Spontaneously Accomplishing Desired Aims: An Abbreviated Way to Perform the Meditation-Recitation of Eleven-Faced Chenrezig

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Practice Requirements:

Anyone can do this practice. However, you are permitted to generate yourself as Eleven-Faced Chenrezig only if you have received:

- the initiation (wang) of Eleven-Faced Chenrezig (i.e. Thousand-Armed Chenrezig),
- or the initiation of any deity of performance, yoga, or highest yoga tantra and the subsequent permission (jenang) of Eleven-Faced Chenrezig,
- or the initiation of any deity of the tathagata or lotus types of action tantra and the subsequent permission of Eleven-Faced Chenrezig.

Otherwise, you should visualize Eleven-Faced Chenrezig above your head or in front of you.
Technical Note

Italics and a small font size indicate instructions and comments found in the Tibetan text and are not for recitation. Text not presented in bold or with no indentation is likewise not for recitation. Words in square brackets have been added by the translator for clarification. For example:

This is how to correctly follow the virtuous friend, [the root of the path to full enlightenment].
A Guide to Pronouncing Sanskrit

The following six points will enable you to learn the pronunciation of most transliterated Sanskrit mantras found in FPMT practice texts:

1. ŠH and ṢH are pronounced similar to the “sh” in “shoe.”
2. CH is pronounced similar to the “ch” in “chat.” CHH is also similar but is more heavily aspirated.
3. Ṭ, ṬH, Ḍ, ḌH, ṇ are retroflex letters and have no exact equivalent in English. These sounds are made by curling the tongue to the palate and correspond roughly to the sounds “tra” (Ṭ), aspirated “tra” (ṬH), “dra” (Ḍ), aspirated “dra” (ḌH), and “nra” (ṇ).
4. All consonants followed by an H are aspirated: KH, GH, CH, JH, TH, DH, PH, BH. Note that TH is pronounced like the “t” in “target” (not like the “th” in “the”) and PH is pronounced like the “p” in “partial” (not like the “ph” in “pharaoh”).
5. Vowels with a dash above—Ā, Ī, Ū, ṚI, and ḷI—are elongated to approximately double the amount of time it takes to pronounce their nonelongated counterparts: A, I, U, Ṛ, and ḷ.
6. Ṍ indicates a nasal sound. At the end of a word it is generally pronounced as an “m.” Ḥ indicates an “h”-sounding aspiration. ṚI is pronounced similar to the “ree” in “reed.” ṆG is pronounced similar to the “ng” in “king.”

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This is the way to perform the meditation-recitation of Eleven-Faced Lord of the Three Worlds, the manifestation of the compassion of all the victorious ones. At the beginning, take refuge and meditate on the four immeasurables.

Taking Refuge and Generating Bodhichitta

SANG GYÄ CHHÖ DANG TSHOG KYI CHHOG NAM LA
JANG CHHUB BAR DU DAG NI KYAB SU CHHI
DAG GI JIN SOG GYI PÄI SÖ NAM KIY
DRO LA PHÄN CHHIR SANG GYÄ DRUB PAR SHOG (3x)
   I take refuge until I am enlightened
   In the Buddha, the Dharma, and the Supreme Assembly.
   By my merits of generosity and so forth,
   May I become a buddha to benefit living beings. (3x)

Four Immeasurables

SEM CHÄN THAM CHÄ DE WA DANG DE WÄI GYU DANG DÄN PAR
GYUR CHIG / SEM CHÄN THAM CHÄ DUG NGÄL DANG DUG NGÄL GYI
GYU DANG DRÄL WAR GYUR CHIG / SEM CHÄN THAM CHÄ DUG NGÄL
ME PÄI DE WA DANG MI DRÄL WAR GYUR CHIG / SEM CHÄN THAM
CHÄ NYE RING CHHAG DANG NYI DANG DRÄL WÄI TANG NYOM LA
NÄ PAR GYUR CHIG
   May all sentient beings have happiness and the causes of
   happiness. May all sentient beings be free from suffering and
the causes of suffering. May all sentient beings never be separated from the happiness that knows no suffering. May all sentient beings abide in equanimity, free of attachment and hatred for those held close and distant.

Self-Generation

_Purify in emptiness:

OM SVABHAVA SHUDDHAH SARVA DHARMASH SVABHAVA SHUDDHO 'HAM

TONG PA NYI DU GYUR / TONG PAI NGANG LÄ RANG NYI CHÄN RÄ ZIG
Everything becomes emptiness. From within emptiness, I arise as Chenrezig.

TÖN KÄI DA WÄI DANG DÄN TSA ZHÄL KAR
YÄ JANG YÖN MAR DEI TENG JANG MAR KAR
DEI TENG MAR KAR JANG WÄI ZHÄL SUM TENG
THRO ZHÄL NAG PO TRA SER GYEN DZE PA
My root face is white, with the complexion of the autumn moon.
My right face is green; my left, red.
Above these, my faces are green, red, and white. Above these, they are red, white, and green.
Above these three faces is a wrathful black face with yellow hair streaming upward.

DEI TENG RIG DAG Ö PAG ME PÄI ZHÄL
TSUG TOR DANG DÄN TSA CHHAG DANG PO NYI
THUG KAR THAL JAR NYI PÄ TRENG WA DANG
SUM PÄ CHHOG JIN ZHI PÄ KHOR LO NAM
Above it is the face of Amitabha, lord of the buddha family, with a crown protrusion.
My first two main hands are folded at my heart.
My second right hand holds a rosary,
The third grants the sublime realization, and the fourth holds a wheel.
Yön nyi pā kar dab gyā sum pa yi
Ril wa chi lug zhi pā da zhu nam
Zhab nyi nyam pāi tab zheng ri dag kyi
Pag pā nu ma yön kab rin chhen dang

My second left holds an eight-petaled white lotus;
The third, a round pot; and the fourth, a bow and arrow.
I am standing with my two legs in the posture of equanimity.
An antelope skin covers my left breast.

Tshān pei gyān dān ò zer tha yā thrō
Nā sum drū tshān thug kāi hum yig lā
Ö thrō sang gyā sā chā kor wa yi
Rang zhin næ nā chān drang sheg su söl

I have ornaments of jewels and of the signs and exemplifications. I radiate infinite rays of light.
My three places are marked with the grain² syllables.
From the ḤŪṂ at my heart, light radiates,
Invoking the buddhas surrounded by their sons from their natural abode. Please come here.

They absorb inseparably with:

JAḤ HŪṂ BAM HOḤ

Offerings to the Self-Generation
Blessing the Offerings

Om padmāntakṛit hūṃ phaṭ
Om svabhāva śuddhāḥ sarva dharmāḥ svabhāva
śuddho 'ham

Tong pa nyi du gyur / tong pāi ngang lā dhrum lā rin po
chheī nō yang shing gya chhe wa nam kyi nang du om ḍu
zhu wa lā jung wāi chhö yōn / zhab sil / me tog / dug pō /
Everything becomes emptiness. From within emptiness, from BHRUṂs come vast and expansive precious vessels, in which are OṂs. The OṂs melt into light and become drinking water, water for bathing the feet, flowers, incense, lights, perfume, food, and music. Their nature is emptiness; their aspect is that of the individual offerings; and their function is to bestow special uncontaminated bliss.

OṂ ARGHĀṂ ĀḤ HŪṂ (drinking water)
OṂ PĀDYĀṂ ĀḤ HŪṂ (water for bathing the feet)
OṂ PUŚHPE ĀḤ HŪṂ (flowers)
OṂ DHŪPE ĀḤ HŪṂ (incense)
OṂ ĀLOKE ĀḤ HŪṂ (lights)
OṂ GANDHE ĀḤ HŪṂ (perfume)
OṂ NAIVIDYA ĀḤ HŪṂ (food)
OṂ ŚHAPTA ĀḤ HŪṂ (music)

Presenting the Offerings

OṂ ĀRYA LOKEŚHVARA SAPARIVĀRA ARGHĀṂ PRATĪCCHHA SVĀHĀ (drinking water)
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OṂ ĀRYA LOKEŚHVARA SAPARIVĀRA GANDHE PRATĪCCHHA SVĀHĀ (perfume)
Praise

Dü sum de war sheg pa chhö kyi ku
Dro drug sem chän yong la chän rā zig
Nam kha ta bur khyab päi chu chig zhäl
Zi ji ö pag me la chhag tshäl tö

Dharmakaya of the sugatas of the three times;
Eyes seeing all the sentient beings of the six realms;
The eleventh face as pervasive as space;
To you, magnificent Amitabha, I prostrate and offer praise.

Visualization for the Mantra Recitation

Rang gi nying gar da kyil teng hrīḥ kar
De lä ö trö gyäl wa sā chā chhö
Jin lab nam pa bu ga so so nā
Zhug pä lü ngag yi kyi drib pa jang

At my heart is a moon mandala on which is a white HRĪḤ. Rays of light radiate from it, presenting offerings to the victorious ones and their sons. Their blessings enter me through all my pores, Purifying the obstructions of my body, speech, and mind.

 Lar yang ö thrö rig drug sem chän la
Phog pä drib jang phag päi sa la gö

Once again rays of light radiate, striking the sentient beings of the six realms. Their obstructions are purified and they are led to the state of Arya Chenrezig.
Six-Syllable Mantra

Recite as many mantras as possible.
OM MANI PADME HUM

Hundred-Syllable Mantra

Make amends with:

OM PADMASATVA SAMAYA / MANUPĀLAYA / PADMASATVA TVENOPATIŠṬHA / DŘIDHO ME BHAVA / SUTOŠHYO ME BHAVA / SUPOŠHYO ME BHAVA / ANURAKTO ME BHAVA / SARVA SIDDHIM ME PRAYACCHHA / SARVA KARMASU CHA ME / CHITTAṂ ŚHRĪYAṂ KURU HŪṂ / HA HA HA HA HOḤ / BHAGAVAN SARVA TATHĀGATA / PADMA MA ME MUṆCHA / PADMA BHAVA / MAHĀ SAMAYASATVA ĀḤ (3x)

Offerings and Praise

Present offerings and offer praise like before:

OM ĀRYA LOKEŚHVARA SAPARIVĀRA ARGHAṂ PRATĪCCHHA SVĀHĀ (drinking water)
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Dedication

Ge wa di yi nyur du dag
Chän rä zig wang drub gyur nä
Dro wa chig kyang ma lü pa
Khye kyi sa la gö par shog

Due to this virtue, may I quickly
Become the powerful Chenrezig
And lead all living beings
Without exception to that state.

Recite the hundred-syllable mantra and so forth and request forgiveness:

Hundred-Syllable Mantra

Om padmasatva samaya / manupālaya / padmasatva
tvenopatīṣṭḥa / dṛiddho me bhava / sutoṣhya me
bhava / supoṣhya me bhava / anurakto me bhava /
sarva siddhim me prayacchha / sarva karmasu cha me /
chittaṃ śhrīyaṃ kuru hūṃ / ha ha ha ha hoḥ /
bhagavan sarva tathāgata / padma ma me muñcha /
padma bhava / mahā samayasatva āḥ (3x)
Requesting Forgiveness

Ma nye yong su ma she dang
Gang yang nü pa ma chhi pä
Di ni ja wa gang gyi pa
de kün kyö kyi dzö dze rig

Whatever I have done here
Due to not finding materials
Or lacking understanding or ability,
Please be patient with all this.

Absorption of the Exalted Wisdom Beings

Ye she pa gye zhin du rang la thim par gyur
The exalted wisdom beings happily absorb into me.

Verse of Auspiciousness

Nyin mo de leg tshän de leg
Nyì mai gung yang de leg shing
Nyin tshän tag tu de leg päi
Kön chhog sum gyi tra shi shog

May there be the auspiciousness of the Three Jewels that is
Happiness and excellence in the day, happiness and
excellent at night,
Happiness and excellence at noon,
And continual happiness and excellence both day and night.

Colophons

Original Colophon:
Spoken by the Shakyai Gejong Thubten Gyatso in accordance with the wish of his master of ceremonies, Yeshe Damcho.
Publisher’s Colophon:
Translated from thub bstan rgya mtsho, spyan ras gzigs bcu gcig zhal gyi bsgom bzlas bya tshul mdo rbsdus 'dod don lhun 'grub bzhugs so, s.l.; s.n., s.d. Translation reviewed by Joona Repo and edited by FPMT Education Services team, June 2020.

Notes:

1. Skt. Trilokanātha.
2. The grain syllables (Tib. 'bru) are ॐ ऐ हूँ ं.
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If it is necessary to dispose of printed Dharma materials, they should be burned rather than thrown in the trash. When burning Dharma texts, visualize that the letters transform into an A (ཨ) and the A absorbs into your heart. Imagine burning blank paper. As the paper burns, recite ŌṂ ĀḤ HŪṂ or the Heart Sutra, while meditating on emptiness.

Lama Zopa Rinpoche recommends that images of holy beings, deities, and holy objects not be burned. Ideally, they should be put in a stupa. Otherwise, put them high up in a tree inside a well-sealed structure, something like a bird house, so that the images are protected from the weather and do not end up on the ground.
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