

ON OPENING THE SUTRA

An unsurpassed, penetrating, and perfect Dharma
Is rarely met with even in a hundred thousand million kalpas.
Having it to see and listen to, remember and accept,
I vow to taste the truth of the Tathagata's teachings.

ON CLOSING THE SUTRA

May the merit of this penetrate
Into each thing in all places
So that we and every sentient being
Together may realize the Buddha Way

THE FOUR VOWS

Sentient beings are numberless; I vow to save them
Desires are inexhaustible; I vow to put an end to them
The Dharmas are boundless; I vow to master them
The Buddha Way is unsurpassable; I vow to attain it