

Praises of the Buddha (*Sanbutsuge*)

Chanted on a single pitch. Note: Each syllable is recited as a separate beat; hyphenated syllables and words are recited on one beat. May also be chanted to the *Junirai* melody.

- **Leader:**
1. Your face shines in great splendor,
Everyone:
Boundless, wondrous, dignity,
Such the greatness of your light;
Beyond all comparison.
 2. Brightness of the sun and moon
And the shining Mani jewels,
When compared to your brilliance,
Seem to us like blackest ink.
 3. Tathāgata's countenance
Transcends all comparison.
The great voice of-awakening
Resounds through the ten quarters.
 4. Your precepts, learning, effort,
Meditation, wisdom are
Virtues beyond all compare;
Ultimate, supreme, and rare.
 5. Your deep meditation has
Fathomed all the Dharma sea,
To the limits and the depths
Of all things the Buddhas teach.

6. Ignorance, anger, and greed;
The World Honored One has none.
Like a lion among men,
Measureless your Great Virtue.
7. Vast are your great virtu-ous deeds,
Wisdom deep, and so sublime,
Your radi-ant, luminous, light
Shakes all the worlds' foundations!
8. When I become a Buddha,
Equal to the Dharma King,
I will transcend birth and death,
Liberating all beings.
9. My giving, disciplined mind,
Precepts, patience, and effort,
Meditation and wisdom,
Shall be supreme, unsurpassed!
10. I will attain Buddhahood;
Everywhere fulfill my Vow.
Bringing to all those in fear,
Great peace and tranquility.
11. Though there are myri-ad Buddhas
Beyond measure, beyond count,
And Great Sages, numberless,
Like the grains of Ganges' sand.

12. I will honor each of them,
Equally, excepting none.
Even more importantly,
I will seek the Supreme Way!
13. Even though all Buddha worlds
Are countless as Ganges' sands;
Even though all lands and realms
Are boundless, without measure.
14. Yet my light shall reach them all,
And illumine ev'ry place;
Such shall be my perfect work;
Such my power, infinite!
15. When I attain Buddhahood,
My land will be first and best;
Place of practice, transcendent;
Its people, sublime and rare!
16. Land equal to Nirvana;
Beyond all comparison,
With pity for ev'ryone,
I will carry all across;
17. All who come from ten quarters,
To be born into my land;
To attain pure, joyful mind,
Peace and great tranquility.

18. Be my witness, Buddha, please;
 Confirm my sincerity!
 Now that I have made my vows,
 I will strive to fulfill them.
19. Buddhas of the ten quarters,
 With your wisdom, unhindered;
 May all of these Honored Ones
 Know my deepest intention.
20. Even though my body must
 Bear great pain and suffering,
(Slowly to end) I will persevere and strive
 Patiently, without regret.



Nembutsu

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