



Buddha's Birthday Prayer

Oh great, compassionate Buddha!
We are here to celebrate with sincerity and respect
Your birth into this world.
When all the flowers bloomed during the warmth of spring,
Exotic flowers were contending in beauty and fascination in the Lumbini garden;
Everyone in Kapilavatthu was rejoicing,
Gentle breezes spread the fragrance,
All birds sang in unison;
From that moment on,
There was promise in the human world,
From that moment on,
There was Dharma in the human world.
With one hand pointing to the sky
And the other pointing to the earth,
You declared the you were
The uniquely honored one in the world.
As you took seven steps,
Clusters of lotus flowers appeared,
And you used the pure and clean Dharma water
To wash away the stains of the earth.
Immediately,
Muddy mountain streams became crystal clear,
Burned-out torches were rekindled.
The heavens played wonderful music,
The earth displayed rare, auspicious signs;
All these portents welcomed your arrival to this world.