


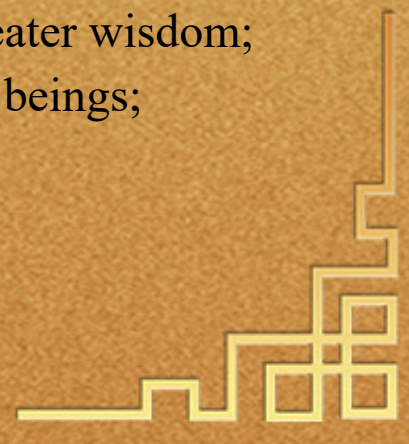
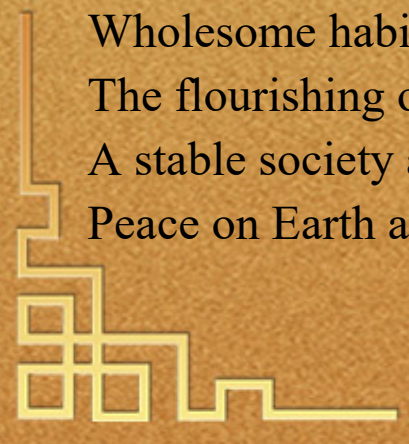
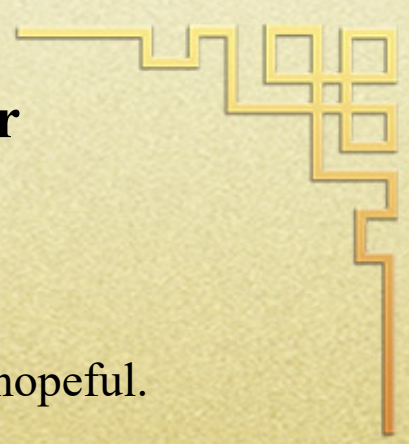


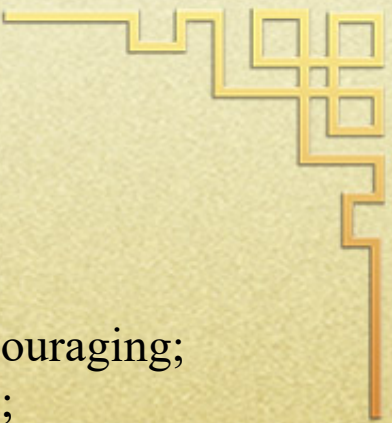

A Prayer for the New Year

by Venerable Master Hsing Yun

Oh great, compassionate Buddha!
A new year has finally arrived -- bright, new, and hopeful.
Temple bells sound an auspicious beginning.
There is a freshness in the air,
And everything speaks of change
From old into new.

Oh great, compassionate Buddha!
At the beginning of the new year,
I will look upon everything in the past as
A yesterday that has passed away,
Everything in the future as
A today that is newly born.
I would like to express my wishes for this new year.
May we create
Harmony and happiness with friends and loved ones;
Health in body and mind;
Contentment in our lives and compassionate acts to help the world;
Emotional clarity and nobility of character;
Wholesome habits, diligence in cultivation and greater wisdom;
The flourishing of Buddhism and liberation for all beings;
A stable society and happiness for all people;
Peace on Earth and universal rejoicing.






Oh great, compassionate Buddha!

In the new year, I pray with your guidance that
Every word I speak will be compassionate and encouraging;
Every action I take will be joyful and helpful to all;
Every intention I express will be a transfer of merits.
May I regularly contribute to the welfare of society.
May I share all blessings that I receive with others.


Oh Buddha!

Please give me the strength
To advance along the road to enlightenment
With determination and courage.
Please give me the faith
To surmount the barriers of delusion on the way to Buddhahood,
And to never lose sight of your teachings.



Oh great, compassionate Buddha!

Promoting the Dharma is my solemn promise,
Benefiting all beings is my joyful responsibility.
I vow to support the work of Humanistic Buddhism
And to spare no effort in practicing the bodhisattva path.



Oh great, compassionate Buddha!

A new spirit infuses the new year;
With wisdom, may I start everything anew!

Oh great, compassionate Buddha!

A new spirit infuses the new year;
With wisdom, may I start everything anew!

