

## *From Master Shantideva's Bodhicharyavatara*

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The following is one of His Holiness the Dalai Lama's favorite dedications, extracted from chapter 10 of the Bodhicharyavatara of Master Shantideva.

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May all beings everywhere  
Plagued by sufferings of body and mind  
Obtain an ocean of happiness and joy  
By virtue of my merits.

May no living creature suffer,  
Commit evil, or ever fall ill.  
May no one be afraid or belittled,  
With a mind weighed down by depression.

May the blind see forms  
And the deaf hear sounds.  
May those whose bodies are worn with toil  
Be restored on finding repose.

May the naked find clothing,  
The hungry find food;  
May the thirsty find water  
And delicious drinks.

May the poor find wealth,  
Those weak with sorrow find joy;

May the forlorn find hope,  
Constant happiness, and prosperity.

May there be timely rains  
And bountiful harvests;  
May all medicines be effective  
And wholesome prayers bear fruit.

May all who are sick and ill  
Quickly be freed from their ailments.  
Whatever diseases there are in the world,  
May they never occur again.

May the frightened cease to be afraid  
And those bound be freed;  
May the powerless find power,  
And may people think of benefiting each other.

For as long as space remains,  
For as long as sentient beings remain,  
Until then may I too remain  
To dispel the miseries of the world.