

THE MAHA PRAJNAPARAMITA HRIDAYA SUTRA

The Bodhisattva of Great Compassion
From the deep practice of Prajnaparamita
Perceived the emptiness of all five skandas
And passed beyond all suffering and distress.

O Sariputra, form is no other than emptiness,
Emptiness no other than form.
Form is emptiness, emptiness form.
The same is true of feeling, thought, impulse, and consciousness.

O Sariputra, all dharmas are empty.
They are not born nor annihilated.
They are not defiled nor immaculate.
They do not increase nor decrease.
So in emptiness, no form, no feeling, no thought, no impulse, no consciousness.

No eye, ear, nose, tongue, body, mind;
No form, sound, smell, taste, touch, or objects of mind,
No realm of sight, no realm of consciousness.

No ignorance, nor extinction of ignorance,
No old age and death, nor extinction of them.

No suffering, no cause of suffering,
No cessation of suffering, no path to lead out of suffering;
No knowledge, no attainment, no realization,
For there is nothing to attain.

The Bodhisattva holds onto nothing but Prajnaparamita,
Therefore his mind is clear of any delusive hindrance.
Without hindrance there is no fear;
Away from all perverted views he reaches final Nirvana.

All Buddhas of past, present, and future,
Through faith in Prajnaparamita,
Attain to the highest perfect enlightenment.

Know then: The Prajnaparamita is the great dharani,
The radiant peerless mantram, the utmost supreme mantram,
Which is capable of allaying all pain.
This is true beyond all doubt.

Proclaim now the highest wisdom, the Prajnaparamita:

GATE, GATE : PARAGATE : PARASAMGATE : BODHI, SVAHA!