



Chanting the Names of Our Zen Ancestors

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We vow with all beings, from this life on throughout countless lives, to hear the True Dharma; that upon hearing it, no doubt will arise in us, nor will we lack in faith; that upon meeting it, we shall renounce worldly affairs and maintain the buddha-dharma; and that in doing so, the great earth and all living beings together will attain the buddha way. Although our past evil karma has greatly accumulated, indeed being the cause and condition of obstacles in practicing the way, may all buddhas and ancestors who have attained the buddha way be compassionate to us and free us from karmic effects, allowing us to practice the way without hindrance.

May they share with us their compassion, which fills the boundless universe with the virtue of their enlightenment and teachings.

Buddhas and ancestors of old were as we;
we, in the future shall be buddhas and ancestors.

Revering buddhas and ancestors, we are one buddha and one ancestor;
awakening bodhi-mind, we are one bodhi-mind.

Because they extend their compassion to us freely and without limit,
we are able to attain buddahood and let go of the attainment.

Therefore, the Chan Master Lung-ya said:

Those who in past lives were not enlightened will now be enlightened.

In this life, save the body which is the fruit of many lives.

Before buddhas were enlightened they were the same as we.

Enlightened people of today are exactly as those of old.

Quietly explore the farthest reaches of these causes and conditions,
as this practice is the exact transmission of a verified buddha.

Confessing and repenting in this way, one never fails to receive
profound help from all buddhas and ancestors.

By revealing and disclosing our lack of faith and practice
before the Buddha, we melt away the root of transgressions
by the power of our repentance.

This is the pure and simple color of true practice,
of the true mind of faith, of the true body of faith.

Buddhas and Ancestors-Men

Bibashi Butsu
Shiki Butsu
Bishafu Butsu

Kuroson Butsu
Kunagonmuni Butsu
Kasho Butsu

Shakamuni Butsu
Great Teacher Makakasho
Great Teacher Ananda

Great Teacher Shonawashu
Great Teacher Ubakikuta
Great Teacher Daitaka

Great Teacher Mishaka
Great Teacher Vashumitsu
Great Teacher Butsudanandai

Great Teacher Fudamitta
Great Teacher Barishiba
Great Teacher Funayasha

Great Teacher Anabotei
Great Teacher Kabimara
Great Teacher Nagyajarajuna

Great Teacher Kanadaiba
Great Teacher Ragorata
Great Teacher Sogyandandai

Great Teacher Kayashata
Great Teacher Kumorata
Great Teacher Shayata

Great Teacher Vashubanzu
Great Teacher Manura
Great Teacher Kakurokuna

Great Teacher Shishibodai
Great Teacher Bashashita
Great Teacher Funyomitta

Great Teacher Hannyatara
Great Teacher Bodaidaruma
Great Teacher Taiso Eka

Great Teacher Kanchi Sosan
Great Teacher Dai-i Doshin
Great Teacher Daiman Konin

Great Teacher Daikan Eno
Great Teacher Seigen Gyoshi
Great Teacher Sekito Kisen

Great Teacher Yakusan Igen
Great Teacher Ungan Donjo
Great Teacher Tozan Ryokai

Great Teacher Ungo Doyo
Great Teacher Doan Dohi
Great Teacher Doan Kanshi

Great Teacher Ryozan Enkan
Great Teacher Taiyo Kyogen
Great Teacher Toshi Gisei

Great Teacher Fuyo Dokai
Great Teacher Tanka Shijun
Great Teacher Choro Seiryō

Great Teacher Tendo Sogaku
Great Teacher Setcho Chikan
Great Teacher Tendo Nyojo

Great Teacher Eihei Dogen
Great Teacher Koun Ejo
Great Teacher Tettsu Gikai

Buddhas and Ancestors-Men

Great Teacher Keizan Jokin
Great Teacher Gasan Joseki
Great Teacher Taigen Soshin

Great Teacher Baizan Mompon
Great Teacher Jochu Tengin
Great Teacher Shingan Doku

Great Teacher Senso Esai
Great Teacher Iyoku Choyu
Great Teacher Mugai Keigon

Great Teacher Nenshitsu Yokaku
Great Teacher Sesso Hoseki
Great Teacher Taiei Zesho

Great Teacher Nampo Gentaku
Great Teacher Zoden Yoko
Great Teacher Tenyu Soen

Great Teacher Ken'an Junsa
Great Teacher Chokoku Koen
Great Teacher Senshu Donko

Great Teacher Fuden Gentotsu
Great Teacher Daishun Kan'yu
Great Teacher Tenrin Kanshu

Great Teacher Sessan Tetsuzen
Great Teacher Fuzan Shunki
Great Teacher Jissan Mokuin

Great Teacher Sengan Bonryu
Great Teacher Daiki Kyokan
Great Teacher Enjo Gikan

Great Teacher Shoun Hozui
Great Teacher Shizan Tokuchu
Great Teacher Nanso Shinshu

Great Teacher Kankai Tokuon
Great Teacher Kosen Baido
Great Teacher Gyakushitsu Sojun

Great Teacher Butsumon Sogaku
Great Teacher Gyokujun So-on
Great Teacher Shogaku Shunryu

Buddhas and Ancestors-Women

Great Teacher Prajnaparamita
Great Teacher Maha Maya
Great Teacher Srimala

Great Teacher Tara
Great Teacher Ratnavati
Great Teacher Prabhuta

Great Teacher Sinhavijumbhita
Great Teacher Mahapajapati Gotami
Great Teacher Khema

Great Teacher Sundarinanda
Great Teacher Patacara
Great Teacher Bhadda Kundalakesa

Great Teacher Sumana
Great Teacher Kisagotami
Great Teacher Dhamma

Great Teacher Uppalavanna
Great Teacher Yashodhara
Great Teacher Soma

Great Teacher Sakula
Great Teacher Bhadda Kapilani
Great Teacher Singalaka Mata

Great Teacher Samavati
Great Teacher Sanghamitta Theri
Great Teacher Prasannasilla

Great Teacher Jingjian
Great Teacher Zongji
Great Teacher Empress Wu

Great Teacher Lingzhao
Great Teacher Ling Xingpo
Great Teacher Moshan Liaoran

Great Teacher Liu Tiemo
Great Teacher Miaoxin
Great Teacher Shiji

Great Teacher Juhan Daojen
Great Teacher Daoshen
Great Teacher Huiguang

Great Teacher Huiwen
Great Teacher Fadeng
Great Teacher Yu Daopo

Great Teacher Miaodao
Great Teacher Zhidong
Great Teacher Miaozong

Great Teacher Lady Qinguo
Great Teacher Wenzhao
Great Teacher Miaohui

Great Teacher Zhiyuan Xinggang
Great Teacher Jizong Xingche
Great Teacher Jifu Zukui

Great Teacher Shenyi
Great Teacher Zenshin
Great Teacher Komyo

Great Teacher Ryonen
Great Teacher Shogaku
Great Teacher Egi

Great Teacher Mugai Nyodai
Great Teacher Kakuzan Shido
Great Teacher Ekan

Great Teacher Konto Ekyu
Great Teacher Mokufu Sonin
Great Teacher Soitsu

Buddhas and Ancestors-Women

Great Teacher Eshun

Great Teacher Yo do

Great Teacher Kogetsu

Great Teacher Soshin

Great Teacher Tenshu

Great Teacher Daitsu Bunchi

Great Teacher Ryonen Genso

Great Teacher Tachibana no

Someko

Great Teacher Tokugon Riho

Great Teacher Satsu

Great Teacher Ohashi

Great Teacher Teijitsu

Great Teacher Otagaki Rengetsu

Great Teacher Mizuno Tenmyo

Jorin

Great Teacher Horii Mitsujo

Great Teacher Nagasawa Sozen

Great Teacher Satomi Myodo

Great Teacher Kendo Kojima

Great Teacher Yoshida Eshun

Great Teacher Kasai Joshin

Great Teacher Kudo Sumiko

Great Teacher Ruth Eryu Jokei

Fuller

Great Teacher Maurine Myo-on

Stuart

Great Teacher Houn Jiyu Kennett

Great Teacher Gesshin Myoko

Prabhasa

Great Teacher Dharma Cheney

Great Teacher Baiho Trudy Dixon

Great Teacher Joko Beck

Great Teacher Zenkei Blanche

Hartmann

Ancestor Eko

These are the names of Zen ancestors we recall.

These names represent countless others we do not know who served and continue to serve the Buddha, Dharma, and Sangha, transmitting the Dharma warm hand to warm hand in myriad forms and many lands, from the Buddha's time down to this very moment.

As ancestors for future generations, and followers of the dharma, we offer them our heartfelt gratitude. We honor them and cherish their vow for the liberation of all beings.