



Manjushri Prayer: Praise to the Intelligent One

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I prostrate before my guru and guardian, the
ennobling, impeccable Manjushri.

Your intelligence shines forth like the sun, free
from the clouds of the two obscurations, enabling
you to see the extent of all things and how they
exist: thus, you hold a scriptural text to your heart.

Your affection for all of us masses who wander, plagued with problems, groping
in the darkness of ignorance in the dungeons of our compulsive existence is like
that for your only child: thus, your speech is melodious with sixty facets.

Its thunderous roar arouses us from the stupor of our disturbing emotions,
frees us from the iron chains of our karma, dispels the gloom of our lack of
awareness, and slashes our problems wherever they sprout: thus, you brandish
a sword.

Pure from the core and having traversed the ten bhumis, your set of
enlightening qualities is complete: thus, as a spiritual son of the Triumphant
Ones, your body is bedecked with the enlightening adornments, ten times ten,
plus twelve.

Please remove the darkness from my mind. O Manjushri, I bow down to you.

OM-A-RA-PA-TSA-NA-DHIH [repeat many times.]
DHIH-DHIH, DHIH-DHIH, DHIH-DHIH [repeat many times.]

Affectionate one, with light-rays of your supreme omniscience clear the
darkness of naivety from my mind.

Direct me, please, so that confident intelligence emerges within to comprehend
fully the classic texts of Buddha's words and the treatises on them.