



VAJRAPANI

Vajra Armor Mantra

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Vajrapani Vajra Armor Mantra Practice



Vajra Armor Mantra is a powerful and profound practice of protection. In Sanskrit this is the Vajrakavaca mantra. In Tibetan it is called Dorje Go-drab. The sacred sounds of the mantra manifests an impenetrable armor of five colors of pure light around your body: white, red, blue, yellow and green. This is the light of the Five Buddha families. With this mantra, you are protected not only by Vajrapani, but by all Five Buddha Families.

Protection



Especially, in years of strife, natural disaster, disease, and war, the protection of Vajra Armor mantra is recommended by teachers of many lineages.

This sacred mantra, linked to Guru Padmasambhava, is renowned for its remarkable ability to provide a shield against negative influences and potential health threats. When recited with sincere intention and deep focus, the Vajra Armor Mantra is believed to harness divine energy, encasing you in an unseen layer of protection.

- Video with Visualiation, Purpose, Lineage and How to Practice: <https://youtu.be/JVMHxIrhL1Y?si=OOkuo-IMGMa5AUVa>
- About Vajrapani Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P88Jmwt_ADE
- Vajrapani Mantra in Sanskrit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oYAvseA207g&t>



Permissions: None Required

If we practice with the Great Bodhisattva Vajrapani, generally no permission is required, and for this reason, we cover this as a practice here. In the Sadhana, Lama Zopa writes:

“When doing the short practice, unless one has received the empowerment of this aspect of Vajrapani, one cannot visualize oneself as the deity. Instead, visualize the deity in the space in front of you, of one nature with all your Gurus.”

Visualization

For the simple practice here, as instructed by Lama Zopa, we visualize wrathful Vajrapani in front of us, as a merit practice, with ourselves making offerings. He appears as dark blue Vajrapani, very ferocious, holding a vajra and lasso in his hands, standing on a lotus, surrounded by blazing wisdom light and wisdom fire.

You visualize powerful five colors of light emanating from five main chakras of Vajrapani’s body, and entering the same five places on your body, surrounding you in a wall of protective light.

As you recite the mantra, five-colored light comes to your five places separately: white from the forehead, red from the throat, blue from the heart, yellow from the navel, and green from four finger widths below.



Mantra

Hum vajra phāt.

Om padma sarva phāt nañ pār Śīk naga nañ.

Tadyatha.

Sarva vārita hana hana vajreṇa rakṣā rakṣā svaha.

Meaning of Mantra

The first part of the mantra recitation is a suplication to remove diseases and negativities. Everything after Tadyatha is the actual activity mantra:

- hum हुम् vajra वज्र phat फत् (seed syllables Vajrapani).
- Om ॐ padmā पद्मा Sarva सर्व (all) phat फत् (cut)
- Nañ नञ् (negative) pār पार् (karma of) Śīk शीक् (angry)
- naga नग (naga spirit serpent) Nañ नञ् (negative)
- Tadyatha sarva सर्व (all) Vārita वारति (hinderances) hana hana हन हन (destroy! destroy!) vajreṇa वज्रेण (by his thunderbolt) rakṣā rakṣā रक्षा रक्षा (protect! protect!)
- Svaha (Let it be so).

Translated: Hum vajra phat. Om Padmasambhava. All negative karma is eliminated. All Angry Nagas are eliminated. Thus: All hinderances are destroyed, destroyed by his thunderbolt. Protect! Protect! Let it be so.



Short Sadhana Recitation

With 7 Limbs of Practice



I go for refuge until I am enlightened To the Buddha, the Dharma and the Supreme Assembly By my practice of giving and the other perfections, May I become a Buddha to benefit all sentient beings.

In front of me, arises glorious dark blue Vajrapani, the power of all the Buddhas, very ferocious, holding a vajra and lasso in his hands.

With his holy feet spread widely on a lotus and sun disc, he stands amidst a blazing transcendental wisdom fire. Now we accumulate merit with the 7 limbs of practice.

I Prostrate and Take Refuge in Buddha, Dharma and Sangha, and to Vajrapani, until I attain Enlightenment for the benefit of all sentient beings.

I offer real and imagined flowers, incense, butter lamps, scent, food, music, and so forth. Assembly of Buddhas and Bodhisattvas, please accept them.

I confess all my faults from beginningless time until now, committed with a mind under the sway of the afflictions, such as the ten nonvirtues.

I rejoice in whatever merit has been accumulated in the three times by Hearers, Solitary Realizers, Bodhisattvas, ordinary beings, and others.

Please turn the wheel of the Dharma according to the intentions and mental dispositions of sentient beings.

Until Samsara is emptied, please do not pass into Nirvana but look with compassion upon sentient beings that are drowning in the ocean of suffering.

May whatever merit I have accumulated become the cause of Enlightenment for the benefit of sentient beings.

May all beings have happiness and the causes of happiness. May they be free from suffering and the causes of suffering. May they not be separated from the sublime happiness that is free from suffering. May they rest in the great equanimity that is free of the duality of attachment and aversion.

Thus we gather the accumulations through prostrating, offering, confessing, and generating the two types of bodhichitta of the preliminaries.

Now I accumulate wisdom, compassion and activity with the Vajra Armor mantra, visualizing the five colors of lights emanating from Vajrapani's five chakras: white from the forehead; red from the throat; blue from the heart; yellow from the navel; and green from four finger widths below the navel. The light enters my own forehead, throat, heart, navel and lower chakra, blessing and protecting me.

Hum vajra phāt.

Om padma sarva phāt nañ pār Śīk naga nañ.

Tadyatha.

Sarva vārīta hana hana vajreṇa rakṣā rakṣā svaha.

By the power of praising and supplicating you, wherever I and others reside may illness, obstructive spirits, poverty, and fighting be pacified, and may the Dharma and auspiciousness flourish.

Vajrapani, Buddhas, bodhisattvas, and the Sangha, please heed me. From the great, beginningless Samsara, I and all beings have performed the virtue of cultivating generosity and ethical discipline and have rejoiced in the expression of these deeds.

By the virtue practiced thus, with the mind of holy generosity, and for the sake of our parents, teachers, masters, and all sentient beings, may we achieve Buddhahood. By the merit arisen from this virtue, may we acquire all the perfections such as life, merit, enjoyment, a retinue, and virtuous practice, and may all obstacles be pacified without exception.



May I attain Enlightenment for the benefit of all sentient beings.

Video link



Why is the great Vajra Armor Mantra, the Kavica or armor of Padmasambhava, famous for helping remedy 404 types of diseases? In what way can it provide protection from violence, sicknesses, bad omens, curses, and bad luck, especially those caused by spirits and evil harm-doers? What is the actual mantra, and can anyone use it? We explain the mantra and its power and how to practice, and end with a short Vajrapani Vajrakavaca or Dorje Godrab mantra:

<https://youtu.be/JVMHxIrhL1Y?si=OOkuo-IMGMa5AUVa>

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