## Mettā Chant

sabbe sattā all living beings sabbe pāṇā all breathing beings

sabbe bhūtāall creaturessabbe puggalāall individualssabbe attabhāva pariyāpannāall personalities

sabbā itthiyoall femalessabbe purisāall malessabbe ariyāall noble ones

sabbe anariyā all not-noble ones (all worldlings)

sabbe devā all devas sabbe manussā all humans

sabbe vinipātikā all beings in the sorrowful realms

averā hontumay they be free from enmityabyāpajjā hontumay they be free from mental suffering

anīghā hontu may they be free from physical suffering sukhī attānaṃ pariharantu may they take care of themselves happily dukkhā muccantu may they be free from unsatisfactoriness

yathā laddha sampattito may whatever they have gained not be lost

māvigacchantu they have kamma as their true property

puratthimāya disāya in the eastern direction
pacchimāya disāya in the western direction
uttarāya disāya in the northern direction
dakkhiṇaya disāya in the southern direction
puratthimāya anudisāya in the south-eastern direction
pacchimāya anudisāya in the north-western direction

uttarāya anudisāya in the north-eastern direction dakkhiņaya anudisāya in the south-western direction

heṭṭhimāya disāya in the direction below uparimāya disāya in the direction above

## **The Four Aspirations**

sabbe sattā averā hontu sabbe sattā abyāpajjā hontu sabbe sattā anīghā hontu sabbe sattā sukhī attānaṃ pariharantu may all beings be free from enmity may all beings be free from mental suffering may all beings be free from physical suffering may all beings take care of themselves happily

# **The Four Aspirations (Burmese)**

Aalone thatawa dwe
Chanma ja ba se
Kyanda ja ba se
Go sinye kin ja ba se
Sei' sinye kin ja ba se
A-sasa a-yaya asinpye ja ba se

All beings
May they be well.
May they be happy.
May they be free from physical suffering.
May they be free from mental suffering.
May all aspects of their lives be accomplished.

# **Sharing of Merit (Burmese)**

Ahmya Ahmya Ahmya Yudaw mu ja ba koun lo Sadhu, sadhu, sadhu

Sharing – sharing – sharing, please partake of these merits. Sadhu, sadhu, sadhu.

## **The Four Boundless States**

Mettā-sahagatena cetasā ekam disam pharitvā viharati tathā dutiyam tathā tatiyam tathā catuttham iti uddhamadho tiriyam sabbadhi sabbattatāya sabbavantam lokam mettā-sahagatena cetasā vipulena mahaggatena appamāņena averena abyāpajjhena pharitvā viharati

Karuṇā-sahagatena cetasā ekam disam pharitvā viharati tathā dutiyam tathā tatiyam tathā catuttham iti uddhamadho tiriyam sabbadhi sabbattatāya sabbavantam lokam karuṇā-sahagatena cetasā vipulena mahaggatena appamāṇena averena abyāpajjhena pharitvā viharati

Muditā-sahagatena cetasā ekam disam pharitvā viharati tathā dutiyam tathā tatiyam tathā catuttham iti uddhamadho tiriyam sabbadhi sabbattatāya sabbavantam lokam muditā-sahagatena cetasā vipulena mahaggatena appamāņena averena abyāpajjhena pharitvā viharati

Upekkhā-sahagatena cetasā ekam disam pharitvā viharati tathā dutiyam tathā tatiyam tathā catuttham iti uddhamadho tiriyam sabbadhi sabbattatāya sabbavantam lokam upekkhā-sahagatena cetasā vipulena mahaggatena appamānena averena abyāpajihena pharitvā viharati

I will abide pervading one quarter with a heart imbued with *loving-kindness*; likewise the second, likewise the third, likewise the fourth; so above and below, around and everywhere; and to all as to myself. I will abide pervading the all-encompassing world with a heart imbued with *loving-kindness*; abundant, exalted, immeasurable, without hostility, and without ill-will.

•	• • • •	compassion
•	••••	gladness
		equanimity

### Mettā Sutta

May all beings be at ease. This is what should be done, By one who is skilled in goodness, Let none deceive another Or despise any being in any state. And who knows the path of peace: Let them be able and upright, Let none through anger or ill will, Straightforward, and gentle in speech, Wish harm upon another. Humble and not conceited, Even as a mother protects with her life, Contented and easily satisfied. Her child, her only child. So with a boundless heart Unburdened with duties, and frugal in their ways. Should one cherish all living beings, Radiating kindness over the entire world. Peaceful and calm and wise and skilful, Spreading upwards to the  $\overline{skies}$ , Not proud or demanding in nature. Let them not do the slightest thing And downwards to the depths. That the wise would later reprove. Outward and unbounded, Wishing in gladness and in safety, Freed from hatred and ill-will. May all beings be at ease. Whether standing or walking, Seated or lying down, free from drowsiness Whatever living beings there may be, Whether they are weak or strong; One should sustain this recollection; This is said to be the divine abiding. Omitting none. The great and the mighty, By not holding to fixed views, Medium, short or small. The pure hearted one, Having clarity of vision, The seen and the unseen, Those living near and far away. Being freed from sense desire,

Those born and to be born,

Is not born again into this world.

## Mettā in Deed, Speech, and Thought

(by Chanmyay Sayadaw, English translation by Ariya Baumann)

Whenever your action is suffused with mettā, you will be treated with respect and kindness, forever remembered with gratitude, living harmoniously and in unity, at peace with yourself and the world.

Whenever your speech is suffused with mettā, speaking words that are sweet, beneficial, and pleasing to hear, you will be treated with respect and kindness, forever remembered with gratitude, living harmoniously and in unity, at peace with yourself and the world.

Whenever your thoughts are suffused with metta, you will be treated with respect and kindness, forever remembered with gratitude, living harmoniously and in unity, at peace with yourself and the world.

## <u>Friede – Peace</u>

Friede wünsch i mir und Friede wünsch i dir Friede für eus alli und für die ganzi Wält

(Swiss German)

May I be peaceful
May you be peaceful
May there be peace for all of us
And for the whole world
(English translation)

### Loka samasta

Loka samasta sukhino bhavantu May all the beings in all the worlds be happy

## <u>Mettā - Karuņā - Muditā - Upekkhā</u>

#### Mettā

Loving-kindness, benevolence, friendliness, unconditional love May all beings be well, happy and peaceful. May all beings live at ease and in peace.

#### Karuņā

Compassion

May all beings be free from suffering. May all beings be free from danger and enmity.

#### Muditā

Sympathetic joy

May all beings enjoy safety and abundance. May whatever happiness has been attained not be lost.

#### Upekkhā

**Equanimity** 

All beings have kamma as their true property.

Things are as they are.

## **Sharing of Blessings**

Through the goodness that arīses from my practice,

May my spiritual teachers and guides of great virtue,

My mother, my father and my relatives,

The sun and the moon, and all virtuous leaders of the world –

May the highest gods and evil forces,

Celestīal beings, guardian spīrits of the Earth and the Lord of Death,

May those who are friendly, indifferent or hostile,

May <u>all</u> beings receive the blessings of <u>my</u> life.

May they soon attain the threefold bliss and realize the Deathless.

Through the goodness that arīses from my practice,

And through this act of sharing,

May all desires and attachments quickly cease

And all harmful states of mind.

Until I realize Nibbāna,

In every kind of birth, may I have an upright mind

With mindfulness and wisdom, austerity and vigor.

May the forces of delusion not take hold nor weaken my resolve.

The Buddha is my excellent refuge,

Unsurpassed is the protection of the Dhamma,

The Solitary Būddha is my noble guide,

<u>The</u> Sangha is my suprēme <u>support</u>.

Through the supreme power of all these,

May darkness and delūsion be dispelled.