



Thanking and Sending off a Year Guardian (Tai Sui) Sadhana

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Start by praying for the root lineage blessing: First empty the mind. Next, visualize the lineage of True Buddha School: Namo Mahavairocana, Namo Buddha Locani, Namo Amitabha Buddha, Namo Padmakumara, and Namo Living Buddha Lian-sheng. Visualize Root Lineage Guru Living Buddha Lian-sheng appearing above your crown and radiating light on everyone present. Pray for great lineage blessings and a perfect ritual.

Recite Padmakumara Mantra seven times: Form the Padmakumara Mudra and chant the Root Lineage Guru Heart Mantra 7 times.

“Om ◦ ah ◦ hum ◦ gu-ru-bei ◦ ah-ha-sa-sa-ma-ha ◦ lian-sheng ◦ sid-dhi ◦ hum.”

©**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

We sincerely invoke:

Namo Red Crown Vajra Master Living Buddha Lian-sheng (three times)

Namo xx Year xx Year Guardian (three times)

(In the place of this note, each local chapter may invoke the buddhas, bodhisattvas, and Dharma protectors enshrined at the altar accordingly. When practicing at home, one may invoke the deities present at one's shrine.)

3. Tender the Great Homage with Visualization

4. Mandala Offering

5. Fourfold Refuge

6. Armor Protection

7. Recite the *High King Avalokitesvara Sutra*

8. Recite the Rebirth Mantra (7 times)

(One may also recite *True Buddha Sutra*)

9. Perform Padmakumara Mudra. Visualize Padmakumara emitting triple light blessing everyone present. Chant Padmakumara Mantra 108 times.

“Om ◦ gu-ru ◦ lian-sheng ◦ sid-dhi ◦ hum.”

10. Dedication:

I wish to dedicate the merit of the practice and the sutra recitation to XX of the XX Year Guardian for protecting peace and auspiciousness during the previous year.

11. Recite the Hundred Syllable Mantra: (3 times)

12. Tender the Great Homage with Visualization

13. Recite the Completion Mantra. Om Mani Padme Hum.

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

End of Practice: *Yi-shi-yuan-man, ru-yi ji-xiang*. May all endeavors be auspicious.

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

(**Note:** In the Year Guardian Mantra, change "si" [temple] to "tang" [chapter or cultivation association] in the "*Liu-jia-shen-jiang-dao-si-qian*" and "*Zhen-si-quang-ming-ren-zun-jing*" if it is held at a chapter or cultivation association instead of a temple.)