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ULLUMBANA FESTIVAL

*"Filial Heart is Buddha's Heart
Filial Piety is Buddha's Piety"*



***Namo Sakyamuni Buddha,
Dear Buddhist Followers.***

Ullumbana Festival, a sacred festival, reminds all our Buddhists member of abiding by Buddha's teachings, and taking Maudgalyayana's filial piety as our model.

*As Buddha's disciples, whether monks, nuns, or lay people, all of us deeply understand the full meaning of Ullumbana Festival appraises "Great Compassion" of our **Sakyamuni Buddha** as indicated in Maudgalyayana's late mother "Mind of Greed and Hatred", which cause late Mrs. Thanh Đê had to experience grief and sorrow. Mahamaudgalyayana, who despite his inner powerful strength could not save his mother from the sufferings and starvation at hungry ghost realm.*

***Sakyamuni Buddha** teachings remind us to concentrate on our mind as the "Mind" itself is the source of all suffering and it can bring about merits and virtues as well. Also via Mahamaudgalyayana's Great Filial Piety, our Buddha taught us how to do offerings to Triple Gems and Sangha, taking refuge on Ullunbana Festival Day on Pavarana Day, when all Sangha gather for purification of Body and Mind, diligent practice and give thanks to Sangha's inner powers that ultimately rescue his mother from sufferings and starvation at hungry ghost realm.*

Our Buddha's noble teachings clearly indicated in Ullumbana Sutra and the Sutra to always remembering of our late Parents or Present parents throughtout our lives that during the Lunar seventh month each year which all temples, monasteries and Buddhists around the world diligently pray whole heartly during Ullumbana festival season.

May Buddhas in Ten Directions bless all buddhists and their families Blissful Body and Mind, Happy Family, Desideratum as desired and Fulfilled wishes.

Namo Amitabha Buddha.

With Metta,



***Abbess Bhikkhuni Thich An Thien
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