

# Medicine Buddha

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## *Meaning of the Mantra*

Tayata = Gone beyond (beyond Samsara and Nirvana)  
Om = Om: jewel holder, wish fulfilling one, auspicious one  
Bhekandze Bhekandze = calling Medicine Buddha twice  
Maha Bhekandze = Greatness of Medicine Buddha  
Randza Samungate = Perfectly liberated or awakened  
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- *Vairochana* is in the east, is white in color, and represents the element of water and form (cures ignorance).
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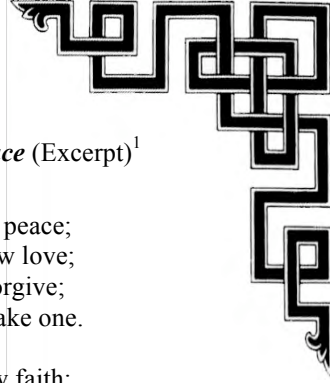
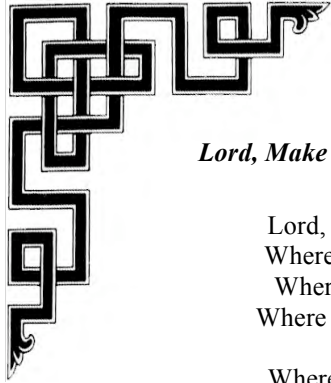
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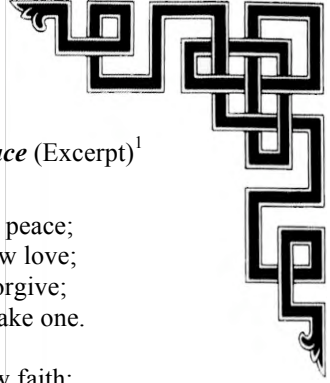
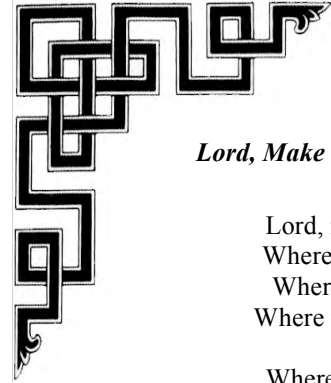
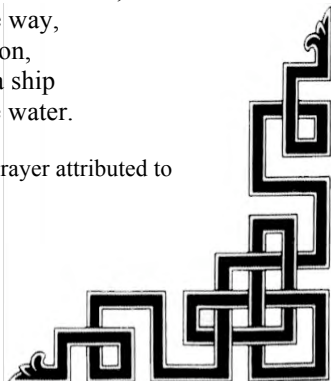
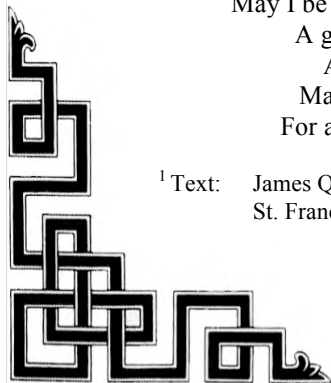
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For all sick beings in the world  
Until everyone is healed

May all who say bad things to me  
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Those who insult me and mock me,  
Have the fortune to fully awaken

May I be the protector for those without one,  
A guide for travelers on the way,  
A path for them to walk on,  
May I be a bridge, a boat, a ship  
For all who wish to cross the water.

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