

Mahabala Ghost Prohibiting Sadhana

大力金剛禁鬼法



Start by praying for the root lineage blessing: First empty the mind. Next, visualize the Root Lineage Guru Living Buddha Lian-sheng appearing above your crown and radiating light on everyone present. Chant the Root Lineage Guru Heart Mantra 7 times. Pray to the Root Lineage Guru to empower you so that the practice will be auspicious.

Engender the Four Immeasurable Minds: Visualize your parents, children, relatives, friends, and enemies joining you in this practice.

Wake-Up Call: Clap twice, then cross hands and snap thumbs and middle fingers.

- 1. Recite the Purification Mantras and Earth God Mantra
- 2. Recite the Invocation Mantra
- 3. Tender the Great Homage with Visualization
- 4. Mandala Offering
- 5. Fourfold Refuge
- 6. Recite the Four Immeasurable Vows
- 7. Armor Protection
- 8. Recite the High King Avalokitesvara Sutra (1 time).
- 9. Recite the Rebirth Mantra (7 times).
- 10. Recite the Bodhicitta Verse and Mantra
- 11. Recite the Repentance Verse and Mantra
- 12. Recite the Root Guru's Heart Mantra (108 times): Om, qu-ru, lian-sheng sid-dhi hum

13. Mudra and Visualization

Mahabala Heruka Mudra: Form the Tarjani Mudra by holding both the right and left hands in front of the chest and facing outwards as shown in the diagram below.

Illustration of mudra:



Seed Syllable: hum

Visualization: First empty the mind **Chant the Emptiness Mantra:**

Om, si-ba-wa, su-da, sa-er-wa, da-er-ma, si-ba-wa, su-do-hang. (3 times)

- 1. A lotus emerges from the syllable $\lceil \Box \rfloor$ "bang." Within the lotus is a
 - sun disc. In the center of the sun disc is a red syllable "hum." (In visualizing the color of the "hum" syllable, red represents love and respect; blue, subjugation; white, purity; and yellow, enrichment.)
- 2. The 's "hum" syllable emits red light. Four-armed red Mahabala appears within the light with his left leg stretched outward while his right leg is bent.

One of his four arms holds a staff - to knock enemies out.

One of his four arms holds a lasso - to bind.

One of his four arms holds a whisk - to sweep away karmic hindrances.

One of his four arms forms the Tarjani Mudra - to express subjugation.

- Mahabala has one face and four arms. His golden hair stands straight up and is bound with snakes. His fangs are exposed. He wears a tiger skin skirt and sunlight jewels on his crown with Amitabha as his crown ornament.
 - (There are five sunlight jewels which are white, very white. Above each of the sunlight jewels is an Amitabha)
 - Like a ruby, this deity radiates light of a red "hum" in all directions invoking deities of the universe.
- 4. Mahabala again radiates light which shines over one's body. One then transforms into Mahabala.

(This deity is like a precious gem; red as a ruby, blue as a sapphire, yellow as a citrine gemstone, and white as a diamond. The light of the "hum" syllable radiates outward invoking deities of the universe.

The light then shines directly on oneself. With "om-ah-hum" one transforms into Mahabala.)

5. Visualize Mahabala at every door and window stopping ghosts from entering the house.

14. Recite the Mahabala Ghost Prohibiting Mantra (108 times):

Perform mala beads visualization before chanting the mantra.

Om ∘ ma-ha-ba-la-ye ∘ hum-hum-pei ∘

15. Nine Cycle Breathing Exercise and Entering Samadhi

16. Emerging from Samadhi

Praise Verse:

Da-li-jin-gang-fen-nu-wang - Shen-se-you-ru-hong-bao-shi -

Wei-yi-zhi-nian-jiang-xie-mo - Jing-li-shen-you-da-li-zun -

Mahabala the wrathful king

A jewel-like body red as a ruby

Whose only thought is to subjugate evil

I pay homage to mighty Mahabala

17. Recite the Principal Heart Mantras

18. Recite the Buddha's Name (3 times)

Namo the 36 trillion 119 thousand and 500 Amitabha Buddhas.

- 19. Dedication
- 20. Recite the Hundred Syllable Mantra (3 times)
- 21. Tender the Great Homage with Visualization (same as step 3)
- 22. Recite the Completion Mantra

Om, Bu Lin. (3 times)

Om Mani Padme Hum.

Dismissal: Clap twice, then cross hands and snap thumbs and middle fingers.

End of Practice: May all endeavors be auspicious.

An empowerment must be received from Living Buddha Lian-sheng or an authorized True Buddha School master before engaging in this particular sadhana.