly kind and compassionate one of the Western Land of Ultimate Bliss.

dì zǐ mòu mòu pǔ wèi sì ēn sān yǒu 弟子某某,普為四思三有, fǎ jiè zhòng shēng chéng fā dà yuàn yuàn wǒ 法界眾生,誠發大願:願我 jí zhòng shēng kuàng jié 及眾生,曠劫

I, disciple (), sincerely make great vows, universally for the sake of the four benefactors, those in the three existences, and all beings of the Dharma Realm: May living beings and I, for countless kalpas past,

suǒ shā shí yī zhū yuān mìng 所殺食衣諸冤命 shí fāng bèi shā zhū zhòng shēng 十方被殺諸眾生 xī huò dù tuō shēng jìng dù 悉獲 É É É Shè shòu 願佛慈悲

All aggrieved lives killed for food and clothing, And all beings of the ten directions who have been killed, Be liberated and reborn in the Pure Land. May the Buddha compassionately gather them in.

néng lǐ suǒ lǐ xìng kōng jí gắn yìng dào jiāo nán sī yì
一拜,想云:能禮所禮性空寂 感應道交難思議
wǒ cǐ dào chẳng rú dì zhū shì zhì pú sà yǐng xiàn zhōng
我此道場如帝珠 勢至菩薩影現中
wǒ shēn yǐng pú sà wèi qiú wǎng shēng jiē zú lǐ
我身影現菩薩前 為求往生接足禮

Bow and reflect:

The worshipped and the worshipper are empty and still in nature. The response and the Way are intertwined inconceivably. This Way-place of mine is like a wish-fulfilling pearl. Great Strength Bodhisattva manifests in it; I now manifest before Great Strength Bodhisattva As I seek rebirth, prostrating and worshipping. (起立 stand)

yì xīn dǐng lǐ xī fāng jí lè shì jiè dà cí 一心頂禮西方極樂世界大慈 dà bēi qīng jìng dà hǎi zhòng pú sà mó hē sà 大悲清淨大海眾菩薩摩訶薩 I now single-mindedly bow to the Great Pure Sea-vast Assembly of Bodhisattvas Mahasattvas, the greatly kind and compassionate ones of the Western Land of Ultimate Bliss.

dì zǐ mǒu mǒu pǔ wèi sì ēn sān yǒu 弟子某某,普為四恩三有, fǎ jiè zhòng shēng chéng fā dà yuàn yuàn wǒ 法界眾生,誠發大願:願我

jí zhòng shēng 及眾生

I, disciple (), sincerely make great vows, universally for the sake of the four benefactors, those in the three existences, and all beings of the Dharma Realm: May living beings and I,

gòng yǐ pǔ xián shū shèng hèng 共以普賢殊勝行 wú biān shèng fǔ jiē huí xiàng 無邊勝福皆迴向 pǔ yuàn chén nì zhū zhòng shēng 普願沉溺諸眾生 sù wǎng wú liàng guāng fó chà 速往無量光佛刹

Together dedicate the superior, Limitless blessings of Universal Worthy's practices, Vowing that all beings sunk in defilement Will quickly go to the Land of the Limitless Light Buddha.

néng lǐ suǒ lǐ xìng kōng jí 一拜,想云:能禮所禮性空寂 wǒ cǐ dào chẳng rú dì zhū 我此道場如帝珠 wǒ shēn yǐng xiàn pú sà qián 我身影現菩薩前 gǎn yìng dào jiāo nán sī yì 感應道交難思議 hǎi zhòng pú sà yǐng xiàn zhōng 海眾菩薩影現中 wèi qiú wǎng shēng jiē zú lǐ 為求往生接足禮

Bow and reflect:

The worshipped and the worshipper are empty and still in nature.

The response and the Way are intertwined inconceivably.

This Way-place of mine is like a wish-fulfilling pearl.

The Great Pure Sea-vast Assembly of Bodhisattvas manifest in it; I now manifest before Great Pure Sea-vast Assembly of Bodhisattvas

As I seek rebirth, prostrating and worshipping. (起立 stand)

yì xīn díng lǐ jìn xū kōng biàn fǎ jiè shí fāng一心頂禮盡虚空編法界十方

cháng zhù dà cí dà bēi yí qiè zhū fó yí qiè 常住大慈大悲一切諸佛一切zūn fǎ yí qiè pú sà xián shèng sēng 尊法一切菩薩賢聖僧

I now single-mindedly bow to all Buddhas, all honored Dharma, all Bodhisattvas and the worthy and sage Sangha, who are greatly kind and compassionate and eternally abiding, of the ten directions throughout space and the Dharma Realm.

dì zǐ mòu mòu pǔ wèi sì ēn sān yǒu 弟子某某,普為四恩三有, fǎ jiè zhòng shēng chéng fā dà yuàn yuàn wǒ 法界眾生,誠發大願:願我 jí zhòng shēng 及眾生

I, disciple (), sincerely make great vows, universally for the sake of the four benefactors, those in the three existences, and all beings of the Dharma Realm: May living beings and I,

gòng xiāo sān zhàng zhū fán nǎo 共消三障諸煩惱 gòng zēng fū huì yǔ dào dé 共增福慧與道德 pǔ yuàn zāi bìng xī xiāo chú 普願災病悉消除 wǎng shēng yuán chéng pú sà dào 往生圓成菩薩道

Together eradicate the three obstructions and all afflictions, And grow in blessings, wisdom, and virtue. May disasters and illnesses be totally eliminated As we obtain rebirth and perfect the Bodhisattva Path.

néng lí suǒ lí xìng kōng jí 一拜,想云:能禮所禮性空寂 wǒ cǐ dào chẳng rú dì zhū 我此道場如帝珠 wǒ shēn yǐng xiàn sān bǎo qián 我身影現三寶前 gǎn yìng dào jiāo nán sī yì 感應道交難思議 shí fāng sān bǎo yǐng xiàn zhōng 十方三寶影現中 wèi qiú miè zhàng guī mìng lǐ 為求滅障皈命禮

Bow and reflect:

The worshipped and the worshipper are empty and still in nature. The response and the Way are intertwined inconceivably. This Way-place of mine is like a wish-fulfilling pearl. The Triple Jewel of the ten directions manifests in it; I now manifest before the Triple Jewel of the ten directions As I seek to eradicate all obstacles, I return my life in worship.

(起立,問訊 stand, half-bow)

念誦 Recitation

合掌跪念: Kneel with joined palms and recite.

ná mó lián chí hǎi huì fó pú sà 南無蓮池海會佛菩薩 (三稱)

Namo Sea-vast Lotus Pool Assembly of Buddhas and Bodhisattvas. (*recite 3 times*)

fố shuō ā mí tuố jīng 佛説阿彌陀經 The Buddha Speaks of Amitabha Sutra

yáo qín sān zàng fǎ shī jiū mó luó shí yì 姚秦三藏法師鳩摩羅什譯

Translated into Chinese during the Yao-Qin Dynasty by the Tripitaka Master Kumarajiva

rú shì wǒ wén yì shí fó zài shè wèi 如是我聞。一時。佛在舍衛 guó qí shù jǐ gū dú yuán yǔ dà bǐ qiū 國祇樹給孤獨園。與大比丘

sēng qiān shì giā shì

Thus I have heard. At one time, the Buddha dwelt at Shravasti in the Jeta Grove, in the Garden of the Benefactor of Orphans and the Solitary, together with a gathering of great bhikshus, twelve hundred fifty in all, all great Arhats whom the assembly knew and recognized: Elders Shariputra, Mahamaudgalyayana, Mahakasyapa, Mahakatyayana, Mahakaushtila, Revata, Suddhipanthaka, Nanda, Ananda, Rahula, Gavampati, Pindola-Bharadvaja, Kalodayin, Mahakapphina,

bó jū luó ā nóu lóu tuó rú shì děng 茅 mố lễ sà 接 shì dà dì zǐ 如 龙樓縣。如龙樓縣。如龙樓縣。如龙樓縣。前邊 mó hē sà mó hē sà 薩摩 pú sà mó hē sà 薩摩 pú sà mó hē sà 薩摩 pú sà 萨 pú sà 阿 cháng jīng jìng tí 和 法 于 pú 菩薩 nóu pú sà rú hē pú 菩薩 nóu pú sà má pú nóu nóu pú nóu nóu nóu pú nó

Vakkula, Aniruddha, and others such as these, all great disciples; together with all the Bodhisattvas, Mahasattvas: Dharma Prince Manjushri, Ajita Bodhisattva, Gandhahastin Bodhisattva, Nityodyukta Bodhisattva, and others such as these, all great Bodhisattvas; and together with Shakra, chief among gods, and the numberless great multitudes from all the heavens.

ěr shí fó gào zhǎng lǎo shè lì fú cóng shì 爾時佛告長老舍利弗。從是

xī fāng guò shí wàn yì fó dù yǒu shì 西方。過十萬億佛土。有世 jiè míng yuē jí lè qí dù yǒu fó hào 界名曰極樂。其土有佛。號 ā mí tuó jīn xiàn zài shuō fǎ 阿彌陀。今現在説法。

At that time the Buddha told the Elder Shariputra, "Passing from here through hundreds of thousands of millions of Buddhalands to the west, there is a world called Ultimate Bliss. In this land a Buddha called Amitabha right now teaches the Dharma.

shè lì fú bǐ dù hé gù míng wéi jí lè 舍利弗。彼土何故名為極樂。 qí guó zhòng shēng wú yǒu zhòng kǔ dàn shòu 其國眾生。無有眾苦。但受 zhū lè gù míng jí lè 諸樂。故名極樂。

Shariputra, for what reason is this land called Ultimate Bliss? All living beings of this country endure none of the sufferings, but enjoy every bliss. Therefore, it is called 'Ultimate Bliss.'

yòu shè lì fú jí lè guó dù qī chóng 又舍利弗。極樂國土。七重 lán shǔn qī chóng luó wǎng qī chóng háng shù 欄楯。七重羅網。七重行樹。 jiē shì sì bǎo zhōu zā wéi rào shì gù 皆是四寶。周匝圍繞。是故 bǐ guó míng wéi jí lè 彼國名為極樂。

Moreover, Shariputra, this Land of Ultimate Bliss is everywhere surrounded by seven tiers of railings, seven layers of netting, and seven rows of trees, all formed from the four treasures and for this reason named 'Ultimate Bliss.'

yòu shè lì fū gií lè guó dù yǒu qī yǒu 有 dù shu guó dù o qí zhōng mǎn 共 mán 其 bǎo chí bā gōng dé shuǐ chōng mǎn 其 piē 独 水充满 piā hé a w yǐ yǐn shā bù dì o bō ti a ra biān gi li u a bō ti a ra bō ti a ra bō ti a ra più yín o chē qũ o chèng shàng yǒu lóu gé chē qũ o thì zhū a ra più a ra più ti a ra più a ra più

mǎ nǎo ér yán shì zhī chí zhōng lián huā 瑪瑙。而嚴飾之。池中蓮華。 dà rú chē lún qīng sè qīng guāng huáng sè 大如車輪。青色青光。黃色 huáng guāng chì sè chì guāng bái sè bái guāng 黄光。赤色赤光。白色白光。 wéi miào xiāng jié 微妙香潔。

Moreover, Shariputra, the Land of Ultimate Bliss has pools of the seven jewels, filled with the waters of eight meritorious virtues. The bottom of each pool is pure, spread over with golden sand. On the four sides are stairs of gold, silver, lapis lazuli and crystal; above are raised pavilions adorned with gold, silver, lapis lazuli, crystal, mother-of-pearl, red pearls and carnelian. In the pools are lotuses as large as carriage wheels, green colored of green light, yellow colored of yellow light, red colored of red light, white colored of white light, subtly, wonderfully fragrant and pure.

shè lì fú jí lè guó dù chéng jiù rú 舍利弗。極樂國土。成就如shì gōng dé zhuāng yán 是功德莊嚴。

Shariputra, the realization of the Land of Ultimate Bliss is thus meritoriously adorned.

yòu shè lì fú guó dù cháng zuò yòu shè lì fú guó dù cháng zuò 常作 被佛國土。常作 被佛國土。常作 tiān yuè huáng jīn wéi dì zhòu yè liù shí shí 天樂。黃金為地。晝夜六時。
yù tiān màn tuó luó huā gú dù zhòng shēng。
cháng yǐ qīng dàn gè yǐ yī gé chéng zhòng 常以清旦。各以衣裓,或盛聚 miào huā gòng yàng tā fāng shí wàn yì fó 佛 剪 供養他方十萬億佛。
jí yǐ shí shí shí huán dào běn guó。
即以食時。還到本國。
fing xíng

Moreover, Shariputra, in that Buddhaland there is always heavenly music, and the ground is yellow gold. In the six periods of the day and night a heavenly rain of mandarava flowers falls, and throughout the clear morning each living being of that land, with sacks full of the myriads of wonderful flowers, makes offerings to the hundreds of thousands of millions of Buddhas of the other directions. At mealtime they return to their own country, and having eaten they stroll around.

shè lì fǔ jí lè guó dù chéng jiù rú 舍利弗。極樂國土。成就如shì gōng dé zhuāng yán 是功德莊嚴。

Shariputra, the realization of the Land of Ultimate Bliss is thus meritoriously adorned.

fù cì shè lì fú bǐ guó cháng yǒu zhǒng zhǒng 復次舍利弗。彼國常有種種 qí miào zá sè zhī niǎo bái hè kǒng què 奇妙雜色之鳥。白鶴。孔雀。 yīng wǔ shè lì jiā líng pín qié gòng 鸚鵡。舍利。迦陵頻伽。共mìng zhī niǎo 命之鳥。

Moreover, Shariputra, in this country there are always rare and wonderful varicolored birds: white cranes, peacocks, parrots and egrets, kalavinkas, and two-headed birds.

shì zhū zhòng niǎo zhòu yè liù shí chū hé 是諸眾鳥。晝夜六時。出和 yǎ yīn qí yīn yǎn chàng wǔ gēn wǔ lì 雅音。其音演暢五根。五力。

qī pú tí fēn bā shèng dào fēn rú shì 七菩提分。八聖道分。如是děng fǎ qí dù zhòng shēng wén shì yīn yǐ 等法。其土眾生。聞是音已。jiē xī niàn fó niàn fǎ niàn sēng 皆悉念佛。念法。念僧。

In the six periods of the day and night, the flocks of birds sing forth harmonious and elegant sounds. Their clear and joyful sounds proclaim the Five Roots, the Five Powers, the Seven Bodhi Shares, the Eight Sagely Way Shares, and dharmas such as these. When living beings of this land hear these sounds, they are altogether mindful of the Buddha, mindful of the Dharma, and mindful of the Sangha.

 ā mí tuó fó yù lìng fǎ yīn xuān liú 阿彌陀佛。欲令法音宣流。biàn huà suǒ zuò 變化所作。

Shariputra, do not say that these birds are born as retribution for their karmic offenses. For what reason? In this Buddhaland there are no three evil ways of rebirth. Shariputra, in this Buddhaland not even the names of the three evil ways exist, how much the less their actuality! Desiring that the Dharma-sound be widely proclaimed, Amitabha Buddha by transformation made this multitude of birds.

shè lì fú bǐ fố guó dù wéi fēng chuī 舍利弗。彼佛國土。微風吹dòng zhū bǎo háng shù jí bǎo luó wǎng 動。諸寶行樹。及寶耀網。
chū wéi miào yīn pì rú bǎi qiān zhǒng yuè shù wéi miào yīn bǎi qiān zhǒng yuè chū wén shì yīn zhě zì 自然 jiē shēng niàn fố niàn fǎ niàn sēng zhī xīn 容告生念佛。念法。念僧之心。

Shariputra, in that Buddhaland, when the soft wind blows, the rows of jewelled trees and jewelled nets give forth subtle and

wonderful sounds, like one hundred thousand kinds of music played at the same time. All those who hear this sound naturally bring forth in their hearts mindfulness of the Buddha, mindfulness of the Dharma, and mindfulness of the Sangha.

shè lì fǔ qí fó guó dù chéng jiù rú 舍利弗。其佛國土。成就如shì gōng dé zhuāng yán 是功德莊嚴。

Shariputra, the realization of the Land of Ultimate Bliss is thus meritoriously adorned.

shè lì fú yú rǔ yì yún hé bǐ fó 舍利弗。於汝意云何。彼佛 hé gù hào ā mí tuó 何故號阿彌陀。

Shariputra, what do you think? Why is this Buddha called Amitabha?

shè lì fǔ bǐ fố guāng míng wú liàng zhào 舍利弗。彼佛光明無量。照 shí fāng guố wú suǒ zhàng ài shì gù hào 十方國。無所障礙。是故號

wéi ā mí tuó 為阿彌陀。

Shariputra, the brilliance of that Buddha's light is measureless, illumining the lands of the ten directions everywhere without obstruction; for this reason he is called Amitabha.

yòu shè lì fu bǐ fó shòu mìng jí qí 又舍利弗。彼佛壽命。及其rén mín wú liàng wú biān ā sēng qí jié 人民。無量無邊阿僧祇劫。gù míng ā mí tuó shè lì fú ā mí 故名阿彌陀。舍利弗。阿彌tuó fó chéng fó yǐ lái yú jīn shí jié 陀佛成佛以來。於今十劫。

Moreover, Shariputra, the life of that Buddha and that of his people extends for measureless limitless asamkhyeya kalpas; for this reason he is called Amitayus. And Shariputra, since Amitabha realized Buddhahood, ten kalpas have passed.

yòu shè lì fú bì fó yǒu wú liàng wú biān 又舍利弗。彼佛有無量無邊 shēng wén dì zǐ jiē ā luó hàn fēi shì 聲聞弟子。皆阿羅漢。非是 suàn shù zhī suǒ néng zhī zhū pú sà zhòng 算數之所能知。諸菩薩眾 yì fù rú shì 亦復如是。

Moreover, Shariputra, that Buddha has measureless, limitless 'sound-hearer' disciples, all Arhats, their number incalculable; thus also is the assembly of Bodhisattvas.

shè lì fú bǐ fó guó dù chéng jiù rú 舍利弗。彼佛國土。成就如shì gōng dé zhuāng yán 是功德莊嚴。

Shariputra, the realization of the Land of Ultimate Bliss is thus meritoriously adorned.

yòu shè lì fũ jí lè guó dù zhòng shēng 又舍利弗。極樂國土。眾生 shēng zhě jiē shì ā pí bá zhì qí zhōng 生者。皆是阿鞞跋致。其中 duō yǒu yì shēng bǔ chù gí shù shèn duō 多有一生補處。其數甚多。fēi shì suàn shù suǒ néng zhī zhī chì 自可以非是算數所能知之。但可以

wú liàng wú biān ā sēng qí shuō 無量無邊阿僧祇説。

Moreover, Shariputra, those living beings born in the Land of Ultimate Bliss are all avaivartika. Among them are many who in this very life will dwell in Buddhahood. Their number is extremely many; it is incalculable and only in measureless, limitless asamkhyeya kalpas could it be spoken.

shè lì fǔ zhòng shēng wén zhě yīng dāng fā 舍利弗。眾生聞者。應當發 yuàn yuàn shēng bǐ guó suǒ yǐ zhě hé 願。願生彼國。所以者何。 dé yǔ rú shì zhū shàng shàn rén jù huì yí chù 得與如是諸上善人俱會一處。

Shariputra, those living beings who hear should vow, 'I wish to be born in that country.' And why? Those who thus attain are all superior and good people, all gathered together in one place.

shè lì fǔ bù kě yǐ shǎo shàn gēn fǔ dé 舍利弗。不可以少善根福德 yīn yuán dé shēng bǐ guó 因緣。得生彼國。

Shariputra, one cannot have few good roots, blessings, virtues, and causal connections to attain birth in that land.

shè lì fú ruò yǒu shàn nán zǐ shàn nǚ rén 会利弗。若有善男子善女人。 wén shuō ā mí tuó fó a zhí chí míng hào shì 阿彌陀佛。 執持名號 ruò 詩語 ruò 詩語 ruò 菩若 liù 六岩三 liù 六岩三 liù 六岩三 liù 六岩三 liù 六岩三 ruò sì rì 一岩 若 ruò 若 五日 ruò 对 ruò 若 五日 nì 日 ruò 古石 nòng zhōng shí 。 阿彌陀佛。 現諸聖 zhòng xiàn zài qí qián 。 现在其前。

Shariputra, if there is a good man or woman who hears spoken 'Amitabha' and upholds the name, whether for one day, two days, three, four, five days, six days, as long as seven days, with one heart unconfused, when this person approaches the end of life, before him will appear Amitabha and all the assembly of holy ones.

shì rén zhōng shí xīn bù diān dǎo jí dé是人終時。心不顚倒。即得wǎng shēng ā mí tuó fó jí lè guó dù往生阿彌陀佛極樂國土。

When the end comes, his heart is without inversion; in Amitabha's Land of Ultimate Bliss he will attain rebirth.

shè lì fǔ wǒ jiàn shì lì gù shuō cǐ 舍利弗。我見是利。故説此yán ruò yǒu zhòng shēng wén shì shuō zhě言。若有眾生。聞是說者。yīng dāng fā yuàn shēng bǐ guó dù 應當發願。生彼國土。

Shariputra, because I see this benefit, I speak these words: If living beings hear this spoken they should make the vow, 'I will be born in that land.'

shè lì fú rú wǒ jīn zhě zàn tàn ā 舍利弗。如我今者。讚歎阿 mí tuó fó bù kě sī yì gōng dé zhī lì 瑜陀佛不可思議功德之利。dōng fāng yì yǒu ā chù pí fó xū mí xiàng東方亦有阿閦鞞佛。須彌相

Shariputra, as I now praise the inconceivable benefit from the merit and virtue of Amitabha, thus in the east are also Aksobhya Buddha, Sumeru Appearance Buddha, Great Sumeru Buddha, Sumeru Light Buddha, Wonderful Sound Buddha; all Buddhas such as these, numberless as Ganges sands. In his own country each brings forth the appearance of a vast and long tongue, everywhere covering the three thousand great thousand worlds, and speaks the sincere and actual words, 'All you living beings should believe, praise and hold in reverence the inconceivable merit and virtue of this Sutra of the Mindful One of Whom All Buddhas are Protective.'

Shariputra, in the Southern world are Sun Moon Lamp Buddha, Well-known Light Buddha, Great Blazing Shoulders Buddha, Sumeru Lamp Buddha, Measureless Vigor Buddha; all Buddhas such as these, numberless as Ganges sands. In his own country each brings forth the appearance of a vast and long tongue, everywhere covering the three thousand great thousand worlds, and speaks the sincere and actual words, 'All you living beings should believe, praise and hold in

reverence the inconceivable merit and virtue of this Sutra of the Mindful One of Whom All Buddhas are Protective.'

Shariputra, in the Western world are Measureless Life Buddha,

Measureless Appearance Buddha, Measureless Curtain Buddha, Great Light Buddha, Great Brightness Buddha, Jewelled Appearance Buddha, Pure Light Buddha; all Buddhas such as these, numberless as Ganges sands. In his own country each brings forth the appearance of a vast and long tongue, everywhere covering the three thousand great thousand worlds, and speaks the sincere and actual words, 'All you living beings should believe, praise and hold in reverence the inconceivable merit and virtue of this Sutra of the Mindful One of Whom All Buddhas are Protective.'

shè lì fǔ běi fāng shì jiè yǒu yàn jiān fó 舍利弗。北方世界有錢肩佛。北方世界有錢肩佛。北方世界有錢肩佛。 zuì shèng yīn fố nán jǔ fố rì shēng fố 最勝音佛。難沮佛。日生佛。 wǎng míng fố nú shì děng héng hé shā shù zhū 網明佛。如是等恆河沙數諸 fố gè yú qí guó chū guǎng cháng shé xiàng gè yú qí guó chū guǎng cháng shé xiàng hèn gè yú qí guó chū guǎng cháng shé xiàng shì gìè shuō chéng shí 獨一大千世界。 說就實 yán fù sān qiān dà qiān shì jiè shuō chéng shí 獨一大千世界。 說就實 yán gōng dé yí qiè zhū fố suǒ hù 清 功德,可思議功德。

niàn jīng 念經。

Shariputra, in the Northern world are Blazing Shoulders Buddha, Most Victorious Sound Buddha, Hard to Injure Buddha, Sun Birth Buddha, Net Brightness Buddha; all Buddhas such as these, numberless as Ganges sands. In his own country each brings forth the appearance of a vast and long tongue, everywhere covering the three thousand great thousand worlds, and speaks the sincere and actual words, 'All you living beings should believe, praise and hold in reverence the inconceivable merit and virtue of this Sutra of the Mindful One of Whom All Buddhas are Protective.'

dāng xìn shì chēng zàn bù kě sī yì gōng dé yí 當信是稱讚不可思議功德一qiè zhū fó suǒ hù niàn jīng 切諸佛所護念經。

Shariputra, in the world below are Lion Buddha, Well-known Buddha, Famous Light Buddha, Dharma Buddha, Dharma Curtain Buddha, Dharma Maintaining Buddha; all Buddhas such as these, numberless as Ganges sands. In his own country each brings forth the appearance of a vast and long tongue, everywhere covering the three thousand great thousand worlds, and speaks the sincere and actual words, 'All you living beings should believe, praise and hold in reverence the inconceivable merit and virtue of this Sutra of the Mindful One of Whom All Buddhas are Protective.'

shè lì fū shàng fāng shì jiè yǒu fàn yīn fó 舍利弗。上方世界有梵音佛。
xiù wáng fó xiāng shàng fó xiāng guāng fó 宿王佛。香上佛。香光佛。
dà yàn jiān fó zá sè bǎo huā yán shēn fó 大燄肩佛。雜色實華嚴身佛。
suō luó shù wáng fó bǎo huā dé fó siàn yí qiè yì fó rú xū mí shān fó yí qiè yì fó 如須彌山佛。如

Shariputra, in the world above are Pure Sound Buddha, King of Stars Buddha, Superior Fragrance Buddha, Fragrant Light Buddha, Great Blazing Shoulders Buddha, Varicolored Jewels and Flower Adornment Body Buddha, Sala Tree King Buddha, Jewelled Flower Virtue Buddha, Vision of All Meaning Buddha, Such As Mount Sumeru Buddha; all Buddhas such as these, numberless as Ganges sands. In his own country each brings forth the appearance of a vast and long tongue, everywhere covering the three thousand great thousand worlds, and speaks the sincere and actual words, 'All you living beings should believe, praise and hold in reverence the inconceivable merit and virtue of this Sutra of the Mindful One of Whom All Buddhas are Protective.'

shè lì fú yú rǔ yì yún hé hé gù 舍利弗。於汝意云何。何故

qiè zhū fố suǒ hù niàn jīng 名為一切諸佛所護念經。舍 zǐ shàn nử rén ruò yǒu shàn nán 利弗。若有善男子善女人 wén shì jīng shòu chí zhě jí wén zhū fó míng 聞是經受持者。及聞諸佛名 zhū shàn nán zhě shì zǐ shàn nữ rén 者。是諸善男子善女人。 qiè zhū fố zhī suǒ hù niàn yί 為一切諸佛之所護念。皆得 tuì zhuǎn yú ā nòu duō luó sān miǎo sān 不退轉於阿耨多羅三藐三菩 fú tí shì gù shè lì fú rǔ děng jiē dāng 提。是故舍利弗。汝等皆當 shè rǔ děng jiē dāng xìn shòu wǒ yǔ jí zhū fó suǒ shuō 信受我語。及諸佛所說。

Shariputra, what do you think? Why is it called Sutra of the Mindful One of Whom All Buddhas are Protective? Shariputra, if a good man or good woman hears this sutra and upholds it, and hears the names of all these Buddhas, this good man or woman will be the mindful one of whom all Buddhas are protective, and will irreversibly attain anuttarasamyaksambodhi. Therefore, Shariputra, all of you should believe and accept my words, and those which all Buddhas speak.

shè lì fǔ ruò yǒu rén yǐ fā yuàn jīn 舍利弗。若有人已發願。 今fā yuàn dāng fā yuàn yù shēng ā mí tuó 發願。當發願。欲生阿彌陀 shì zhū rén děng。 jiē dé bú 佛國者。是諸人等。皆得不tuì zhuǎn yú ā nòu duō luó sān miǎo sān pú tí 退轉於阿耨多羅三藐三菩提。yú bǐ guó dù ruò yǐ shēng ruò jīn shēng 於彼國土。若已生。若今生。ruò dāng shēng 若當生。

Shariputra, if there are people who have already made the vow, who now make the vow, or who are about to make the vow, 'I desire to be born in Amitabha's Country,' these people whether born in the past, now being born, or to be born in the future, all will irreversibly attain anuttarasamyaksambodhi.

shì gù shè lì fú zhū shàn nán zǐ shàn nǚ 是故舍利弗。諸善男子善女rén ruò yǒu xìn zhě yīng dāng fā yuàn 人。若有信者。應當發願。shēng bǐ guó dù 生彼國土。

Therefore, Shariputra, all good men and good women, if they are among those who have faith, should make the vow, 'I will be born in that country.'

zhī fǎ 之法。

Shariputra, just as I now praise the inconceivable merit and virtue of all Buddhas, all those Buddhas equally praise my inconceivable merit and virtue saying these words, 'Shakyamuni Buddha can complete extremely rare and difficult deeds. In the Saha land, in the evil time of the Five Turbidities, in the midst of the kalpa turbidity, the view turbidity, the affliction turbidity, the living beings turbidity, and the life turbidity, he can attain anuttarasamyaksambodhi and for the sake of living beings, speak this Dharma which in the whole world is hard to believe.'

shè lì fú dāng zhī wǒ yú wǔ zhuó è shì 舍利弗。當知我於五濁惡世。
xíng cǐ nán shì dé ā nòu duō luó sān miǎo 行此難事。得阿耨多羅三藐 sān pú tí wèi yí qiè shì jiān shuō cǐ nán 三菩提。為一切世間說此難 xìn zhī fǎ shì wéi shèn nán 信之法。是為甚難。

Shariputra, you should know that I, in the evil time of the Five Turbidities, practice these difficult deeds, attain anuttarasamyaksambodhi, and for all the world speak this Dharma, difficult to believe, extremely difficult!" fố shuỗ cǐ jũng yǐ shè lì fú jí zhū bǐ 佛説此經已。舍利弗及諸比 qiū yí qiè shì jiān tiān rén ā xiū luó děng 丘。一切世間天人阿修羅等。 wén fố suǒ shuỗ huān xǐ xìn shòu zuò lǐ 聞佛所説。歡喜信受。作禮 er qù 而去。

After the Buddha spoke this sutra, Shariputra and all the bhikshus, all the gods, humans and asuras, and others from all the worlds, hearing what the Buddha had said, joyously welcomed, faithfully accepted, bowed and withdrew.

fó shuō ā mí tuó jīng 佛説阿爾陀經 End of the Buddha Speaks of Amitabha Sutra

bá yí qiè yè zhàng gēn běn dé shēng jìng dù tuó 拔一切業障根本得生淨土陀 luó ní 羅尼(即往生咒三遍:)

Dharani for pulling out karmic obstructions by the roots and obtaining birth in the pure land:

讚佛偈一遍:

Praise to Amitabha Buddha:

ā mí tuó fó shēn jīn sè 阿彌陀佛身金色 xiàng hǎo guāng míng wú děng lún 相好光明無等倫bái háo wǎn zhuǎn wǔ xū mí白毫宛轉五須彌

Amitabha's body is the color of gold,
The splendor of his hallmarks has no peer.
The light of his brow shines 'round a hundred worlds,
Wide as the seas are his eyes pure and clear.
Shining in his brilliance by transformation
Are countless Bodhisattvas and infinite Buddhas.
His forty-eight vows will be our liberation,
In nine lotus-stages we reach the farthest shore.

ná mó xī fāng jí lè shì jiè dà cí dà bēi 南無西方極樂世界大慈大悲 ā mí tuó fó 阿彌陀佛

Homage to the kind and compassionate Amitabha Buddha of the Western Pure Land

ná mó ā mí tuó fó 南無阿彌陀佛 (+聲)

Namo Amitabha Buddha (10 times)

ā mí tuó fó 阿彌陀佛 (+念法)

Amitabha Buddha (use the Method of Ten Recitation)

ná mó guān shì yīn pú sà 青無觀世音菩薩 (+聲)

Namo Guan Shi Yin Bodhisattva (10 times)

ná mó dà shì zhì pú sà 南無大勢至菩薩 (+聲)

Namo Great Strength Bodhisattva (10 times)

ná mó qīng jìng dà hǎi zhòng pú sà 南無清淨大海眾菩薩 (+聲) Namo Great Pure Sea-vast Assembly

of Bodhisattvas (10 times)

迴向 Transference

至誠跪念蓮池大師之西方發願文:

With utmost sincerity, kneel with joined palms and recite the "Vow to be Reborn in the West" by Great Master Lian-chi.

qǐ shǒu xī fāng ān lè guó 稽首西方安樂國 jiē yǐn zhòng shēng dà dǎo shī 接引眾生大導鄉 wǒ jīn fā yuàn yuàn wǎng shēng 我今發願紅生 wéi yuàn cí bēi āi shè shòu 唯願慈悲哀攝受

Making obeisance to the Land of Peace and Bliss, And to the great guiding teacher who welcomes and leads living beings,

I have now made a vow to be reborn.

I only hope the Buddha will be compassionate, take pity on me, and gather me in.

dì zǐ mǒu jiǎ pǔ wèi sì ēn sān yǒu 弟子(某甲)。普為四恩三有。 fǎ jiè zhòng shēng qiú yú zhū fó yí chèng 法界眾生。求於諸佛。一乘 wú shàng pú tí dào gù zhuān xīn chí niàn ā 無上菩提道故。專心持念阿 mí tuó fó wàn dé hóng míng qí shēng jìng 彌陀佛。萬德洪名。期生淨 dù 土。

I, disciple (), universally for the sake of the four benefactors, for those in the three existences, and for all beings of the Dharma Realm, in order to seek the unsurpassed Bodhi Way of the One Vehicle of all Buddhas, single-mindedly recite and uphold Amitabha Buddha, the great name of myriad virtues, wishing to be born in the Pure Land.

yòu yǐ yè zhòng fū qīng zhàng shēn huì qiǎn 又以業重福輕。障深慧淺。
rǎn xīn yì chì jìng dé nán chéng jīn yú 杂心易熾。淨德難成。今於
fǒ qián qiáo qín wǔ tǐ pī lì yì xīn 。
佛前。翹勤五體,披瀝一心。
tóu chéng chàn huǐ wǒ jí zhòng shēng kuàng jié
投誠懺悔。我及眾生。曠劫
zhì jīn mí běn jìng xīn zòng tān chēn chī
至今。迷本淨心。縱貪瞋癡。

rǎn huì sān yè wú liàng wú biān suǒ zuò 染穢三業。無量無邊。所作zuì gòu wú liàng wú biān suǒ jié yuān yè 罪垢。無量無邊。所結冤業。yuàn xī xiāo miè 願悉消滅。

Furthermore, due to heavy karma, few blessings, profound obstacles and shallow wisdom, my defiled mind blazes easily and pure virtue is difficult to accomplish. Before the Buddhas, I now earnestly bow with my five limbs to the ground, repenting and reforming with perfect frankness and sincerity. From countless eons in the past until now, living beings and I have lost our original pure mind and have indulged in greed, hatred, and delusion, thus infinitely polluting the three karmic vehicles, committing infinite defiled offenses, and creating the karma of enmity. I vow that all these will be extinguished.

cóng yú jīn rì lì shēn shì yuàn yuǎn lí 從於今日。立深誓願。遠離 è fǎ shì bú gèng zào qín xiū shèng dào 惡法。誓不更造。勤修聖道。 shì bú tuì duò shì chéng zhèng jué shì dù 誓不退惰。誓成正覺。誓度 zhòng shēng 眾生。

From now on, I make profound vows to renounce evil dharmas and never commit them again, to diligently cultivate the sage path without retreating or being lax, to attain proper enlightenment, and to liberate living beings.

dùn pò wú míng yuán jué miào xīn kuò rán 頓破無明。圓覺妙心。廓然 kāi wù jí guāng zhēn jìng cháng dé xiàn qián 開悟。寂光真境。常得現前。

May Amitabha Buddha use the power of his compassionate vows to certify me, take pity on me and bless me. During recitation of the Buddha's name [Editor's note: "During dhyana contemplation" is used in Master Lian-chi's version.] and in my dreams, I hope to see the golden body of Amitabha Buddha, visit his precious, adorned land, have his sweet dew anoint my crown, his light illumine my body, his hand touch my head, and his sash cover my body. Then my past obstacles will spontaneously cease, my good roots will grow, my afflictions will swiftly vanish, I will suddenly break through my ignorance and thoroughly realize the wonderful mind of perfect enlightenment, so that the true state of stillness and light will always manifest.

zhì yú lín yù mìng zhōng yù zhī shí zhì 至於臨欲命終。預知時至。
shēn wú yí qiè bìng kǔ è nàn xīn wú yí 身無一切病苦厄難。心無一
qiè tān liàn mí huò zhū gēn yuè yù zhèng 切貪戀迷惑。諸根悦豫。正
niàn fēn míng shě bào ān xiáng rú rù chán 念分明。捨報安詳。如入禪

mí tuố fố yǔ guān yīn shì 定。阿彌陀佛。與觀音勢至 zhū shèng xián zhòng fàng guāng jiē yin 諸聖賢眾。放光接引。垂手 yì xiāng tiān yuè lốu gé chuẩng fãn 提攜。樓閣幢幡。異香天樂。 xī fāng shèng jìng zhāo shì mù qián lìng zhū 西方聖境。昭示目前。令諸 zhāo shì mù qián zhòng shēng jiàn zhě wén zhě huān xi gǎn tàn 眾生。見者聞者。歡喜感歎。 рú tí 發菩提心。

As the end of my life approaches, I will know in advance the time of its coming. My body will be free of all illness, suffering, and disasters; my mind will be free of greed, fondness, confusion, and delusion; and all my faculties will be blissful. Remaining in a clear state of proper mindfulness, I will renounce my retribution body peacefully, just as if entering samadhi. Amitabha Buddha accompanied by Guan Yin Bodhisattva, Great Strength Bodhisattva, and the assembly of all sages and worthies, will emit light to welcome and guide me, lifting me up with his hands. The towers, pavilions, curtains, banners, unique fragrances, heavenly music, and sage states of the Western Land will be revealed before me, so that all living beings who see or hear them will be joyfully moved and bring forth the Bodhi mind.

At that time I will ride the vajra dais, follow the Buddha, and in a finger snap, be reborn in a superior lotus in the pool of seven jewels in the Land of Ultimate Bliss. When the flower opens, I will see the Buddha and all the Bodhisattvas, hear the sound of the wonderful Dharma and realize patience with non-production. In an instant, I will serve all Buddhas and receive predictions from them personally. After receiving these predictions, I will fully achieve the three bodies, four wisdoms, five eyes, six powers, limitless hundreds of thousands of dharani doors, and all meritorious virtues.

rán hòu bù wéi ān yǎng huí rù suō pó sk 後不違安養。 四入娑婆。
fēn shēn wú shù biàn shí fāng chà yǐ bù 分身無數。 編十方刹。 以不 kě sī yì zài shén lì zhǒng zhǒng fāng 可思議。自在神力。 種種方biàn dù tuō zhòng shēng xián lìng lí rǎn 使脱眾生。成令離染。 huán dé jìng xīn tóng shēng xī fāng。 和编码 dé jìng xīn tóng shēng xī fāng xī fāng xī f

After that, without leaving the peaceful land, I will return to the Saha world, transforming into countless bodies that pervade the lands of the ten directions. Using inconceivable, masterful spiritual powers and all kinds of expedients, I will liberate all living beings, enabling them to leave defilement, regain their pure mind, be born together in the Pure Land, and enter the position of non-retreat.

rú shì dà yuàn shì jiè wú jìn zhòng shēng 如是大願。世界無盡。眾生 wú jìn yè jí fán nǎo yí qiè wú jìn 無盡。業及煩惱。一切無盡。 wǒ yuàn wú jìn lì fó fā yuàn 或顏無盡。 願今禮佛發願。 xiū chí gōng dé huí shī yǒu qíng sì 四卷 fi jiè zhòng shēng 忽 žǒng bào sān yǒu qí zī fǎ jiè zhòng shēng 總報。三有齊資。法界眾生, tóng yuán zhǒng zhì 同圓種智。

Just as worlds are inexhaustible, living beings are inexhaustible, and their karma and afflictions all are inexhaustible, so too are these great vows that I have made inexhaustible. I now wish to transfer to sentient beings the merit and virtue of cultivation, making vows, and bowing to the Buddhas, in order to repay the kindness of the four benefactors, and to help those in the three existences. May all living beings of the Dharma Realm together perfect the Wisdom of all Modes.

(起立,問訊 stand, half-bow)

三皈依 The Three Refuges

對佛合掌立念:

Stand with joined palms and recite:

zì guī yī fó	dāng yuàn zhòng shēng	
自皈依佛	當願眾生	
日吸水师	由侧外工	
tǐ jiě dà dào	fā wú shàng xīn	
體解大道	發無上心	(拜)

In taking refuge with the Buddha, I vow that living beings will understand the great Way profoundly, and bring forth the Bodhi mind. (bow)

In taking refuge with the Dharma, I vow that living beings will deeply enter the Sutra Treasury, and have wisdom like the sea. (bow)

zì guī yī sēng dāng yuàn zhòng shēng 自皈依僧 當願眾生 tǒng lǐ dà zhòng yí qiè wú ài 統理大眾 一切無礙 (拜)

hé nán shèng zhòng 和南聖眾

(問訊)

In taking refuge with the Sangha, I vow that living beings will unite and lead the great assembly, all without obstruction. (bow) (start of half bow) Bowing in reverence to the sages. (end of half bow)

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A Guide to Pure Land Practice



壹、修持湏知

A. What a cultivator needs to know

一、正汗與助汗

- I. Main Practice and Auxiliary Practice
- ◆**正行**為信願念佛——每天要作淨土早晚功課 及記數念佛,一日也不能缺。

Main Practice: With faith and vows, recite the Buddha's name:

- 1. Recite the Morning and Evening Pure Land Practice,
- 2. Do a fixed number of Buddha recitation, and
- 3. Practice daily.
- ◆助行為改惡修善——應孝養父母、敦倫盡份 、戒殺吃素、修十善業、皈依三寶、受持戒 律、發菩提心、深信因果。隨緣修諸萬行: 持咒、誦經、禮佛、拜懺、聽經聞法、學習 教理、供養三寶等等。

Auxiliary Practice: Avoid all evil and practice all good deeds:

- 1. Be filial to one's parents,
- 2. Fulfill one's proper role,
- 3. Abstain from killing and keep to a vegetarian diet,
- 4. Practice the ten good deeds,
- 5. Take refuge with the Triple Jewel,
- 6. Uphold the precepts,
- 7. Bring forth the Bodhi mind,
- 8. Firmly believe in the law of cause and effect, and

- 9. Cultivate the myriad practices in accord with conditions: uphold mantras, recite sutras, bow to the Buddhas, bow in repentance, listen to sutras and dharma, study and practice the teachings, make offerings to the Triple Jewel and so forth.
- ◆平時修**正行**時間要長過**助行**。

More time should be devoted to **main practice** than to **auxiliary practice**.

二、記數念佛的方法

II. The Method of Reciting a Fixed Number of the Buddha's Name

◆開始先合掌發願:

Begin by placing both palms together and make this vow:

dì zǐ mǒu jiǎ pù wèi sì ēn sān yǒu fǎ jiè 弟子(某甲),普為四恩三有,法界zhòng shēng zhì chéng kěn qiè chí fó hóng míng shēng 眾生,至誠懇切,持佛洪名()聲, qiú shēng jìng dù yuàn yí qiè zhòng shēng jiàn wén mí tuó 求生淨土。願一切眾生,見聞彌陀míng hào shēn xìn qiè yuàn huān xǐ niàn fó tóng shēng 名號,深信切願,歡喜念佛,同生xī fāng jí lè shì jiè 西方極樂世界。

I, disciple (), universally for the sake of the four benefactors, for those in the three existences, and for all beings of the Dharma Realm, with utmost sincerity, uphold the Buddha's great name () times to seek rebirth in the Pure Land. May all living beings who see and hear Amitabha Buddha's name delight in reciting it with profound faith and sincere vows, so that all can together be reborn in the Western Land of Ultimate Bliss.

◆發願畢,誠心念:

After making the vow, sincerely recite:

ná mó xī fāng jí lè shì jiè dà cí dà bēi ā mí tuó fó 南無西方極樂世界大慈大悲阿彌陀佛 Homage to the kind and compassionate Amitabha Buddha of the Western Pure Land

ná mó ā mí tuó fó 南無阿彌陀佛 (+聲) Namo Amitabha Buddha (10 times)

ā mí tuó fó **阿彌陀佛** (開始記數)

Amitabha Buddha (begin to count the recitations)

念佛時,印光大師開示:「無論出聲默念,皆須念從心起,聲從 口出,音從耳入,心口念得清清楚楚,耳根聽得清清楚楚。」

Great Master Yin Guang said, "Whether one recites aloud or silently, the recitation should emerge from the mind, the voice flow out of the mouth, and the sound enter the ears, so that the mouth and the mind recite it very, very clearly and the ear hears it very clearly."

◆念滿所定之數目後,誠心迴向:

After the fixed number of Buddha recitation is completed, sincerely transfer the merit:

wǒ jīn chēng niàn ā mí tuố zhēn shí gōng dé fó míng hào 我今稱念阿彌陀 真實功德佛名號 wéi yuàn cí bēi āi shè shòu 惟願慈悲哀攝受 zhèng zhī chàn hui jí suǒ yuàn 證知懺悔及所願 wǎng xí suǒ zào zhū è yè 往昔所造諸惡業 jiē yóu wú shǐ tān chēn chī 皆由無始貪瞋癡 cóng shēn yǔ yì zhī suǒ shēng 從身語意之所生 yí qiè wǒ jīn jiē chàn huǐ 一切我今皆懺悔 jìn chú yí qiè zhū zhàng ài 盡除一切諸障礙 yuàn wǒ lín yù mìng zhōng shí 願我臨欲命終時 jí dé wǎng shēng ān lè chà miàn jiàn bi fo ā mí tuó 即得往生安樂刹 面見彼佛阿彌陀 yuàn yǐ cǐ gōng dế zhuāng yán fó jìng dù 莊嚴佛淨土 願以此功德 shàng bào sì chóng ēn xià jì sān tú kǔ 下濟三途苦 上報四重恩 ruò yǒu jiàn wén zhě xī fā pú tí xīn 悉發菩提心 若有見聞者 jìn cỉ yí bào shēn tóng shēng jí lè guó 同生極樂國 盡此一報身

shí fāng sān shì yí qiè fó yí qiè pú sà mó hē sà 十方三世一切佛 一切菩薩摩訶薩

mố hē bō rě bō luố mì 摩訶般若波羅蜜

I now recite Amita.

The Buddha's name of true merit and virtue;

May he compassionately accept me

And certify my repentance and vows:

For all bad karma created in the past,

Based upon beginningless greed, hatred, and delusion,

And born of body, mouth, and mind,

I now repent and reform.

I vow that when my life nears its end,

All obstructions will be swept away;

I will see Amita Buddha

And be born in his Land of Peace and Bliss.

I vow that this merit

Will adorn the Buddha's Pure Land,

Repaying the four benefactors above

And aiding those suffering in the three paths below.

May those who see and hear

All bring forth the Bodhi resolve,

And when this retribution body is over,

Be born together in the Land of Ultimate Bliss.

Homage to all Buddhas of the ten directions

and three periods of time,

All Bodhisattvas, Mahasattvas,

Maha Prajna Paramita.

三、助行發願法

III. The Method of Making Vows for Auxiliary Practice

◆每天除念佛外,無論是隨眾或自己有作其他 修持的功課,如持咒、誦經、拜懺等等,皆 應以萬善導歸極樂,在開始作每一項功課之 前先發願如下:

Everyday, in addition to reciting the Buddha's name, if one does any auxiliary practices either with the assembly or on one's own, such as upholding mantras, reciting sutras, or bowing in repentance and so forth, all the meritorious deeds should be dedicated to the Land of Ultimate Bliss. Before the starting of each practice, make the following vows:

dì zǐ mǒu jiǎ pǔ wèi sì ēn sān yǒu fǎ jiè 弟子(某甲),普為四恩三有,法界zhòng shēng zhì chéng kěn qiè chí zhòu huò sòng jīng děng děng 眾生,至誠態切,(持〇〇咒或誦〇〇經等等),qiú shēng jìng dù yuàn wǒ jí zhòng shēng jìn cǐ yí bào 求生淨土。願我及眾生,盡此一報shēn tóng shēng jí lè guó jiē gòng chéng fó dào wéi身,同生極樂國,皆共成佛道,惟yuàn ā mí tuó fó cí bēi pǔ shè shòu 願阿彌陀佛慈悲普攝受。

I, disciple (), universally for the sake of the four benefactors, for those in the three existences, and for all beings of the Dharma Realm, with utmost sincerity, [upholding (state the name) mantra /

reciting (<u>state the name</u>) Sutra, etc.], seek rebirth in the Pure Land. May living beings and I together be reborn in the Land of Ultimate Bliss and attain Buddhahood at the end of this life. May Amitabha Buddha compassionately gather in and accept us all.

四、總迴向

IV. General Transference

◆平時身口意所修的諸福善,皆應迴向求生淨 土,做為往生的資糧,在每晚入睡前,將此 總迴向如下:

All the blessings and wholesomeness cultivated by the body, speech and mind should be transferred to seek rebirth in the Pure Land, so as to serve as provisions for future rebirth. Before going to sleep every night transfer all that has been cultivated as follows:

dì zǐ mǒu jiǎ yuàn jiāng jīn tiān suǒ xiū jí de suǒ 弟子(某甲),願將今天所修集的所yǒu gōng dé shàn gēn huí xiàng qiú shēng xī fāng jí lè shì 有功德善根,迴向求生西方極樂世jiè yuàn wǒ jìn cǐ yí bào shēn jué dìng dé shēng jí 界,願我盡此一報身,決定得生極lè guó wéi yuàn ā mí tuó fó cí bēi lái jiē yǐn 樂國,惟願阿彌陀佛慈悲來接引。

l, disciple (), wish to transfer all the meritorious virtue and good roots cultivated and accumulated today to seek rebirth in the

Western Land of Ultimate Bliss. May I definitely be reborn in the Land of Ultimate Bliss at the end of this life. May Amitabha Buddha compassionately welcome and guide me.

dì zǐ yě yuàn jiāng suǒ yǒu gōng dé shàn gēn huí xiàng mǒu jiǎ 弟子也願將所有功德善根迴向(某甲),
yuàn mǒu jiǎ zuì zhàng xiāo chú shàn gēn zēng zhǎng sù néng
願(某甲)罪障消除,善根增長,速能
fā xīn chí cháng sù bìng néng shēn xìn qiè yuàn
發心持長素……,並能深信切願,
huān xǐ niàn fó tóng shēng xī fāng jí lè shì jiè
歡喜念佛,同生西方極樂世界。

I also wish to transfer the meritorious virtue and good roots to (). May their offenses be eliminated and their good roots increase so that they will quickly become vegetarians, etc. May they delight in reciting the Buddha's name with profound faith and sincere vows so that they will be reborn in the Western Land of Ultimate Bliss.

yuàn yǐ cǐ gōng dé zhuāng yán fǒ jìng dù 顯以此功德 莊嚴佛淨土 shàng bào sì chóng ēn 上報四重恩 xià jì sān tú 达下濟三途苦 ruò yǒu jiàn wén zhě 若有見聞者 悉發菩提 iìn cǐ yí bào shēn 古生極樂國

I vow that this merit
Will adorn the Buddha's Pure Land,
Repaying the four benefactors above
And aiding those suffering in the three paths below.
May those who see and hear
All bring forth the Bodhi resolve,
And when this retribution body is over,
Be born together in the Land of Ultimate Bliss.

五、勸勉

V. Exhortation

◆行者必須真正一心皈命阿彌陀佛,深信佛是 大願王,無事不辦,無求不應。所以真念佛 人,對臨終往生極樂世界自然充滿信心,對 目前生活上的一切問題,都能蒙佛加持迎刃 而解,作一位快樂的念佛人。

With one mind, we truly return our lives to Amitabha Buddha, firmly believe that the Buddha is the king of great vows. There is nothing he cannot do, and nothing he does not respond to. Thus, a person who truly recites the Buddha's name can be confident that he will be reborn in the Land of Ultimate Bliss; he will receive the Buddha's aid in resolving all the problems of his daily life. He will be one who happily recites the Buddha's name.

六、淨土早晚功課儀式簡介

VI. A Brief Introduction of the Morning and Evening Pure Land Practice

◆每天至誠作兩次淨土早晚功課,決定能令行者業障消除、善根增長、信願行增強。此功課包括五項要點:

Sincerely do the Morning and Evening Pure Land Practice twice a day. It will surely eradicate one's karmic obstacles, increase one's good roots, and strengthen one's faith, vows, and practice. There are five essential items to this practice:

1.供養

Making Offerings

佛前供香、花、燈、果、水等,或單供清水 一杯及上香一枝。若不便準備以上供具,可 直接按照儀式行事,其意義正如《華嚴經疏 鈔》所云:

> 合掌以為華 身為供養具 善心真實香 讚歎香煙布 諸佛聞此香 尋聲來相度 眾等勤精進 終不相疑誤

Making offerings before the Buddha with incense, flowers, lamps, fruit, and water etc., or simply a glass of water or one stick of incense. If the above offerings are unavailable, one may proceed directly with the Morning and Evening Pure Land Practice. The essence of making offerings is described in the Flower Adornment Sutra Prologue:

Let our folded palms be the flowers,
Our bodies, the offering,
Our wholesome minds, the true incense,
And our praises, the permeating incense.
All Buddhas who receive these fragrances
Will follow the sound and come to liberate us.
Everyone should practice vigorously
And not have any doubts.

2. 禮拜

Bowing

此項中六拜的每一拜意義深遠,在禮拜時, 普為四恩三有、法界眾生:懺悔業障、發四 宏願或求生淨土等,即是實踐自利利他的菩 薩行。

The six bows here are extremely meaningful. When bowing, universally, for the sake of the four benefactors, for those in the three existences, and for all beings of the Dharma Realm, one repents of all karmic obstacles, makes the four vast vows, seeks rebirth in the Pure Land, and so on, thereby practicing the Bodhisattva's conduct of benefiting self and others.

3. 誦阿彌陀經

Reciting Amitabha Sutra

念佛人既然要求生淨土,就應與極樂世界結 深緣、熟悉彼土依正莊嚴的狀況,每天誦兩 卷阿彌陀經,如同觀看極樂世界兩遍。

Since those who recite the name of the Buddha seek rebirth in the Pure Land, they should develop deep affinities with the Land of Ultimate Bliss and become familiar with the adornments of that land. The recitation of *Amitabha Sutra* twice a day are like having two opportunities to view the Land of the Ultimate Bliss.

4.早晚十念法

The Method of Ten Recitations in the Morning and Evening

Repentance Host Ci Yun explains the Method of Ten Recitations in the morning and evening: Fold the palms together (breathe in first, and while breathing out) continuously recite 'A mi tuo fo.' Every breath is considered one recitation. Repeat this for ten breaths and this is called the Ten Recitations. The length of each breath and the number of times the Buddha's name is recited in each breath does not matter. The voice should neither be too loud nor too soft, neither too fast nor too slow. For the duration of these ten breaths, one should recite nonstop, and be focused and vigorous. This is a way of concentrating the mind through breathing for those who practice the Method of Ten Recitations. However, one must practice it to the end of one's life without missing even one day. If one does not miss a single day and regards one's resolve as essential, one will surely be reborn in the Pure Land.

宣化上人云:「若能每天早晚至誠懇切修此 十念法門,臨命終時,必蒙佛接引,決定往 生。」

Venerable Master Hua said, "If one can sincerely cultivate the Method of Ten Recitations every morning and evening, at the end of one's life, the Buddha will definitely guide one to rebirth in the Pure Land."

5.迴向發願

Making Vows and Dedicating the Merit

蓮池大師之西方發願文,乃省庵大師及印光

大師極口之所讚歎為最圓滿的淨土文,內容包含六大綱要:

- ①發菩提心
- ②懺悔三障
- ③立四宏誓
- ④求牛淨土
- ⑤回入娑婆
- ⑥總申迴向

Great Master Lian Chi's "Vow to be Reborn in the West" was praised by both Great Master Xing An and Great Master Yin Guang as the perfect Pure Land text. It contains six essentials:

- 1. Bring forth the Bodhi mind,
- 2. Repent of the three obstacles,
- 3. Make the four vast vows,
- 4. Seek to be reborn in the Pure Land,
- 5. Return to the Saha world,
- 6. And make the complete transference.

印光大師云:「須知淨土一法,以信願行三法為宗。行如車牛,願如御者,信如前導。 導與御者,正成就其車牛之進趣耳,是以朝暮必須向佛發願。」

Great Master Yin Guang said, "One must know that the three essential elements of the Pure Land Dharma are faith, vows, and practice. One's practice is like the ox cart, one's vows is like the driver, and one's faith is like the navigator. The navigator and the driver will direct the ox cart to the destination. Because of this, one must make vows in front of the Buddha day and night."

由此可知每天作早晚功課時,必須要向佛發 願求往生,切記墾切至誠,依文發心,句句 從心中發出,方合發願本旨。此項最關緊要 ,能令行者攝心專志淨土,趨向西方。

Therefore, one should know that in doing the Morning and Evening Pure Land Practice, one must make vows before the Buddha, seeking rebirth in the Pure Land. One must be absolutely sincere in making these vows, and whole heartedly pronounce each and every word of the vows. Only then would we have met the purpose of the vows. This is of utmost importance. It enables our mind to focus upon and advance towards the Western Pure Land.



貳、淨土捷要

B. Essentials of the Pure Land Practice

一、信願持名

- I. Faith, Vows, and Upholding the Buddha's Name
- ◆藕益大師云:

Great Master Ou Yi said:

得生與否,全由信願之有無。 品位高下,全由持名之深淺。

Whether or not one obtains rebirth depends completely on the presence or absence of faith and vows.

The grade of one's lotus depends completely on how profoundly one upholds the name.

云何為信?

- 一信阿彌陀佛願力,
- 二信釋迦文佛教語,
- 三信六方諸佛讚歎。

此而不信,真不可救,故須先生深信,勿起 疑惑。

What is meant by faith? It is

- 1. Faith in the power of Amitabha Buddha's vows,
- 2. Faith in Shakyamuni Buddha's Teachings, and
- 3. Faith in the praises of all Buddhas of the six directions.

If one lacks such faith, one has no hope of success. Therefore, one should evince deep faith and not harbor any doubts.

云何為願?

一切時中, 厭惡娑婆生死之苦, 欣慕淨土菩提之樂, 隨有所作, 若善若惡, 善則迴向求生, 惡則懺願求生, 更無二志, 是名為願。

What is meant by vows?

At all times one loathes the suffering of birth and death in the Saha world, and yearns for the joy of enlightenment in the Pure Land. For every good or bad deed one has done, one should do the following: If it is good, one should dedicate the merit to being reborn in the Pure Land. If it is bad, one should repent for the sake of seeking rebirth in the Pure Land. Making vows means seeking rebirth without any second thoughts.

信願既具,念佛方為**正行**,改惡修善皆為助 行。

With faith and vows both complete, one may recite the Buddha's name as one's **main practice**, and correct evil and cultivate wholesomeness as one's **auxiliary practice**.

◆印光大師云:

Great Master Yin Guang said:

念佛法門,注重信願,有信願,未得一心,亦可往生。得一心,若無信願,亦不得往生。世人多注重一心,不注重信願,已失其要,而又生既未得一心,恐不得往生之疑,則全與真信切願相反矣。由此而益加信願,以致一心,則是好想念。若由因不得一心,則是好想念。不可不知!

In the practice of reciting the Buddha's name, faith and vows are emphasized. If one has faith and vows, even one has not attained single-mindedness, one can still obtain rebirth in the Pure Land. However, if one has attained single-mindedness, and yet lacks faith and vows, one will not be reborn in the Pure Land. Worldly people emphasize being single-minded and neglect faith and vows, thus missing what is essential. Furthermore, when they fail to achieve single-mindedness, they doubt their ability to obtain rebirth, which is the complete opposite of true faith and profound vows. Therefore, we should deepen our faith and vows until we achieve single-mindedness. That is a good state of mind. If we fail to achieve single-mindedness and thus always doubt whether we can be reborn, that is a bad state of mind. We must be clear about this!

凡我有情, 聞是淨土法門者, 當信娑婆極苦,

All sentient beings who hear of the Pure Land Dharma should believe thus: the Saha world is full of suffering, and the Western Pure Land is full of bliss; our offenses from many lives past are grave indeed, and that without the Buddha's strength to aid us, it will be extremely difficult to transcend the Saha world; if we seek rebirth in the Pure Land, we shall be reborn there in this very life; and if we recite the Buddha's name, the Buddha will surely be compassionate and gather us in. Therefore, you should single-mindedly vow to leave the Saha world, just as a prisoner wants to leave the prison without the slightest reluctance; you should vow to be reborn in the West, just as a guest longs for his home village without any hesitation. From now on, as your time and ability allow, you must singlemindedly recite the name of Amitabha Buddha. Whether speaking or silent, moving or still, walking, standing, sitting or reclining, greeting or serving guests, putting on clothes or eating, never allow the Buddha to leave one's mind and one's mind must never leave the Buddha!

二、念佛深義

II. The Profound Meaning of Reciting the Buddha's Name

◆〈大勢至菩薩念佛圓通章〉云:

The Great Strength Bodhisattva's Perfect Penetration through Mindfulness of the Buddha said:

若眾生心,憶佛念佛, 現前當來,必定見佛,去佛不遠。 不假方便,自得心開。

If living beings remember the Buddha and are mindful of the Buddha, they will certainly see the Buddha now or in the future. Being close to the Buddha, even without the aid of expedients, they will awaken by themselves.

◆憨山大師云:

Great Master Han Shan said:

佛説修行出生死法,方便多門,唯有念佛求 生淨土,最為捷要。

The Buddha said that among the various expedient methods for transcending birth and death, reciting the Buddha's name and seeking rebirth in the Pure Land is foremost.

修淨土不必求悟明心性(永明延壽禪師云:但得見彌陀,何愁不開悟?)專以念佛為**正行**,又以布施齊僧,以為莊嚴佛土之助為莊嚴佛土之助為莊嚴佛土之助為莊嚴佛土之助為莊嚴,要知先斷生死之則,要者世間種是一切,及外人之。 其色經聲,滋味之間,與一切,及外道,與一門,每日誦彌陀經兩卷,念佛若干。

One who cultivates the Pure Land practice need not seek enlightenment of the inherent nature. (Chan Master Yong Ming Yan Shou said, "If one can see the Buddha, why worry about not being enlightened?") One should concentrate on reciting the Buddha's name as one's main practice. One should also offer vegetarian food to the Sangha and cultivate all kinds of meritorious deeds to adorn the Buddhaland as an auxiliary practice. In reciting the Buddha's name and making vows to be reborn in the Western Pure Land, one must first sever the root of birth and death. This is the most effective way. The root of birth and death is greedy attachment to the various enjoyments of the world, such as beautiful forms, affectionate voices, delicious flavors, and pleasant sensations. These are all causes of suffering. Other causes include mental states of anger, hatred, attachment, delusion, and infatuation; and association with the teachings of evil demons, externalist sects, and misguided teachers. One must totally eliminate these causes and have faith solely in the Dharma door of reciting the Buddha's name. Everyday recite the Amitabha Sutra twice and the Buddha's name numerous times.

◆藕益大師云:

Great Master Ou Yi said:

念佛求生淨土,乃一門圓攝百千法門,非舉一廢百也。但必一門深入,念佛為**正行**,餘一切戒定慧等為助,正助合行,如順風之舟,更加板索,疾到岸矣。念佛之法雖多,持名最為簡便;持名之法亦多,記數尤為穩當,真操實履之士,豈求異愚夫愚婦哉?

The single Dharma door of reciting the Buddha's name and seeking rebirth in the Pure Land encompasses many other Dharma doors. It is not the case that by practicing one Dharma, one loses the others. However, one must deeply penetrate this Dharma door, reciting the Buddha's name as one's **primary practice**, and cultivating precepts, samadhi and wisdom as the supporting activities. With the primary and supporting practices, just as when one's boat sails smoothly on a favorable wind, with special features to increase its speed, one will reach the other shore quickly. Although the forms of mindfulness of the Buddha are many, reciting the name is the most simple and convenient. Among the various methods of reciting the Buddha's name, counting the recitations is the most reliable. Could what true practitioners seek be any different from the average person who uses this method?

念佛法門,別無奇特,只貴信得及,守得穩,直下念去,或晝夜十萬,或五萬三萬,以

決定不缺為準。

There is no special requirement in the Dharma door of reciting the Buddha's name. What is needed is faith and sincerity in the recitation. Keep reciting the Buddha's name day and night—a hundred thousand times, fifty thousand times, or thirty thousand times. Be determined not to miss your recitation.

念得阿彌陀佛熟,三藏十二部極則教理,都 在裏許;千七百公案、向上機關,亦在裏許; 三千威儀、八萬細行、三聚淨戒,亦在裏許。

When Amitabha Buddha's name is recited skillfully, it encompasses the ultimate teachings and principles of the twelve divisions of the Tripitaka, the seventeen hundred public records and the secrets of the Chan School, the three thousand awesome deportments, eighty thousand subtle conducts and the Three Collections of Pure Precepts.

真能念佛,放下身心世界,即大布施。

真能念佛,不復起貪瞋癡,即大持戒。

真能念佛,不計是非人我,即大忍辱。

真能念佛,不稍間斷夾雜,即大精進。

真能念佛,不妄想馳逐,即大禪定。

真能念佛,不為他歧所惑,即大智慧。

- To be truly mindful of the Buddha and renounce one's body, mind, and the world, is great altruism.
- To be truly mindful of the Buddha without giving rise to greed, hatred, and delusion, is great adherence to precepts.
- To be truly mindful of the Buddha without paying attention to right and wrong or people and self, is great patience.
- To be truly mindful of the Buddha without the slightest interruption, is great vigor.
- To be truly mindful of the Buddha without chasing after false thoughts, is great samadhi.
- To be truly mindful of the Buddha without being confused by other diversions, is great wisdom.

試自檢點,若於身心世界猶未放下,貪瞋癡 念猶自現起,是非人我猶自掛懷,間斷夾雜 猶未除盡,妄想馳逐猶未永滅,種種他歧猶 能惑志,便不名真念佛也。

Try to examine yourself. If you have not let go of the mind and body; if greed, hatred and delusion still arise; if you still get caught up in discriminating about yourself and others; if miscellaneous thoughts have not been eradicated; if the pursuit of false thoughts has not ceased; and if various distractions still delude your mind, then you have not been truly mindful of the Buddha.

要到一心不亂境界,亦無他術。最初下手, 須用數珠,記得分明,刻定課程,決定無缺, 久久純熟,不念自念,然後記數亦得,不記 數亦得。若初心便要說好看話,要不著相, 要學圓融自在,總是信不深,行不力,饒你 講得十二分教,下得千七百公案,皆是生死 岸邊事,臨命終時,決然用不著。

If you want to reach the stage of single-mindedness, there is no method other than this: At the start, we need to use chanting beads. Remember to count accurately, keep to the same scheduled time, and do not miss any recitation. After some time, you will get used to it and reach a stage where the recitation will continue of itself without conscious effort. At this stage, you may or may not continue to count. If you are a beginner and try to be knowledgeable by saying that one must be flexible and be at ease, your faith will always remain shallow and your practice is never strong. Even though, you can explain the twelve divisions of Canon and able to use the seventeen hundred public records, these are only trivial matters in the realm of birth and death. When your life comes to an end, your skills will be useless.

◆宣化上人開示:

Venerable Master Hua said:

我再告訴你們一句真話,我最歡喜的就是念南無阿彌陀佛,我睡覺也念南無阿彌陀佛, 作夢也念南無阿彌陀佛,走路也念南無阿彌 陀佛,站著也念南無阿彌陀佛,行住坐臥都 是念南無阿彌陀佛。所以,前後左右阿彌陀 佛都站滿了!因為阿彌陀佛和我要合成一個 ,要沒有彼此的分別。你說這是妙不妙?還 有再妙過這樣子的?所以,念佛法門是最妙 的法門!

I wish to tell you the truth. Reciting "Namo Amitabha Buddha" is my favorite activity. I recite "Namo Amitabha Buddha" when I sleep; I also recite "Namo Amitabha Buddha" in my dreams. While walking around, I recite "Namo Amitabha Buddha." Standing still, I continue reciting "Namo Amitabha Buddha." Whether I am walking, standing, sitting, or lying down, I recite "Namo Amitabha Buddha." That is why Amitabha Buddha is standing all around me, in front of me, behind me, to my left and right. Amitabha Buddha and I are one and the same, without any difference. Isn't it wonderful? Is there anything more wonderful than this? Therefore, reciting the Buddha's name is the most wonderful Dharma door!

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門錄

Appendix

善導大師勸世偈

Great Master Shan Dao's Verse of Exhortation

漸看假豈任無唯但與非行金衰千終徑阿太安玉殘般是路彌病快到修陀



Gradually, our skin wrinkles like a chicken's;
Our hair turns white as crane feathers.
Our steps become slow and unsteady.
Though we fill our houses with riches,
We cannot avoid the sorrow of sickness and suffering.
We may enjoy a thousand happy things,
But eventually the ghost of impermanence arrives.
The only path is that of cultivation:
Simply recite Amitabha Buddha's name.

澈悟禪師示衆

Chan Master Che Wu's Advice to the Assembly

- 一、真為生死,發菩提心,是學道誦途。
- 二、以深信願,持佛名號,為淨土正宗。
- 三、以攝心專注而念,為下手方便。
- 四、以折伏現行煩惱,為修心要務。
- 五、以堅持四重戒法,為入道根本。
- 六、以種種苦行,為修道助緣。
- 七、以一心不亂,為淨行歸宿。
- 八、以種種靈瑞,為往生證驗。

此八種事,各宜痛講,修淨業者,不可不知。

- The unimpeded path for learning the Way requires that one truly brings forth the Bodhi resolve for the sake of ending birth and death.
- 2. Proper Pure Land practice consists of upholding the Buddha's name with firm faith and vows.
- 3. The way to begin is to focus one's mind on the recitation.
- 4. In cultivating the mind, it is essential to overcome all afflictions.
- 5. The basis for entering the Way is to firmly uphold the Four Major Precepts.
- 6. One's cultivation of the Way may be aided by various ascetic practices.
- 7. Single-mindedness that is free from confusion provides a sanctuary for pure practice.
- 8. Rebirth in the Pure Land is certified by various efficacious signs. These eight points should each be fully explained. Pure Land practitioners must certainly be aware of them.

□印光大師開示

Great Master Yin Guang's Advice

無論在家出家,必須上敬下和, 忍人所不能忍,行人所不能行。 代人之勞,成人之美。 靜坐常思已過,閒談不論人非。

行住坐臥,穿衣吃飯,

從朝至暮,從暮至朝,

一句佛號,不令間斷;或小聲念,或默念,

除念佛外,不起别念。

若或妄念一起,當下就要教他消滅。

常生慚愧心及懺悔心。

縱有修持,總覺我工夫很淺,不自矜誇。

只管自家,不管人家。

只看好樣子,不看壞樣子;

看一切人都是菩薩,唯我一人實是凡夫。

果能依我所説修行,決定可生西方極樂世界。

諸惡莫作 眾善奉行

自淨其意 是諸佛教

南無阿彌陀佛!阿彌陀佛!

Whether you are a monastic or a layperson, respect your superiors and be in harmony with your peers and subordinates.

Endure what others cannot endure; do what others cannot do.

Help others to accomplish their good deeds.

Always reflect on your own faults in meditation. Do not indulge in idle chatter or gossip.

Whether walking, standing, sitting, lying down, dressing or eating, from dawn to dusk and dusk to dawn, recite the Buddha's name without a moment's lapse.

Whether reciting softly or silently, focus on the Buddha's name to the exclusion of all other thoughts.

As soon as a false thought arises, let it cease and disappear.

Always maintain an attitude of remorse and repentance.

Although you are cultivating, think of your skill as being very shallow and avoid becoming arrogant.

Only mind your own business; do not meddle in the business of others.

Observe worthy examples and ignore unworthy ones.

Regard everyone as a Bodhisattva, and only I am a common person.

If all of you practice according to my advice, you will definitely be born in the Western Land of Ultimate Bliss.

Avoid all evil,

Practice all good,

And purify your mind:

This is what all Buddhas teach.

Namo Amitabha Buddha! Amitabha Buddha!

□宣化上人警衆語

Venerable Master Hua's Exhortation

彌陀萬法王

Amitabha, the King of All Dharmas

一句彌陀萬法王 五時八教盡含藏 行人但能專持念 直入寂光不動場 上人十七歲為讚淨土法門而作

The one word "Amitabha" is the king of all Dharmas.

The Five Periods and the Eight Teachings are all contained within it.

A cultivator needs only to uphold and recite it single-mindedly, And he will certainly reach the still, bright, and unmoving field.

A praise of the Pure Land Dharma by the Venerable Master Hua at age seventeen

火裹勤栽運

Planting Lotuses in the Fire

念佛勿緩亦勿急 妄想盡時佛自現 火裏栽蓮切莫疑

In reciting the Buddha's name, be neither slow nor fast. Focus your attention, just like Subhuti. When false thoughts end, the Buddha manifests.

Have no doubts as you plant lotuses in the fire.

念念阿彌陀

Mindfulness of Amitabha

不可說時今又說 語言文字非妙科 各位欲得真受用 心心念念阿彌陀 -九八七年十二月二十五日作

Unspeakable yet I am talking about it, Words and language are not what's wonderful. Everyone, if you want to gain true benefit, Be mindful of Amitabha in thought after thought.

Written in December 25, 1987

惜陰速念佛

Cherish the time: hurry and recite the Buddha's name

間談雜話損精神 有限光陰貴勝珍 不念彌陀真可惜 閻羅催亡靠誰人 痛想光陰沒幾何 通身放下念彌陀 一心懇禱慈悲父 伸手牽予出愛河

Idle chatter and frivolous talk are just a waste of energy. Your limited time is more precious than the rarest of gems. What a pity if you don't recite Amitabha's name. When King Yama comes for you, who can you depend on? Remember well that you don't have much time left. So put down everything and recite Amitabha's name. With wholehearted sincerity, pray that our compassionate father Will give you a hand and pull you out of the river of desire.

念佛為什麼

Why are we mindful of the Buddha?

你我念佛為什麼 你念佛 我念佛 化娑婆 處處極樂阿彌陀 了生死 無你我 有什麼 萬物靜觀皆自得 跳出三界大愛河 煩惱斷 無明破 一九七二年十二月作

You are mindful of the Buddha. I am mindful of the Buddha. Why are we mindful of the Buddha?

To end birth and death, to transform the Saha,

So that everywhere is Amitabha's ultimate bliss!

With no you and no me, what is there?

In still contemplation, myriad things are understood.

Cut off afflictions; smash through ignorance;

Leap out of the Triple Realm's great river of desire.

Written in December, 1972

持名專誠念

Sincerely Recite the Name

阿彌陀佛大法王 朝夜持名專誠念 時刻觀想善思量 一心不亂成三昧 頓悟無生佛身現

普攝群機往西方 萬慮皆空入蓮鄉 妙覺果位自承當

一九七二年十二月八日作

Amitabha Buddha is the great Dharma King.

He gathers all beings and guides them to the Western Land.

Sincerely recite his name from morning to night.

Contemplate it at all times; ponder it well.

With one heart unconfused, you realize samadhi;

With the mind emptied of thoughts, you enter the Lotus Land.

All of a sudden, you awaken to the uncreated; the Buddha manifests,

And wonderful enlightenment is naturally attained.

Written in December 8, 1972

示念佛人

For Those Who Recite the Buddha's name

念佛專注安養邦 彌陀大願到西方 三輩九品蓮華現 六度萬行刹那圓 觀音勢至為伴侶 文殊普賢共法船 慈父接我臻故里 原來極樂是家鄉

Recite the Buddha's name and focus on the Land of Peace.

Amitabha's great vows will take us to the West.

Three levels and nine grades of lotuses suddenly appear.

In an instant, we perfect the six paramitas and the myriad practices.

Accompanied by Guan Yin and Great Strength,

We sail together with Manjushri and Universal Worthy.

Our compassionate father welcomes us back to our native village.

All along, the Land of Ultimate Happiness was our own home!

Written in November 20, 1979

口念打成片

Reciting to a State of Oneness

念佛能念無間斷 雜念不生得三昧 終日厭煩娑婆苦 纝將紅塵心念淡 求生極樂意念重

口念彌陀打成片 往生淨土定有盼 放下染念歸淨念 上人為教弟子專修淨土法門而作

If you recite the Buddha's name, reciting without cease, The mouth recites "Amita" and a state of oneness is reached. Scattered thoughts do not arise, samadhi you attain. For rebirth in the Pure Land, your hope is not in vain. If all day you detest the suffering Saha's pain, Cut off the mundane thoughts within your mind. Make rebirth in Ultimate Bliss your mind's essential aim. Put down impure reflections, and pure thoughts you will find.

> Written by Venerable Master Hua for his disciples who specialize in cultivating the Pure Land Dharma

極樂是君家

The Land of Ultimate Bliss Is Your Home

青黄赤白妙蓮華 我輩真誠念佛號 七日摩頂授佛記 切望諸賢更努力

朵朵霞光照美加 佛陀接引菩提薩 百劫業障盡消化 西方極樂是君家 一九七二年十二月十日作 Green, yellow, red and white wonderful lotus flowers
Bloom and shine from California out across the land.
As we recite the Buddha's name with true sincerity,
The Buddha guides us onto Bodhisattvahood.
After seven days, our heads will be rubbed
and we will receive predictions of Buddhahood.
And a hundred kalpas' karmic obstructions completely melt away.
I earnestly wish you worthy ones will work even harder yet
To make the Western Land of Ultimate Bliss your own home.

Written in December 10, 1972

大丈夫事畢

Once the Heroic Work is Perfected

寒岩飛雪滿天白 紅蓮遍地此時開 重重無盡佛光照 念念有聲法性栽 彈指功成遂我願 刹那消融宿世災 寂光清淨常快樂 丈夫事畢暢所懷

Through whirling snow on icy cliffs, whitening the sky,
Red lotuses burst forth all over the earth today,
In infinite layers the Buddha's light illumines all without end;
Each syllable of the Buddha's name nurtures the Dharma-nature.
In a finger snap the work is done just as you had wished,
And disasters wrought in lives gone by in a flash are melted away.
In the pure, still light, find constant happiness;
Once the heroic work is perfected, your aspirations are fulfilled.

Written in December 11, 1972

精進修淨土

Vigorously Cultivate the Pure Land Dharma

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Vigorously cultivate the Pure Land Dharma, Reciting "Amitabha" as if your head were at stake.

辭彙

Glossary

十善業:

- ①不殺生 ②不偷盜 ③不邪婬
- ④不妄言 ⑤不綺語 ⑥不兩舌 ⑦不惡口
- ⑧不貪 ⑨不瞋 ⑩不癡

Ten good deeds:

- 1.No killing,2.No stealing,6.No divisive speech,7.No harsh speech,
- 2.No stealing, 7.No narsh speed 3.No sexual misconduct, 8.No greed,
- 4.No lying,5.No frivolous speech,9.No hatred,10.No delusion.

迴向偈

Verse of Transference

May the merit and virtue accrued from this work
Adorn the Buddha's Pure Land,
Repaying the four benefactors above
And aiding those suffering in the three paths below.
May those who see and hear of this
All bring forth the Bodhi resolve,
And when this retribution body is over,
Be born together in the Land of Ultimate Bliss.