



# A Prayer for a Newborn

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Oh great, compassionate Buddha!  
With great sincerity we would like to tell you  
That a new life has arrived!  
Our child \_\_\_\_\_ has come into this world.  
We pray that, with your blessing and protection  
The child may suffer no calamity,  
And may be healthy in both mind and body;  
May the child have good luck every moment,  
And grow up safely;  
May the child be endowed with intelligence,  
wisdom, and discernment,  
And learn without hindrance;  
May the child embody both merits and virtues,  
And be loved by people.

Oh great, compassionate Buddha!  
Please grant the child not only the fruits of  
happiness,  
But also a few challenges and some forging of  
character;  
Not only the garden of joy,  
But also a few brambles and underbrush;  
Not only the encouragement of honor,  
But also a few trials and undertakings;  
Not only the faith of Buddhism,  
But also the needed, unadulterated diligence and  
patience.

May the child have the gift of being grateful to  
others;  
May the child have self-reflection to humble  
himself/herself;  
May the child have the virtues of cultivating  
repayment;  
May the child have belief in right knowledge and  
right view.

Oh great, compassionate Buddha,  
In the future may the child:  
Become a son/daughter in the family  
Who is honest and filial;  
Become a student in school  
Who respects teachers and their teachings;

Become an upright person at work  
Who is diligent and modest;  
Become a disciple in Buddhism  
Who protects and upholds the Triple Gem.

Oh great, compassionate Buddha!  
We pray that, under the illumination of your Buddha  
light:  
May the child grow up to be well-behaved, and to  
live securely;  
May the child not be blinded and confused by  
vanity;  
May the child not be misled by temptation of the  
senses.

Oh great, compassionate Buddha!  
I pray for your blessing and protection;  
Please give the child confidence and courage  
When he/she is defeated,  
And do not let him/her be heartbroken and sad;  
Please give him/her wisdom and strength  
When he/she despairs,  
And do not let him/her be woeful and disappointed.

Oh great, compassionate Buddha!  
We hope that this humble heart  
Can spread throughout the entire universe;  
We hope that this vow  
Can reach into the unlimited, unbounded future;  
May this young and tender life  
Never lose his/her innocent nature;  
May this young and tender life  
Never lose his/her benevolent and beautiful true  
feelings.

Oh great, compassionate Buddha,  
This is your disciples' pious prayer;  
Please kindly accept it!  
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This your disciples' pious prayer;  
Please kindly accept it!

Namo Shakyamuni Buddha.