



## A Beginner's Guide to Little House Recitation

Note: You must perform Daily Recitations so that you can recite Little Houses. Start your Daily Recitations with the Great Compassion Mantra (Da Bei Zhou). The order of reciting other sutras/mantras in Daily Recitations or in Little House can be determined at your discretion.

1. Before reciting, use a black- or blue-ink pen to write down the name of the receiver on the right-hand side under "Offer To". The receiver can be your Karmic Creditor (then write "Karmic Creditor of <full name>"), an aborted or miscarried child (then write "The Child of <full name of the mother>"), a deceased relative or friend (then write "<full name of the deceased>"), or a Karmic Creditor of the house (then write "Karmic Creditor of the house of <full name of the occupant>"). If you want to use Little House to resolve karmic conflicts with someone, then simply write "<your full name> resolves karmic conflicts". If this Little House is for later unspecified uses, then simply leave the space under "Offer To" blank.

2. Write down the full name of the reciter on the left-hand side under "Offered By", also using a black- or blue-ink pen.

Say the following prayer before reciting Little House:

"Respectfully invite the Greatly Merciful and Greatly Compassionate Guan Yin Bodhisattva". (3 times)

"May the Greatly Merciful and Greatly Compassionate Guan Yin Bodhisattva protect and bless me, <full name>, help me give this Little House that I am about to recite to <name of the receiver> (which can be your Karmic Creditor, a deceased relative or friend, a Karmic Creditor of your house, or an aborted or miscarried child)."

The following order of reciting Little House is highly recommended:

- 1 - 9 times of Da Bei Zhou
- 2 - 3 times of Da Bei Zhou + 49 times of Heart Sutra
- 3 - 3 times of Da Bei Zhou + 84 times of Wang Sheng Zhou
- 4 - 3 times of Da Bei Zhou + 87 times of Qi Fo Mie Zui Zhen Yan
- 5 - 9 times of Da Bei Zhou

Correct way to dot in the circles



Note: Essentially, Little House recitation starts and ends with Da Bei Zhou. In between are the recitations of other sutras and mantras. The above combination is not the only way to do it, and it's fine if you choose not to follow this method due to time constraint or other reasons. What matters is the sincerity and efforts that you put in to recite Little House.

### How to dot in the circles?

- 1 - It is compulsory to use a red-ink pen or marker to dot inside the circles.
- 2 - Remember to dot at the centre of the circle and not to put a tick or fill up the entire circle (80% full is the best).
- 3 - Use a blue- or black-ink pen to write down the date of completion on the lower right-hand side of Little House.

### How to burn Little House when you have a Buddhist altar at home?

- 1. First, offer incense and make full prostrations to Guan Yin Bodhisattva.
- 2. Say "Respectfully invite the Greatly Merciful and Greatly Compassionate Guan Yin Bodhisattva." 3 times.
- 3. Raise the Little Houses slightly above your forehead, and then place them on your altar. Kneel down and say the following prayer.
- 4. "May the Greatly Merciful and Greatly Compassionate Guan Yin Bodhisattva protect and bless me, <full name>, help me give these (number) Little Houses to <name of the receiver> (which can be your Karmic Creditor, a deceased relative or friend, a Karmic Creditor of your house, or an aborted or miscarried child)."
- 5. Before burning Little Houses, say "May the Greatly Merciful and Greatly Compassionate Guan Yin Bodhisattva have compassion on me."
- 6. Burn Little Houses, starting from its upper right-hand corner (that is, the "Offer To" side).
- 7. While burning Little Houses, do not recite scriptures or say anything extra. Simply say "May the Greatly Merciful and Greatly Compassionate Guan Yin Bodhisattva have compassion."
- 8. After finishing burning Little Houses, say "I bow in gratitude to the Greatly Merciful and Greatly Compassionate Guan Yin Bodhisattva for helping me give these Little Houses to <name of the receiver>. I express my deepest gratitude to the Greatly Merciful and Greatly Compassionate Guan Yin Bodhisattva for protecting and blessing me!" (with one full prostration) You could also say corresponding prayers. For example, if you give Little Houses to your Karmic Creditor, you could pray to Guan Yin Bodhisattva for granting you good health, safety and good fortune. If you use Little House to resolve karmic conflicts with someone, you could pray to Guan Yin Bodhisattva for helping you dissolve the bad karmic affinity between that person and you.

### How to burn Little House if you don't have a Buddhist altar at home?

- 1. First, offer Heart Incense to Guan Yin Bodhisattva.
- 2. Say "Respectfully invite the Greatly Merciful and Greatly Compassionate Guan Yin Bodhisattva." 3 times.
- 3. Recite the Great Compassion Mantra (Da Bei Zhou) 1 time and the Heart Sutra (Xin Jing) 1 time.
- 4. Raise the Little Houses slightly above your forehead. Visualise that you kneel down and say the following prayer.
- 5. "May the Greatly Merciful and Greatly Compassionate Guan Yin Bodhisattva protect and bless me, <full name>, help me give these (number) Little Houses to <name of the receiver> (which can be your Karmic Creditor, a deceased relative or friend, a Karmic Creditor of your house, or an aborted or miscarried child)."
- 6. Before burning Little Houses, say "May the Greatly Merciful and Greatly Compassionate Guan Yin Bodhisattva have compassion on me."
- 7. Burn Little Houses, starting from its upper right-hand corner (that is, the "Offer To" side).
- 8. While burning Little Houses, do not recite scriptures or say anything extra. Simply say "May the Greatly Merciful and Greatly Compassionate Guan Yin Bodhisattva have compassion."
- 9. After finishing burning Little Houses, visualise that you make one full prostration to Guan Yin Bodhisattva and say "I bow in gratitude to the Greatly Merciful and Greatly Compassionate Guan Yin Bodhisattva for helping me give these Little Houses to <name of the receiver>. I express my deepest gratitude to the Greatly Merciful and Greatly Compassionate Guan Yin Bodhisattva for protecting and blessing me!" You could also say corresponding prayers. For example, if you give Little Houses to your Karmic Creditor, you could pray to Guan Yin Bodhisattva for granting you good health, safety and good fortune. If you use Little House to resolve karmic conflicts with someone, you could pray to Guan Yin Bodhisattva for helping you dissolve the bad karmic affinity between that person and you.

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