



A Prayer for One's Husband

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Oh great, compassionate Buddha!
Your disciple would like to tell you sincerely:
When I was little,
I grew up under my parents's care and protection.
Since reaching adulthood,
I married my husband and have shared my life with
him.

Please allow me to speak my heart:
Being a woman,
Building a new family with a man,
And having and raising children
I have been through all kinds
Of indescribable suffering and hardships.
In particular, my concern for my husband
Preoccupies me every moment.

Today, I would like to pray to you
With utmost sincerity for my husband:
May he not just toil in the pursuit of wealth,
But also work for the cultivation of virtue;
May he not just conduct himself in life with
competency,
But also treat others generously, with compassion;
May he not just strive in his career,
But also look after the well-being of both his mind
and body;
May he not just take care of social engagements,
But also care for the harmony and happiness of our
family.

I pray that he will not only love and protect
His wife and children,
But also loves and protects
The parents and relatives of others,
And even loves and protects all humanity and all
beings.
May he leave time for our family, besides striving at
work,
So that we can enjoy an interesting life filled with
humor,
And the warmth of being happy and together.

Oh great, compassionate Buddha,
May my husband not avoid the responsibilities of
family;
May he not love the new, and detest our long
relationship;
May he not become indebted or wasteful in finances;
May he do no evil nor act criminally in society.

I pray that all husbands are able to understand that:
When you are laden with work,
Your wife and children will extend their sublime
respect to you;
When you are toiling and busy,
Your wife and children will offer their sincere
blessings to you;
When you are defeated,
Your wife and children will view you as a great hero;
When you are away from home,
Your wife and children will wait at home for your
return.

Oh great, compassionate Buddha,
Since our marriage,
We have vowed eternal love and shown mutual
affection in every possible way;
We have trusted, and been thoughtful to, one
another.

I pray that my husband will have generosity,
That he will not dislike my occasional nagging,
And that we will maintain the sweetness of our
original heart.

I pray that my husband will be more caring to our
family,
That he will not cut off communication when away
from home,
And that we can be joined together, inseparable and
united in heart.

Oh great, compassionate Buddha!
I pray for my husband:
May he never become attached to wealth, power, or
fame;
Let him realize that ordinariness is greatness,
And demanding nothing is sublime;
May he never covet sensual pleasure; let him
understand:
The wife who is with him in hardship is the
long-lasting one,
And safety and peace are exquisite;
Please grant my husband longevity and good health;
Please grant my husband peace and good fortune.

Oh great, compassionate Buddha,
Please accept my sincerest prayer!
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Namo Shakyamuni Buddha.