

The Vulture Peak Assembly

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The great Dharma assembly
at the Vulture Peak



Incense Praise

As we give rise to utmost sincerity, bodhisattvas gather like clouds from all directions.



Volunteers around the World Walk toward Vulture Peak

Entering the
Lotus Sutra



More than 2,500 years later, Master Cheng Yen, with faith in the Buddha's teachings, with the power of vows to relieve the world with compassion, with no fear of hardship or worries for her own reputation, leads the people to actualize the Bodhisattva Path in the world.

Verse for Opening a Sutra



Verse for Opening a Sutra

The unsurpassed, extremely profound,
subtle and wondrous Dharma
is rarely encountered in billions of kalpas.
Now that I can see, hear and accept it,
I vow to understand the Tathagata's
true meaning.

Entering the Sutra Treasury: Manifesting Thousand Hands and Thousand Eyes



Everyone has the Buddha nature and potential to attain Buddhahood.

We hope that all can become Thousand-Hand Guanyin Bodhisattvas that give help when we hear cries of suffering.

Let us all stand guard at the gates to hell and prevent people from doing evil. May everyone be like Guanyin Bodhisattva and Earth Treasury Bodhisattva.

The Life of the Buddha & On Vulture Peak

Focus on experiencing the sutra adaptation in the stadium.

Mindfully contemplate the life of the Buddha.

After the Buddha attained enlightenment, he taught and transformed people around modern-day India and Nepal. Throughout his forty-nine years of teaching the Dharma, he focused on helping everyone who came to him so that they could be liberated from the suffering of cyclic existence.

“Countless kalpas ago...”

More than 2,500 years ago, the Buddha entered Parinirvana at Kushinagar.

“It is as if these very scenes have reappeared”

More than 2,500 years later, Tzu Chi volunteers practice the Bodhisattva Path.



“One moving scene follows another...”

Tzu Chi volunteers returned to the Buddha's homeland.

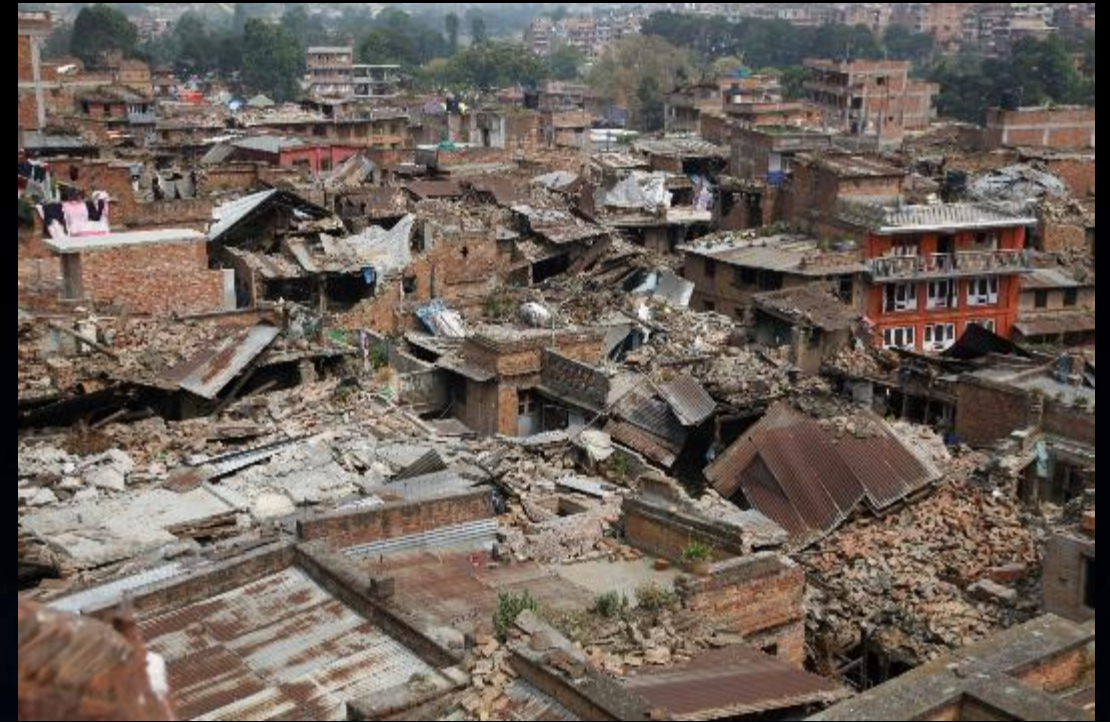
“One moving scene follows another...”



2,500 years later, Tzu Chi volunteers returned to Nepal, the Buddha's homeland.

In July and August of 1993, the southern plains of Nepal were flooded following heavy rains. More than 400,000 people were displaced. By June 1996, Tzu Chi completed 1,800 houses for the survivors.

“One sincere appeal follows another...”



On April 25, 2015, a magnitude 7.8 earthquake hit Nepal, killing more than 6,200 people and injuring more than 3,900. Tzu Chi volunteers from various countries arrived in Kathmandu on the fourth day following the earthquake. Among the debris, they overcame various obstacles and began free medical outreach and other relief work.

“Countless kalpas ago...”



The disaster relief team held large-scale distributions of relief supplies. Medical teams went into remote mountainous areas to provide free medical care to the survivors. Tzu Chi volunteers worldwide worked together to send aid and blessings to the Buddha’s homeland in Nepal.

“It is as if these very scenes
have reappeared”



There were not enough classrooms locally, so students were taking classes outdoors. The disaster relief team overcame the challenges such as logistical issues in transporting construction materials, building in the rainy season, and the shortage of electricity. In the end, they constructed 137 temporary classrooms where students can study happily.

“It is as if these very scenes have reappeared”



The COVID-19 pandemic devastated India. As of early June of 2021, there were nearly 30 million confirmed cases. More than 350,000 people died, and the medical system was on the verge of collapsing.

“It is as if these very scenes have reappeared”



Temples were forced to close their doors to the public. Monastics who traveled around and did not have a place of shelter could barely support themselves without the offerings of the public. Local Tzu Chi volunteers provided emergency aid to them.

Four Lined Verse

Human existence is difficult to attain,
but we have attained it.

The Buddha-Dharma is rarely encountered,
but we have encountered it.

If we do not transform ourselves in this lifetime,
in which lifetime will we transform ourselves?

The Buddha Dharma speaks of the three eras- the era of Right Dharma, the era of Dharma semblance, and the era of Dharma degeneration. We are now in the era of Dharma degeneration.

The Buddha on the Spiritual Mountain

(First time)

The Buddha is on the spiritual mountain; look no further,
For the spiritual mountain lies only in our hearts.
Within each of us is a spiritual mountain stupa
where we can earnestly engage in spiritual cultivation.

The Buddha's Heart and Master's Mission



誠正信實，
除心田雜草，播清淨種子
慈悲喜捨，
如春天和風，讓佛性甦醒

With sincerity, integrity, faith, and steadfastness, we eliminate weeds from the field of our minds and sow the seeds of purity. Loving-kindness, compassion, joy, and equanimity are like a gentle breeze in the spring that lets us awaken our Buddha nature.

The Buddha on the Spiritual Mountain

(Second time)

The Buddha is on the spiritual mountain; look no further,
For the spiritual mountain lies only in our hearts.
Within each of us is a spiritual mountain stupa
where we can earnestly engage in spiritual cultivation.

The Bodhisattva Path: Practice What Is Difficult to Practice



On July 31, 1996, Typhoon Herbert devastated Taiwan, causing floods and landslides that cut off roads. Tzu Chi volunteers rushed to the disaster area to give aid. Be it emergency or disaster relief, Tzu Chi volunteers are always in the front and staying until the very end.

Tzu Chi volunteers went to assess damages in Wutai Village, Pingtung County. The bridge was damaged and slanting. Volunteers carefully walked across a temporary bridge constructed out of bamboo.





Whenever volunteers heard that a path had opened up for an area, they immediately went to assess the damages, even if the path was just a very temporary one.



Typhoon Herbert devastated the mountains areas in central Taiwan. Miaoli and Nantou were severely devastated, and roads to the area were blocked by fallen boulders.

The Buddha on the Spiritual Mountain

(Third time)

The Buddha is on the spiritual mountain; look no further,
For the spiritual mountain lies only in our hearts.
Within each of us is a spiritual mountain stupa
where we can earnestly engage in spiritual cultivation.

The Four Great Vows

I vow to deliver
countless sentient
beings.

I vow to eliminate
endless afflictions.



I vow to learn infinite
Dharma doors.
I vow to attain
unsurpassed
Buddhahood.





May everyone's eyes, hands, and feet be like those of Guanyin Bodhisattva so that they can see the suffering in all corners of the world.