

PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE

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Great Compassionate Buddha!

Today we are gathered before you in prayer.

We beseech you to listen to our heartfelt words.

There is so much suffering and sorrow in this world!

The power struggles amongst international communities have caused many wars;

Racial hatred has not ceased to persist, resulting in so many conflicts;

The prevalence of infectious diseases has harboured so many disasters;

Bringing to the human race unmeasurable amounts of suffering.

This is the kind of world we live in,

Living everyday in torment unable to be at ease,

Living everyday in chaos unable to be at peace.

Great Compassionate Buddha!

We beseech you to listen to our sincere wishes.

We wish that in this world,

There is no jealousy, only admiration;

There is no hatred, only harmony;

There is no greed, only generosity;

There is no misfortune, only accomplishment.

Let us in this world,

Not discriminate based on gender or age, but have mutual respect;

Not differentiate between the wealthy and the destitute, but show mutual co-operation;

Not possess racial prejudice, but show mutual acceptance.

Great Compassionate Buddha!

You have said that:

“There is no differentiation between the mind, Buddha and sentient beings.”

“You, I and they are all equals.”

We are to learn from your wisdom, so as to end all racial hostilities;

We are to learn from your compassion, so as to resolve international conflicts;

We are to learn from your aura, to illuminate the dark corners of the world.

Great Compassionate Buddha!

Today we sincerely pray to you for world peace and universal happiness!

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We beseech you to accept our sincere prayer!

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Na Mo Shakyamuni Buddha