



# A Prayer for Blessings on Our Nation

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Oh great, compassionate Buddha!  
With the greatest sincerity,  
As your disciples,  
We are here to express our gratitude for your great protection;  
Please let our nation make education available to all;  
Please let our people raise their standard of living;  
Please let our science and technology continue to improve;  
Please let our politics maintain freedom and democracy.

Oh great, compassionate Buddha!  
With great sincerity, we would like to express ourselves clearly:  
Although education is available to all,  
Our ethics have degenerated;  
Although our standard of living has been raised,  
Our public morality has eroded;  
Although our science and technology have advanced,  
Our industries have reported frequent incidents of pollution;  
Although our political system is democratic,  
Our society has been turbulent and ill at ease.

Oh great, compassionate Buddha!  
We thus pray for your great protection:  
May the mercilessness and cruelty of our society  
Be transformed into harmony and happiness;  
May the brazenness and debauchery of our society  
Be transformed into proper manners and order;  
May the rampancy of crime and misdirection of our society  
Be transformed into joyous giving and forming affinity;  
May the cheating and imposture of our society  
Be transformed into harmony and righteousness;  
May the anger, hatred, and jealousy of our society  
Be transformed into compassion, kindness, and benevolence;

May the wrong knowledge and wrong views of our society  
Be transformed into right knowledge and right views.

Oh great, compassionate Buddha!  
We pray for your great support:  
May we grasp the concept of cause of effect,  
And understand the reality of life;  
May we have the strength of a heart full of patience and tolerance,  
And never retreat in the face of adversity;  
May we be imbued with clear and wise foresight,  
And have no fears or worries;  
May we have the courage to subdue evils,  
And complete the mission of life.

Oh great, compassionate Buddha!  
We pray for your blessing and protection;  
May our country have favorable weather,  
And never have natural disasters or man-made calamities;  
May our politics be honest, clean, and just,  
And never have corruption or bribery.  
May our ethnic groups be tolerant of those who are different,  
And never have racial disputes;  
May our society be steadfast, prosperous, and powerful,  
And never have wars or upheavals;  
May our lives be abundant in food and clothing,  
And never suffer economic instability;  
May our bodies and minds be healthy and carefree,  
And never be disturbed by sickness.

Oh great, compassionate Buddha,  
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Namo Shakyamuni Buddha.