## Paying Homage to the Great Arahants

Yo dhammasenāpatī supūjito – paññāya pāramiṃ gato  
Gambhīrapañño medhāvī – maggāmaggassa kovido  
Taṃ vītarāgaṃ susamāhitindriyaṃ – vandāmi parinibbuta sāriputtaṃ

The arahant who is chief monk in Gautama Buddha’s dispensation, most venerable, general of the Dhamma, he has gone to the top of wisdom with deep wisdom and wide wisdom. Skilled to choose the good path and the bad path. I worship with much love the great arahant Sariputta, the passion free, with concentrated sense faculties, who has attained Nibbana.

Yo mahānubhāvo chaḷabhiñño – iddhiyā pāramiṃ gato  
So vikubbanāsu kusalo – vasībhūto mahiddhiyā  
Taṃ vītarāgaṃ susamāhitindriyaṃ – vandāmi parinibbuta moggallānaṃ

The chief arahant who had the six great knowledges, reached the peak of psycic powers, skilled in miracles, psychic powers under his control. I worship with much love the great arahant Maha Moggallana, the passion free, with concentrated sense faculties, who has attained Nibbana.

Yo dāyādo buddhaseṭṭhassa – visiṭṭho dhutaguṇe munī  
Upasanto uparato – pantasenāsano vidū  
Taṃ vītarāgaṃ susamāhitindriyaṃ – vandāmi parinibbuta mahā kassapaṃ

The arahant who is the heir of the great Buddha, gone to the peak of austerity practices, calm, without defilements, living in the deep jungle, giving comfort to others. I worship with much love the great arahant Maha Kassapa, the passion free, with concentrated sense faculties, who has attained Nibbana.

Yo cittkaṭī dhammadharo – satimato gatidhitīmato  
Sugatassa kosārakkhako – pūjanīyo bahussuto  
Taṃ vītarāgaṃ susamāhitindriyaṃ – vandāmi parinibbutānandattheraṃ

Protecting the body of Dhamma of our Supreme Buddha, with a great memory and preaching Dhamma well, with great mindfulness and great wisdom, most venerable and most learned. I worship with much love the great arahant Ananda, the passion free, with concentrated sense faculties, who has attained Nibbana.

Yo ca pubbe pamajjitvā – Aṅgulimāloti vissuto  
Appamādaṃ samādāya – vītataṇho susaṃvuto  
Taṃ vītarāgaṃ susamāhitindriyaṃ – vandāmi parinibbutaṅgulimālaṃ

Who was formerly negligent, famous as Aṅgulimāla, in the Buddha Sasana heedful, eradicated all defilements and gained Arahantship, escaped from craving, posessing restraint. I worship with much love the great arahant Aṅgulimāla, the passion free, with concentrated sense faculties, who has attained Nibbana.

Yo satthukappo kalyāṇamitto – mahāñāṇī jinatrajo  
So laṅkādīpamāgamma – jotayī buddhasāsanaṃ  
Taṃ vītarāgaṃ laṅkādīpappasādakaṃ – vandāmi parinibbuta mahā mahindaṃ

The arahant who is the son of the Buddha, second only to the Buddha for Sri Lankan people, with great wisdom and he has been a kalyanamitta to us. The arahant who came to Sri Lanka, he illuminated the Buddha Sasana. I worship with much love the great arahant Mahinda, the passion free, who is loved by all Sri Lankans, who has attained Nibbana.