

Dana for Thirty Monks and Nuns in Anniwatte

On Sunday, June 25, 2023, Ken and Visakha invited students in their ESL ZOOM class for lunch. Many of them came to Kandy in a chartered bus from Colombo (a three-hour trip!). Menusha, Tracy, and Bonnie joined in the offering. A delicious meal with abundant food was prepared and all the arrangements were made by Lily, Surangi, Shehan, Ashoka, Nimal, and Bandara. Merit was shared with Ken's recently deceased brother, Ed, and other departed relatives and friends, and good wishes were sent to friends for the relief of suffering from illness, for a speedy recovery from surgery, and for a safe delivery in childbirth. This was also a celebration of Tracy's birthday, and it was the first *dana* we were able to offer at home in three years, since the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The inspiring Dhamma lesson by Ven. Janaka focused on *dana* (generosity). He began by distinguishing between material gifts and *Dhamma-dana*, which includes teaching the Dhamma and its dissemination through books and exceeds all other gifts. He then explained the importance and benefits of giving, its influence in decreasing attachment, and its significance as one of the *paramis* which lead to *Nibbana*. It was a joyous occasion!

Sadhu! Sadhu!! Sadhu!!!



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Sunday, June 25, 2023

In Memory of

Ven. Dhammapalo
Edwin Kawasaki
S. Premawathi

Tissa Ariyawansha
Kame Su Tuttle
Dan Jackson

May they have auspicious rebirths

With Wishes for Good Health and a Speedy Recovery to

Pauline Arnold
Sashi Kumar
Anna Dolbin
Ravishan Gunasekara
Stephen Ewalt

Maggie Ewalt
Kavishar
Sundararaj
Kantheepan
Sharmilla

*Bhavantu sabbamangalam
Rakkhantu sabbadevata*

**May there be every good blessing.
May the Devas protect everyone.**



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A Prayer for a Wise and Generous Couple

Twenty years ago, amidst the enchanting landscapes of Kandy, Sri Lanka, fate introduced me to a remarkable couple whose kindness, wisdom, and selflessness left an indelible impression on my heart. As Buddhists, they dedicated their lives to serving others, engaging in acts of charity, teaching Buddhist wisdom, and extending their support to refugees. Now, as they journey through the golden years of their lives, I find solace in offering a heartfelt prayer, beseeching the universe to shower them with blessings of longevity, happiness, and inner peace.



The Gift of Longevity:

In this sacred prayer, I humbly beseech the heavens to grant this extraordinary couple the gift of longevity. May their lives be adorned with the blissful presence of each passing day, allowing them to continue their noble mission of serving others. May their physical health remain resilient, enabling them to bring joy and comfort to those who seek their assistance. With each sunrise, may they find renewed energy and purpose, embracing life's wonders with open hearts.

Boundless Happiness:

With each act of generosity and love, this remarkable couple has illuminated the lives of countless individuals. In this prayer, I ask for their souls to be flooded with boundless happiness. May laughter echo through the corridors of their existence, reminding them of the joy they have brought to others. May their hearts be filled with contentment, their spirits uplifted by the knowledge that their contributions have made a profound difference in the lives of those they have touched.

Inner Peace:

At the heart of their journey lies a profound understanding of Buddhist teachings, guiding them towards inner peace and tranquility. As they navigate the twilight of their lives, I pray that their spiritual practices continue to grant them solace and enlightenment. May they find serenity in meditation, wisdom in contemplation, and strength in their faith. In this prayer, I beseech the universe to deepen their connection with the divine, allowing them to transcend worldly concerns and embrace a profound sense of inner peace.

Gratitude and Recognition:

This couple's remarkable dedication to welfare work and selfless service has often gone unnoticed by the wider world. In this prayer, I express gratitude for their unwavering commitment and recognize the immense impact they have made. May their efforts be acknowledged and celebrated, inspiring others to follow their noble example. May their legacy endure, serving as a guiding light for future generations, and may their virtuous deeds be etched in the annals of history.

In offering this heartfelt prayer, I humbly beseech the universe to shower this extraordinary couple with blessings of longevity, happiness, and inner peace. May their lives be a testament to the power of compassion and love, a source of inspiration for all those who encounter their remarkable story. As they continue to touch lives and make a positive impact, may they be surrounded by love, appreciation, and the warm embrace of a grateful universe. May their journey be illuminated by the light of wisdom and guided by the gentle touch of divine grace.

–Venerable Candasiri (Bhikkhu Jina)