

## Maha Mangala Sutta

Once while the Lord buddha was staying in the vicinity of Saavatthi, in the Jeta Grove, in Anaathapi.n.dika's monastery, a certain deity, whose surpassing brilliance and beauty illumined the entire Jeta Grove, late one night came to the presence of the Blessed One; having come to him and offered profound salutations he stood on one side and spoke to him reverently in the following verse:

### *I*

Many deities and human beings  
Have pondered what are blessings,  
Which they hope will bring them safety:  
Declare to them, Sir, the Highest Blessing.

(To this the Blessed One replied):

### *II*

With fools no company keeping.  
With the wise ever consorting,  
To the worthy homage paying:  
This, the Highest Blessing.

### *III*

Congenial place to dwell,  
In the past merits making,  
One's self directed well:  
This, the Highest Blessing.

### *IV*

Ample learning, in crafts ability,  
With a well-trained disciplining,  
Well-spoken words, civility:  
This, the Highest Blessing.

### *V*

Mother, father well supporting,  
Wife and children duly cherishing,  
Types of work unconflicting:  
This, the Highest Blessing.

### *VI*

Acts of giving, righteous living,  
Relatives and kin supporting,

Actions blameless then pursuing:  
This, the Highest Blessing.

*VII*

Avoiding evil and abstaining,  
From besotting drinks refraining,  
Diligence in Dhamma doing:  
This, the Highest Blessing.

*VIII*

Right reverence and humility  
Contentment and a grateful bearing,  
Hearing Dhamma when it's timely:  
This, the Highest Blessing.

*IX*

Patience, meekness when corrected,  
Seeing monks and then discussing  
About the Dhamma when it's timely:  
This, the Highest Blessing.

*X*

Self-restraint and holy life,  
All the Noble Truths in-seeing,  
Realization of Nibbaana:  
This, the Highest Blessing.

*XI*

Though touched by worldly circumstances,  
Never his mind is wavering,  
Sorrowless, stainless and secure:  
This, the Highest Blessing.

*XII*

Since by acting in this way,  
They are everywhere unvanquished,  
And everywhere they go in safety:  
Theirs, the Highest Blessings.

Here ends the Discourse on Blessings.