

*Seven-branch prayer - Homage:*

I pay homage with my body, speech and mind filled with devotion,  
To all buddhas without exception—  
Those lion-like heroes of the past, present and future,  
Who dwell in all worlds throughout the universe.

With the power of these aspirations for excellent conduct,  
I bow before all victorious ones as they manifest to my mind,  
Prostrating with as many bodies  
As there are atoms in the universe.

I envision that there are countless buddhas  
Abiding on every atom in the universe,  
Each surrounded by hosts of bodhisattvas,  
Completely pervading the basic space of phenomena.

With never-ending praises  
Sung to an ocean of melodies,  
I extol the perfect qualities of all victorious ones,  
Who have arrived at a state of bliss.

*Offering:*

I offer to all these victorious ones  
Sublime flowers, garlands, music and balms,  
Beautiful parasols, brilliant lamps, the purest incense,  
The finest clothes and loveliest fragrances.

Vessels filled with sweet-scented powders  
Piled as high as the King of Mountains,  
The finest, most exalted array of all excellent things—  
I offer these as well to all the buddhas.

With the power of my faith in excellent conduct  
And my devotion to the buddhas,  
I pay homage and present them with  
Vast, unsurpassable offerings.

*Confessing:*

I confess each and every negative action  
Of my body, speech and mind  
That I have committed under the influence  
Of desire, anger or ignorance.

*Rejoicing:*

I rejoice in the meritorious deeds of buddhas  
Throughout all directions,  
As well as bodhisattvas, pratyekabuddhas, arhats beyond training,  
Those still in training and all beings.

*Requesting:*

I request that those lamps of the world,  
The protectors who, free of attachment,  
Have attained the enlightened state of buddhahood,  
Turn the wheel of the unsurpassable Dharma.

*Supplicating:*

I join my hands and beseech those  
Who may wish to pass beyond all suffering,  
To remain for as many eons as there are atoms in the universe,  
In order to bring benefit and happiness to all beings.

*Dedicating:*

I dedicate whatever virtue I have accumulated,  
Through prostrating, offering and confessing,  
Through rejoicing, requesting and supplicating,  
However slight this virtue may be, to the enlightenment of all.

The Request for Teachings:

To fulfill the needs of all beings at their various levels of understanding,  
We request that you turn the wheel of Dharma,  
Including the lesser and greater,  
Common and extraordinary approaches.