



A Prayer for One's Wife

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Oh great, compassionate Buddha!
I am already a man with a family.
I realize that I am carrying a great responsibility,
But I often neglect the people who are dearest to me
Due to my thoughtlessness, and the pressures of
my work.

Deep in the night, when I reflect upon life's trivial
matters,

I truly feel that I have not been
wholehearted with my family;
I truly regret that I have owed
My wife and children so much.

Oh great, compassionate Buddha!
I understand that my wife has gone through
hardships to give birth and raise our children;
I understand that she has worked hard to wash and
clean.

My wife is one of the few virtuous and wise women in
the world;

For my joy and interests, she gave up
Her own interests and ambitions;
For my needs and ideals, she abandoned
Her own possessions and attachments.

When I come home,
She always soothes me with loving words;
She always prepares delicious, healthy food;
She always naturally shows concern and protection;
She always encourages me.

In order to have consideration for my dignity,
She lives a frugal life, to purchase more clothing for
me;

In order to ensure my well-being
She has nursed and cared for my health for months
and years;

In order to please my family
She says kind words to them and endures many
grievances;

In order to help me succeed in my career,
She shares and relieves my worries at every
moment.

Oh great, compassionate Buddha!
In a family, a wife holds an important position;
For a husband, a virtuous, wise wife plays an
essential role;
For children, a loving mother is their strength;

For a man, the family is the center of his life.
In the small world of "home",
A wife plays an important role-
Her smile is sunshine for the entire family;
Her voice is music for the entire family;
Her loving words are a gentle breeze for the entire
family;
Her arms are a safe harbor for the entire family.
I hope that I can walk and chat with her among
flowers and in the moonlight,
And never let her work too hard or feel lonely.
I hope that I can be like her shadow, never separate
from her,
And never let her wait anxiously for me at home.

Oh great, compassionate Buddha!
I feel very content with my wife;
If I have ever spoken rough words to her,
I hope that she can accept my repentance;
If I have ever neglected her birthday gift,
I hope that she can accept my apology;
If I have ever been unable to accompany her at any
time,
I hope that she can tolerate my inexpressible
difficulties;
If my income is not enough for the family budget,
I hope that she can understand my limitations.

Oh great, compassionate Buddha!
Please bless and protect my wife:
May she be a wise mother in the hearts of our
children;
May she be a virtuous daughter-in-law in the hearts
of her in-laws;
May she be a woman of great capacity, and
enthusiastic in promoting public welfare;
May she be the paragon of motherhood in the world.

Please let the family become her small universe;
Please let the family become her good companion.

Oh great, compassionate Buddha,
Please accept my sincerest prayer!
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Please accept my sincerest prayer!

Namo Shakyamuni Buddha.