

# Mittānisaṃsa Suttaṃ

## The Benefits of Friendship

### 1. Pahūtabhakkho bhavatī – Vippavuttho sakā gharā

Bahū naṃ upajīvanti – Yo mittānaṃ na dūbhati

He who maintains genuine friendship will, ♦ whenever he goes far out of his home, ♦ receive an abundance of hospitality. ♦ Many will obtain their living through him.

### 2. Yaṃ yaṃ janapadaṃ yāti – Nigame rājadhāniyo

Sabbattha pūjito hoti – Yo mittānaṃ na dūbhati

He who maintains genuine friendship will, ♦ whatever country, village, or town he visits, ♦ be honoured everywhere.

### 3. Nāssa corā pasahanti – Nātimaññeti khattiyo

Sabbe amitte tarati – Yo mittānaṃ na dūbhati

He who maintains genuine friendship ♦ will not be over powered by robbers. The king will not look down upon him. ♦ He will triumph over all his enemies.

### 4. Akkuddho sagharam eti – Sabbhāya paṭinandito

Ñātīnaṃ uttamo hoti – Yo mittānaṃ na dūbhati

He who maintains genuine friendship, ♦ returns home with feelings of kindness, ♦ rejoices in the assemblies of people, ♦ and becomes the chief among his relatives.

### 5. Sakkatvā sakkato hoti – Garu hoti sagāro

Vaṇṇakittibhato hoti – Yo mittānaṃ na dūbhati

He who maintains genuine friendship, ♦ being hospitable to others, ♦ in turn, receives hospitality. ♦ Being respectful to others, ♦ in turn, receives respect. He enjoys both praise and beauty.

### 6. Pūjako labhate pūjaṃ – Vandako paṭivandanaṃ

Yaso kittiñca pappoti – Yo mittānaṃ na dūbhati

He who maintains genuine friendship, ♦ being a giver, in turn he receives gifts. Being worshipful to others, ♦ in turn, he is worshipped. He attains prosperity and fame.

7. Aggi yathā pajjalati – Devatā’va virocati

Siriya ajahito hoti – Yo mittānaṃ na dūbhati

He who maintains genuine friendship, ♦ shines like a fire, ♦ and is radiant as a deity. Never will prosperity forsake him.

8. Gāvo tassa pajāyanti – Khetto vutthaṃ virūhati

Puttānaṃ phalamasnāti – Yo mittānaṃ na dūbhati

He who maintains genuine friendship, ♦ will have many breeding cattle. What is sown in the field will flourish. ♦ His children will achieve success in life.

9. Darito pabbatāto vā – Rukkhāto patito naro

Cuto patiṭṭhaṃ labhati – Yo mittānaṃ na dūbhati

He who maintains genuine friendship, ♦ should he fall from a cliff, mountain or tree, ♦ he will always be protected.

10. Virūḷhamūlasantānaṃ – Nigrodhamiva māluto

Amittā nappasahanti – Yo mittānaṃ na dūbhati

He who maintains genuine friendship, ♦ cannot be overthrown by enemies, even as the deep-rooted banyan tree ♦ cannot be uprooted by the wind.

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