



A Prayer to Avalokitesvara Bodhisattva

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Oh great, compassionate Avalokitesvara Bodhisattva!
Please relieve the distressed and suffering.
Please listen compassionately
To your disciple confess and repent:
Since I have come to know human affairs,
I always feel that life is not peaceful;
I often feel that circumstances are not agreeable.
Towards relatives and good friends,
I am not considerate or helpful enough;
Towards society and the masses,
I lack skillful means to bring harmony to all people.

Oh great compassionate Avalokitesvara Bodhisattva!
Whenever I look up at your compassionate image,
My mind indeed feels pure and at ease;
Whenever I chant your name,
My spirit indeed feels comfortable, and I myself feel
free from worldly worries.
Facing you, who are dignified and immaculate,
I feel so ashamed!
In comparison to your sprinkling sweet dew all over
To universally benefit humans and devas:
You are like an ocean, I am like well water;
You are like the sun and the moon, I am like a firefly;
You are like mountains, I am like a mole hill;
You are like a lion king, I am like a small mouse.

Oh great, compassionate Avalokitesvara Bodhisattva!
Over many kalpas, you have worked diligently in
defiance of hardships,
And still want to return to the world to liberate all
sentient beings.
You have done what is difficult for people to do
And still want to follow the world's cries to relieve its
suffering.
Who am I?
Why can I not do the same

Oh great, compassionate Avalokitesvara Bodhisattva!
I pray to you to guide me with your universal vows,
I pray to you to enlighten me with your
compassionate vows.
May I have your fearless penetration
Of the nature of all things through wisdom:
If I face people of vices they will be transformed;
If I face villains their anger will be cooled;
If I face evil, the evil mind will be brought under
control;

If I face the ignorant, they will obtain great wisdom.

Oh great, compassionate Avalokitesvara Bodhisattva!
I pray to you to shelter me in your compassionate
cloud;
I would like to learn your spirit of benefiting and
relieving all beings:
To observe the needs of all beings through
compassionate eyes;
To listen to the suffering of all beings with attentive
ears;
To comfort the vexations and anxiety of all beings
with wonderful words;
To soothe the wounds of all beings with both hands.

Oh great, compassionate Avalokitesvara Bodhisattva!
I pray to you to illuminate us with your light of
wisdom:
I will assist all beings through joyous giving;
I will convert and guide the stubborn into the Truth
by cooperating with and adapting to them;
I will provide people with convenience through
beneficial conduct;
I will help people to be happy through loving words.

Oh great, compassionate Avalokitesvara Bodhisattva!
I would like to take your liberation and ease as a
model.

From now on:
I will distance myself from contrary and delusive
ideas
To contemplate the ease of the individual;
I will distance myself from discrimination and
personal conjecture
To contemplate the ease of circumstances;
I will distance myself from attachment and
entanglement
To contemplate the ease of affairs;
I will distance myself from the five desires and the
trouble of the world
To contemplate the ease of the mind.

Oh great, compassionate Avalokitesvara Bodhisattva,
Please accept my sincerest prayer!
Oh great, compassionate Avalokitesvara Bodhisattva,
Please accept our sincerest prayer!

Namo Avalokitesvara Bodhisattva.