

## **A PRAYER TO PROTECT THE EARTH**

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Homage To the spiritual teacher of sages and gods,  
Whose buddha-mind renounced deceitfulness many eons before,  
Who one-pointedly loves living beings with kindness and compassion,  
And who attained the supreme level of accomplishment through the direct path!

O compassionate Teacher,  
You who have manifested the abiding nature of all that can be known,  
Through pristine cognition that perceives without obscuration or corruption,  
Skilled in teaching the disposition of dependently arisen phenomena—  
Turn your enlightened intention toward this very time!

Now when the elements of the physical world and its inhabitants have degenerated  
Due to bad habits born of greed and aversion, with regard to mundane prosperity,  
And through the production of various man-made chemical substances,  
The time has come for you to love us even more with your compassion!

At this juncture when the world and its inhabitants near dissolution,  
As life forms, snow mountains and continents are degraded  
By the excavation and ravaging of elemental resources,  
By the polluting fumes of some electricity generation technologies,  
And by various contagious diseases, harmful to living beings,  
We pray with fervent devotion  
To the Lake-born Lord, sole refuge of this degenerate age,  
To Avalokiteshvara, most sublime being of compassion,  
To Tara, Mother of the Conquerors, who protects from the eight fears,  
And to all the ocean-like hosts of the Three Roots and oath-bound protectors:  
Do not renege on your compassionate pledges to protect us  
(Just by calling your faces to mind)  
From disharmony, degradation, and the like,  
Caused by engaging in negative actions!

Grant your blessings that the world might enjoy the glory of peace and happiness  
And that all living beings might swiftly and without obstruction  
Accomplish all their aspirations that accord with the sacred teachings,  
just as they wish!

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May virtue prevail!*