

## **A Pali Canon Puja to the Buddha Shakyamuni**

### **Worship**

I had heard that there was an ocean-crosser,  
A hero, desiring the desireless. S Nip 5.11.1

A thirst-breaker,  
wishless,

Free and wise,

Beyond time and home

Life and pleasure. S Nip 5.12.1

They call him Buddha,

Enlightened, awake,

Dissolving darkness

With total vision. S Nip 5.epilogue.10

This teacher whose teaching

Is the Way Things Are

Instant, immediate

Visible all around

Eroding desire without harmful side effects

With nothing else quite like it

Anywhere in the world. S Nip 5. Epilogue. 16

### **Shakyamuni mantra**

#### **Salutation**

I can give nothing but respect,

Nothing but honour,

To this power-house of gentleness

To this brother of the sun.

You are the Buddha,

The Enlightened.

You are the Master,

The Teacher.

You are glowing with understanding,

Radiating wisdom,

Finishing suffering

And carrying me across.

You are a lion in the jungle

With nothing to frighten

And nothing to fear.

You are a lotus on a lake

good and evil roll off you

like water off a petal.

Nowhere in this world

Is there anything like you.  
I salute you and I honour you.

S Nip 3.6.30-38

### **Going for Refuge**

It is amazing, Venerable Gotama!  
It is wonderful, Venerable Gotama!  
Just as if  
One might set upright  
What has been overturned  
Or reveal what has been hidden,  
Or bring a lamp into a dark place  
So that those with eyes  
could see what was there  
so in many ways  
the Dhamma has been explained  
by the Venerable Gotama.  
I take refuge in him.  
I take refuge in the Dhamma  
I take refuge in the Sangha.  
From today,  
may the Buddha accept me as follower  
Who has gone to him for refuge  
for life.

MN 150, S Nip 3.6.38

### **Refuges and Precepts**

#### **Confession**

When I reflect,  
If I know:  
This action that I did  
With my body, speech or mind,  
Did it lead to my own affliction,  
Or to the affliction of others,  
Or to the affliction of both?  
Was it an unskillful action,  
With painful consequences,  
With painful results?  
Then I confess this unskillful action  
I reveal it  
I lay it open to the Teacher  
Or to my wise companions in the holy life.  
I undertake restraint  
For the future.

MN 61.10-11

**Rejoicing**

It is a *great* gain,  
It is a great gain for me  
That I have such companions  
In the holy life.

Aniruddhas

When I reflect,  
If I know:  
This action that I did  
With my body, speech or mind,  
Was it a skilful action,  
With pleasant consequences,  
With pleasant results?  
Then I abide happy and glad  
Training day and night  
In skilful states.

MN 61.11

**Entreaty**

Please, man of Shakya,  
Free me from confusion!  
Please teach me the way of detachment  
So that I can know it as it is  
So that I can live, in this life  
In the peace and independence  
Which is as free  
as the air in space.

S Nip 5.5.3 and 5

Please, ocean-crosser,  
For all the different people  
Who have come from different places  
To listen to your words  
Tell us about the Way  
That you have found and known.

S Nip 5.12.2

**Discourse on No Self****Transference of Merits**

Wide open are the doors of the Deathless  
Let those who hear show faith.

MN26; Life p39

Go now and wander  
For the welfare and happiness of many  
Out of compassion for the world

For the benefit, welfare and happiness  
Of gods and humans.

Teach the Dhamma

*Practise the Dhamma*

That is good in the beginning

Good in the middle

And good in the end

With the meaning and the letter.

*Live* a holy life

That is utterly perfect and pure.

There are beings with little dust on their eyes.

Some will understand the Dhamma.

Life, p52

Vin Mv 1:7-20

**Sabbe satta sukhi hontu**

'Life' = The Life of The Buddha  
Italics denote alterations to original text