

The Names of The Female Buddhist Ancestors

Great Teacher Satsu
Great Teacher Ohashi
Great Teacher Myotei
Great Teacher Teijitsu
Great Teacher Rengetsu
Great Teacher Mizuno Jorin
Great Teacher Hori Mitsujo
Great Teacher Ando Dokai
Great Teacher Yamaguchi Kokan
Great Teacher Nagazawa Sozen
Great Teacher Nogami Senryo
Great Teacher Kojima Kendo
Great Teacher Taniguchi Setsudo
Great Teacher Yoshida Eshun
Great Teacher Kasai Joshin
Great Teacher Ruth Fuller Sasaki
Great Teacher Baiho Sesshin
Great Teacher Myo-on Stuart
Great Teacher Houn Jiyu
Great Teacher Geshin Myoko
Great Teacher Jishu Angyo

And to all the women honored ones seen and unseen whose names have been forgotten or left unsaid. We dedicate this chant to the true nature of all beings In hearts and voices of gratitude for all our Great Mothers. May we be the perfection of wisdom of all our Great Ancestors, And turn the Wheel of the Dharma with ever present Great Compassion. Hand in hand, may we realize the Awakened Way together.



The sky of Samadhi and the moonlight of wisdom form the temple of our practice. Our friends and family members guide us as we walk the ancient path. We express our heartfelt gratitude and acknowledge our debt to all successive Buddhas and Ancestors who have transmitted the authentic Dharma, including the Great Matriarchs, and we pay homage to The Mother of All Buddhas, Prajna Paramita. And to the first women who realized the Way and the Great Mother Zen Ancestors:

Great Teacher Mahaprajapati
Great Teacher Maya
Great Teacher Khema
Great Teacher Uppalavanna
Great Teacher Patacara
Great Teacher Dhammadinna
Great Teacher Sundarinanda
Great Teacher Soma
Great Teacher Sakula
Great Teacher Bhadda Kundalakesa
Great Teacher Bhadda Kapilani
Great Teacher Bhadda Kaccana Yasodhara
Great Teacher Kisagotami
Great Teacher Singalaka Mata
Great Teacher Samavati
Great Teacher Shrimala
Great Teacher Prabhuta
Great Teacher Sinha Vijurbhita
Great Teacher Vasumitra
Great Teacher Gopa
Great Teacher Zongchi
Great Teacher Shiji
Great Teacher Wujin Cang
Great Teacher Lingzhao
Great Teacher Ling Xingpo
Great Teacher Liu Tiemo
Great Teacher Moshan Laoran
Great Teacher Miaoxin
Great Teacher Daoshen
Great Teacher Huiguang
Great Teacher Gongshi Daoren

Great Teacher Yu Daopo
Great Teacher Huiwen
Great Teacher Fadeng
Great Teacher Wenzhao
Great Teacher Miaocong
Great Teacher Miaodao
Great Teacher Zenshin
Great Teacher Zenzo
Great Teacher Ezen
Great Teacher Komyo
Great Teacher Tachibana Kachiko
Great Teacher Shogaku
Great Teacher Ryonen
Great Teacher Eshin
Great Teacher Egi
Great Teacher Joa
Great Teacher Senshin
Great Teacher Mugai Nyodai
Great Teacher Ekan
Great Teacher Eni
Great Teacher Shido
Great Teacher Shozen
Great Teacher Mokufu Sonin
Great Teacher Kinto Ekyu
Great Teacher Myosho Enkan
Great Teacher Soitsu
Great Teacher Shotaku
Great Teacher Eshun
Great Teacher Soshin
Great Teacher Bunchi Jo
Great Teacher Ryonen Gensho