## *Verses for the Eight Auspicious Noble Ones*

When undertaking any activity, if at the outset you complete one recitation of this prayer, you will realize your accomplishments and happiness just as you wish. Since this is the case, it is important to commit it to memory.

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To you auspicious ones, dwelling in the ten directions' realms Where all that appears and exists is perfectly pure, spontaneous

in nature –

- To the entire noble collection of Buddha, Dharma, and Sangha, I prostrate!
- May all be auspicious for us!

O King of Illumination, Intention to Accomplish Aims with Steadfast Power,

Glorious Adornment of Loving Kindness, Supremely Glorious One Renowned for Virtue,

Greatly Renowned as Consideration for All,

Glorious Renown That Is Valor as Noble as Mount Meru,

Glorious Renown That Is Consideration for All Sentient Beings, and

Glorious Renown That Is Valor Which Causes Contentment:

Hearing your mere names increases fortune and glory.

I prostrate to the eight sugatas!<sup>1</sup>

O youthful Manjushri, glorious Vajrapani, Powerful Avalokita, protector Maitreya, Kshitigarbha, Nivaranavishkambin,

Akashagarbha, and supreme arya Samantabhadra:

You beautifully carry your hand implements -

the utpala flower, vajra,

White lotus, naga-wood, jewel, moon,

Sword, and sun - supreme of auspiciousness and glory!

To the eight bodhisattvas, I prostrate!

The jeweled precious parasol, the auspicious golden fish,

The excellent vase pouring forth desired objects,

the beautiful kamala lotus,

The conch of great renown, the glorious never-ending knot,

- The always-flying banner of victory, and the powerful wheel of transformation –
- O you for whom these eight supreme precious symbols serve as hand ornaments:
- You goddesses who make offerings to the victors of all times and every direction, and cause them delight,

Lasya and so forth,<sup>2</sup> by bringing you to mind, you increase our glory! To the eight auspicious goddesses, I prostrate!

Mahabrahma, Source of Bliss,<sup>3</sup> Son of Non-Craving,<sup>4</sup>

Thousand-Eyed One,<sup>5</sup> kings Dhritarashtra,

Virudhaka, Virupaksham the lord of nagas, and

Vaishravana, each holding your divine symbol -

Wheel, trident, lance, vajra,

Vina, sword, stupa, and victory banner -

You increase the virtue, goodness, and fortune for those who reside in the three realms.

To the eight worldly guardians, I prostrate!

May any activity we undertake here today,

Obstacles and misfortunes having been pacified,

- Accomplish our desired goals and increase in glory in accordance with our wishes!
- May fortune, happiness, and prosperity abound!