

2023

WATER, LAND AND AIR
GRAND DHARMA SERVICE

DEDICATED TO THE SAFETY OF THE NATION AND QUELLING OF DISASTERS,
REPAYING KINDNESS AND PRAYING FOR BLESSINGS

You are cordially invited to the 2023 Water, Land and Air Grand Dharma Service of Lingyen Mountain Temple (Canada). United in prayers and guided by Venerable Masters from Canada and abroad, let us cultivate diligently and transfer the merit and virtue from this rare Buddhist ritual to all sentient beings of the Dharma Realm.

【Introduction】

Due to the pandemic, this Dharma Service has been postponed since 2020. In preparation for this service, the temple's Sangha assembly led additional sutra recitation and repentance sessions, aside from maintaining their regular practices. These practices have made this year's Dharma Service even more extraordinary, as the resulting merit and virtue is dedicated to all sentient beings of the Dharma Realm.

【What is it?】

During the reign of Emperor Wu of the Liang Dynasty (502 – 549), a group of Venerable Masters, led by State Master Baozhi, were decreed by the Emperor to compile this ritual whose name refers to all sentient beings in the air, on the ground, and in the water. The purpose of this rarely held ritual is to guide all sentient beings of the Six Paths and Four Forms of Birth toward liberation from suffering.

【What will we be praying for?】

In the spirit of gratitude toward the Three Treasures and all Dharma supporters, this Dharma service will be dedicated to:

- All insects and life forms harmed by pedestrians and during the temple's past and present construction projects
- Every benefactor's ancestors and karmic enemies from past and present lifetimes
- Blessings, happiness, health and longevity for all benefactors
- Taking across all ghosts and spirits who are unattended and without reliance
- All men and women who served in the military and lost their lives in the line of duty, and all sentient beings who lost their lives during natural and man-made disasters
- World peace and prosperity, and the happiness of all people
- Harmony within the global Sangha community; diligent observance of the Buddha's Precepts; propagation of the Buddha's teachings; rebirth in the Western Pure Land and realization of Buddhahood for all



**【Date】 : June 26 (Monday) – July 2 (Sunday), 2023
(check-in from 2:00pm on June 25, Sunday)**

**【Program】 : 〈Main Altar〉 Liturgy for the Water and Land Ritual
〈Pure Land Altar〉 Recitation of Amitabha Sutra and Amitabha Buddha's name**

【Note】 : To facilitate focused, mindful practice, additional sutra recitations that are traditionally part of this Dharma Service will be completed prior to the start of the retreat. For more information on how to participate in these preparatory practice sessions, please inquire at the temple.

During the Dharma Service, you are welcome to extensively establish wholesome affinities by contributing to the vegetarian meals, as well as the offering items, incense, flowers, lights, and fruits.

Space is limited. Please register now in person at the temple.

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