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**Dü sum sang gyä kün gyi ku sung thug**
You, the holy body, speech, and mind of all the buddhas of the three times,

**Dro drug kün la thug jei chän gyi zig**
Look with compassionate eyes at all six types of transmigratory beings,

**Jam dang thug jei thug kyi kyob dzä päi**
And guide us with loving kindness and compassion:

**Phag pa chän rä zig kyi tra shi shog**
May there be the auspiciousness of Arya Compassionate-Eye-Looking One.¹

**Yi ge Drug pa thug je trül päi ku**
Your six syllables, holy body of transformation of compassion,

**Dro drug dig jong khor wäi yang sa chö**
Purify the negative karmas of the six types of transmigratory beings, cut off the precipice of samsara,

**Jang chhub lam dren ku sum sa la gö**
Lead us in the path to cessation and realization,² and place us in the state of the three kayas:

**Nying po yi ge drug päi tra shi shog**
May there be the auspiciousness of the six heart syllables.
Chän rä zig wang dro drug yong la zig

Powerful Compassionate-Eye-Looking One, you look at all six types of transmigratory beings;

Thug je chhen pöi nyìng je gyûn mi chhä

Great Compassionate One, your compassion is unceasing;

Jig ten wang chhug dro wa yong kyi gön

Enriched with Power over the World, you are the savior of all transmigratory beings:

Dro wäi kyab nä chhog gi tra shi shog

May there be the auspiciousness of the supreme object of refuge of all transmigratory beings.

Lo gya tsho zhing tön gya thong wa dang

Through our living for a hundred years and seeing a hundred autumns,

Long chö gyä shing sam dön drub pa dang

Increasing our enjoyments, succeeding in our wishes,

Chhö la bar chhä me ching drub pa thar chin nä

Being without obstacles to Dharma,3 and completing our practice,

Gyü dzin jin gyi lab päi tra shi shog

May there be the auspiciousness of our preserving and receiving the blessings of the lineage.

Nye ka ten zang län chig thob pa dir

By our perfect human rebirth, so difficult to find and received just once,

Nye chö dig päi nö du mi gyur war

Not becoming a container of wrong conduct and negative karma,

Nam kar jang sem kho nä zin pa yi

And by being persuaded only by white bodhichitta,

Rang zhän dön nyì thar chhin tra shi shog

May there be the auspiciousness of our completing the works of self and of others.
Translator’s Colophon:

Prayer of Auspiciousness from the Maṇi Kabum (Tib. maṇi bka' 'bum nang gi bkra shis kyi smon tshig): From the Mani Kabum by the Dharma king Songtsen Gampo, the actual Chenrezig. The last verse was written, in a rush, by Thubten Zopa, a beggar monk without Dharma, as a prayer for all beings. May all transmigratory beings be guided by Guru Chenrezig.

Publisher’s Colophon:


Notes

1. Phagpa Chenrezig (Tib. ’phags pa spyan ras gzigs).
2. Here Lama Zopa Rinpoche translates jangchub (Tib. byang chub) literally as “cessation and realization.” It is often translated as “enlightenment.”
3. This refers to obstacles not only to your own Dharma practice but also to the holy Dharma existing for a long time and spreading throughout the world.
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