

*How to Do the Great Festival
of His Holiness' Birthday
in the Best Possible Way*

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Practice Requirements:

Anyone can perform the practices in this book.

Technical Note

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Recite these two verses three times.

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❖ Then recite the following verses and meditate on the guru entering your heart.

Setup

- Place a picture of His Holiness the Dalai Lama on a throne with a double vajra brocade (preferably white) on the front of the throne.
- Prepare a mandala offering with representations of the holy body, speech, and mind (a statue, scripture, and stupa), a nice long khata, and an envelope with a money offering to be offered to the picture of His Holiness. The amount offered should be an uneven number, e.g., \$101. It should be offered by a lama, geshe, or someone who represents the center.
- It would be good to offer traditional sweet rice and tea to everyone in attendance. Otherwise, tea and rice can be served to the lamas and sangha members present, while something simple, such as a muffin and juice, is offered to everyone else.

*“Doing [these prayers for
His Holiness the Dalai Lama]
will help your practice very much;
you will get the realizations of the path.”*

Lams Zopa Rinpoche

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Preliminaries Prayers

Taking Refuge in the Gurus

❖ In a group practice, read the verse in English one or two times and then chant it in Tibetan.

LA MA SANG GYÄ LA MA CHHÖ

The Guru is Buddha. The Guru is Dharma.

DE ZHIN LA MA GEN DÜN TE

The Guru is also Sangha.

KÜN GYI JE PO LA MA YIN

The Guru is the creator of all [happiness].

LA MA NAM LA KYAB SU CHHI (3x)

In all the gurus, I take refuge. (3x)

Taking Refuge and Generating Bodhichitta

Recite these verses one after the other three times.

❖ In a group practice, read the verses in English one or two times and then chant them in Tibetan.

DRO NAM DRÄL DÖ SAM PA YI

With the thought desiring to liberate transmigratory beings,

SANG GYÄ CHHÖ DANG GEN DÜN LA

I always take refuge

JANG CHHUB NYING POR CHHI KYI BAR

In the Buddha, Dharma, and Sangha

TAG PAR DAG NI KYAB SU CHHI

Until the heart of enlightenment is achieved.

SHE RAB NYING TSE DANG CHÄ PÄ

With perseverance, acting with

TSÖN PÄ SEM CHÄN DÖN DU DAG

Wisdom, compassion, and loving kindness,

SANG GYÄ DÜN DU NÄ GYI TE

In front of the buddhas, for the benefit of sentient beings,

DZOG PÄI JANG CHHUB SEM KYE DO (3x)

I generate the thought of full enlightenment. (3x)

Purifying the Place

❖ Visualize the place where you are becomes like a pure land.

THAM CHÄ DU NI SA ZHI DAG

Everywhere may the ground be pure,

SEG MA LA SOG ME PA DANG

Free of pebbles and so forth,

LAG THIL TAR NYAM BÄI DUR YÄI

As level as the palm of the hand,

RANG ZHIN JAM POR NÄ GYUR CHIG

In the nature of sapphire, and soft.

Invocation

❖ While reciting this verse, someone should hold burning incense between their folded hands. At the end of the verse, play the instruments, such as bells, cymbals, and drums.

MA LÜ SEM CHÄN KÜN GYI GÖN GYUR CHING

Savior of all sentient beings without exception,

DÜ DE PUNG CHÄ MI ZÄ JOM DZÄ LHA

Divine destroyer of the unbearable hordes of maras and their forces,

NGÖ NAM MA LÜ YANG DAG KHYEN GYUR PÄI

Perfect knower of all things without exception,

CHOM DÄN KHOR CHÄ NÄ DIR SHEG SU SÖL

Bhagavan, together with your retinue, please come here.

Blessing, Multiplying, and Presenting the Offerings

Offering Prayer

LHA DANG MI YI CHHÖ PÄI DZÄ

May divine and human offerings,

NGÖ SU SHAM DANG YI KYI TRÜL

Both actually arranged and mentally emanated,

KÜN ZANG CHHÖ TRIN LA NA ME

Become clouds of the finest Samantabhadra offerings,

NAM KHÄI KHAM KÜN KHYAB GYUR CHIG

Filling the entire realm of space.

Offering Cloud Mantra

❖ By reciting this mantra, the offerings are blessed, multiplied to become numberless, and offered.

Play the cymbals slowly, going around three times.

OM NAMO BHAGAVATE VAJRA SĀRA PRAMARDANE /
 TATHĀGATĀYA / ARHATE SAMYAK SAṂBUDDHĀYA /
 TADYATHĀ / OM VAJRA VAJRE / MAHĀ VAJRE / MAHĀ TEJA
 VAJRE / MAHĀ VIDYĀ VAJRE / MAHĀ BODHICHITTA VAJRE /
 MAHĀ BODHI MAṆḌOPA SAṂKRAMAṆA VAJRE / SARVA
 KARMĀVARAṆA VIŚHODHANA VAJRE SVĀHĀ (3x)

Extensive Power of Truth

❖ With this verse, the offerings that you have visualized as numberless actually appear to the buddhas and bodhisattvas and are received.

KÖN CHHOG SUM GYI DEN PA DANG

By the power of truth of the Three Rare Sublime Ones,

SANG GYĀ DANG JANG CHHUB SEM PA THAM CHĀ KYI JIN GYI LAB
 DANG

The blessings of all the buddhas and bodhisattvas,

TSHOG NYI YONG SU DZOG PÄI NGA THANG CHHEN PO DANG

The great wealth of the completed two types of merits,

CHHÖ KYI YING NAM PAR DAG CHING SAM GYI MI KHYAB PÄI TOB KYI

And the pure and inconceivable sphere of phenomena,

CHHOG CHU NA ZHUG PÄI SANG GYĀ DANG JANG CHHUB SEM PA
 THAM CHĀ KYI CHĀN NGAR PHAG PA JAM PÄL DANG KUN TU ZANG
 PO LA SOG PÄI NAM PAR CHHÖ PÄI TRIN GYI PHUNG PO SAM GYI MI
 KHYAB PA ZÄ MI SHE PA NAM KHA DANG NYAM PAR JUNG WAR GYUR
 CHIG

May these piles of clouds of offerings arising through transformation by the bodhisattvas Arya Samantabhadra, Manjushri, and so forth—unimaginable and inexhaustible, equaling the sky—arise and, in the presence of the buddhas and bodhisattvas of the ten directions, be received.

Now do the *Seven-Limb Prayer*. You can do either the abbreviated version below or the extensive version from the *King of Prayers*, page 36.

Seven-Limb Prayer (abbreviated)

GO SUM GÜ PÄI GO NÄ CHHAG TSHÄL LO

I prostrate reverently with my body, speech, and mind.

NGÖ SHAM YI TRÜL CHHÖ TRIN MA LÜ BÜL

I present clouds of every type of offering, both actually arranged and mentally emanated.

THOG ME NÄ SAG DIG TUNG THAM CHÄ SHAG

I confess all my negative actions and downfalls collected from beginningless time.

KYE PHAG GE WA NAM LA JE YI RANG

I rejoice in the virtues of ordinary beings and aryas.

Pause to rejoice in the past, present, and future merits of (1) yourself, (2) other sentient beings, including bodhisattvas, and (3) the buddhas.

KHOR WA MA TONG BAR DU LEG ZHUG NÄ

Please remain until the end of cyclic existence,

DRO LA CHHÖ KYI KHOR LO KOR WA DANG

And turn the wheel of Dharma for transmigratory beings.

DAG ZHÄN GE NAM JANG CHHUB CHHEN POR NGO

I dedicate my own and others' virtues to great enlightenment.

Mandala Offering

❖ The lama, geshe, or someone from the center should offer a mandala together with representations of the holy body, speech, and mind, along with a khata and money offering in an envelope, to the picture of His Holiness the Dalai Lama on the throne.

Chant the mandala offering verses slowly.

Mandala Offering of Thirty-Seven Heaps

At the beginning only the umdze recites:

DÜ SUM CHHOG CHÜI GYÄL WA THAM CHE CHIG TU DÜ PÄI NGO WO
 DAG CHAG DRO WA YÖN KYI KYAB NÄ CHIG PU DZAM LING ZHI DEI
 DE PÖN CHHEN PO / YONG DZOG TÄN PÄI NGA DAG / **JE TSÜN JAM
 PÄL NGAG WANG LO ZANG YE SHE TÄN DZIN GYA TSHO** / SI SUM WANG
 GYUR TSHUNG PA ME PÄI DE / PÄL ZANG PÖI KU TSHE SHAB PÄ SI THÄI
 BAR DU TÄN PÄI CHHE DU SHING KHAM BÜL WAR ZHU

The group joins in:

OM VAJRA BHÜMI ĀḤ HÜM / WANG CHHEN SER GYI SA ZHI / OM
 VAJRA REKHE ĀḤ HÜM / CHHI CHAG RI KHOR YUG GI KOR WÄI Ü
 SU RII GYÄL PO RI RAB / SHAR LÜ PHAG PO / LHO DZAM BU LING / NUB
 BA LANG CHÖ / JANG DRA MI NYÄN / LÜ DANG LÜ PHAG / NGA YAB
 DANG NGA YAB ZHÄN / YO DÄN DANG LAM CHHOG DRO / DRA MI
 NYÄN DANG DRA MI NYÄN GYI DA

RIN PO CHHEI RI WO / PAG SAM GYI SHING / DÖ JÖI BA / MA MÖ
 PÄI LO TOG / KHOR LO RIN PO CHHE / NOR BU RIN PO CHHE / TSÜN
 MO RIN PO CHHE / LÖN PO RIN PO CHHE / LANG PO RIN PO CHHE /
 TA CHHOG RIN PO CHHE / MAG PÖN RIN PO CHHE / TER CHEN PÖI
 BUM PA

GEG MA / THRENG WA MA / LU MA / GAR MA / ME TOG MA / DUG
 PÖ MA / NANG SÄL MA / DRI CHHAB MA / NYI MA / DA WA / RIN PO
 CHHEI DUG CHHOG LÄ NAM PAR GYÄL WÄI GYÄN TSHÄN / Ü SU LHA
 DANG MII YI PÄL JOR PHÜN SUM TSHOG PA MA TSHANG WA ME PA
 TSANG ZHING YI DU ONG WA DI DAG DRIN CHEN TSA WA DANG GYÜ
 PAR CHE PÄI PÄL DÄN LA MA DAM PA NAM DANG

KHYÄ PAR DÜ YANG GONG SA LHA MII NAM DREN KYAB GÖN GYAL
 WÄI WANG PO THAM CHÄ KHYEN CHING ZIG PA CHHEN PO / **JE TSÜN**
JAM PÄL NGAG WANG LO ZANG YE SHE TÄN DZIN GYA TSHO / SI SUM
 WANG GYUR TSHUNG PA ME PÄI DE / PÄL ZANG PÖI CHHOG / DAG
 CHAG TÄN PA DANG DRO WÄI GÖN DU KU TSHE SHAB PÄ SI THÄI BAR
 DU TÄN PÄI CHHE DU BÜL WAR GYI O

THUG JE DRO WÄI DÖN DU ZHE SU SÖL / ZHE NE DAG SOG DRO WA
 MA GYUR NAM KHÄI THA DANG NYAM PÄI SEM CHEN THAM CHÄ LA
 CHHOG DANG THUN MONG GI NGO DRUB MA LU PA TSÄL DU SÖL

Mandala Offering of Seven Heaps

SA ZHI PÖ KYI JUG SHING ME TOG TRAM

This ground, anointed with perfume, strewn with flowers,

RI RAB LING ZHI NYI DÄ GYÄN PA DI

**Adorned with Mount Meru, the four continents, the sun
 and the moon:**

SANG GYÄ ZHING DU MIG TE ÜL WA YI

I imagine it as a buddha land and offer it.

DRO KÜN NAM DAG ZHING LA CHÖ PAR SHOG

May all transmigratory beings enjoy this pure land.

Prayer for His Holiness the Dalai Lama's Long Life

JIG TEN KHAM DIR DE KYI MA LÜ PA

The wish-granting Wish-Fulfilling Jewel,

GANG LÄ JUNG WÄI SAM PHEL YI ZHIN NOR

Source of all happiness in this world without exception,

KA DRIN TSHUNG ME TÄN DZIN GYA TSHO LA

To the incomparably kind, Tenzin Gyatso, I beseech:

SÖL WA DEB SO ZHE DÖN LHÜN DRUB SHOG

May all your holy wishes be spontaneously fulfilled.

Request to the Guru to Live Long

DÜN GYI NAM KHAR SENG THRI PÄ DÄI TENG

In the sky before me, on a lion throne, lotus, and moon,

JE TSÜN LA MA GYE PÄI DZUM KAR CHÄN

My perfect, pure guru smiles with delight.

DAG LO DÄ PÄI SÖ NAM ZHING CHHOG TU

Supreme field of merit for my mind of faith,

TÄN PA GYÄ CHHIR KÄL GYAR ZHUG SU SÖL

Please abide for a hundred eons to spread the teachings.

Request to the Guru to Turn the Wheel of Dharma

LO ZANG DANG PÖI SANG GYÄ DOR JE CHHANG

**Noble-minded one, primordial Buddha Vajradhara, all
pervading one,**

KÜN KHYAB CHHI NANG SANG WÄI KUR TÄN NÄ

By manifesting outer, inner, and secret bodies,

NAM KHA JI SI DRO LA TSER GONG LA

**Consider transmigratory beings with love as long as the sky
endures,**

CHHI NANG SANG WÄI CHHÖ KHOR KOR DU SÖL

And turn the wheels of the outer, inner, and secret Dharma.

IDAM GURU RATNA MAṄḌALAKAṂ NIRYĀTAYĀMI

Introducing and Praising His Holiness the Dalai Lama

❖ If there is time, a lama, geshe, or student can talk about His Holiness and his kindness, so that everyone comes to feel very connected to His Holiness. This talk can be done here or at any other time in the puja, for example, after *Prostrations and Offerings to the Sixteen Arhats*.

Taking Blessings from His Holiness the Dalai Lama's Throne

❖ Now the rest of the people present can go to take blessings from and offer His Holiness a khata. Everyone should make this prayer as they touch their head to the throne:

May you live showing us a healthy, long life until our samsara ends.

May all your holy wishes succeed immediately.

Please guide me in all my lives

Until I achieve your state of full enlightenment, buddhahood.

❖ This request includes the prayer from *Lama Chopa* (LC 53) KHYÖ NI LA MA, KHYÖ NI YI DAM, KHYÖ NI KHA DRO CHHÖ KYONG TE and so forth, as well as *Calling the Guru from Afar* by Kyabje Phabongkha Rinpoche. The meaning is that you request the guru to guide you until your death, in the intermediate state, and in all future rebirths, and in every day, every hour, every minute, and every second. This shows that this time we are the most fortunate ones. We can't believe how fortunate we are. Just look at the rest of the people in the world, without counting the people in other universes. This prayer is also important in order to be able to follow His Holiness until our mind becomes oneness with His Holiness the Dalai Lama's holy mind. This prayer is the most important one because if from our own side we don't follow Him, His Holiness cannot guide us.

This prayer is not only for His Holiness' birthday. It can be done whenever you offer a khata to His Holiness' picture or take blessings from him.

While people are taking blessings from the throne, recite the *Song of Immortality* and then *Prostrations and Offerings to the Sixteen Arhats*.

The tea and sweet rice can be served during the long life prayer.

Song of Immortality

Prayer for the Long Life of His Holiness the Dalai Lama

❖ Chant this prayer with the usual tune for long life prayers or with the tune with which *Prayer for the Flourishing of Je Tsongkhapa's Teachings* is chanted during the Monlam Chenmo (Great Prayer Festival). Alternatively, do the common quick way of reciting it.

OM SVĀSTI

RAB JAM GYĀL WĀI SANG SUM MA LÜ PA

To the assembly of most kind teachers, both present and past—

GANG DÜL CHIR YANG CHHAR WĀI GYU THRÜL GAR

The miraculous dance of the body, speech, and mind of innumerable buddhas

SI ZHII GE LEG KÜN JUNG YI ZHIN NOR

Manifesting in accord with aspirants' spiritual capacities,

NGÖ GYÜ DRIN CHÄN LA MÄI TSHOG NAM LA

The wish-granting jewel, the source of all virtue and goodness—

DAG CHAG DUNG SHUG DRAG PÖ SÖL DEB NA

To you, we offer our prayers with fervent devotion:

GANG CHÄN GÖN PO TÄN DZIN GYA TSHO YI

That Tenzin Gyatso, protector of the Land of Snows, live for a hundred eons.

KU TSHE MI SHIG KÄL GYAR RAB TÄN CHING

Shower on him your blessings

ZHE DÖN LHÜN GYI DRUB PAR JIN GYI LOB

So that his aspirations are fulfilled without hindrance.

CHHÖ YING KÜN SÄL KHYÖN DANG NYAM JUG PÄI

To the assembly of all meditational deities

DÜL DRÄL DE CHHEN YE SHE GYU MÄI TRIN

Manifesting as countless mandalas and divinities—

DRANG ME TEN DANG TÄN PÄI KYIL KHOR DU

The magical clouds of immaculate, transcendent wisdom

SHAR WÄI YI DAM LHA TSHOG THAM CHÄ LA

Reaching to the farthest expanse of the space of ultimate reality—

DAG CHAG DUNG SHUG DRAG PÖ SÖL DEB NA

To you, we offer our prayers with fervent devotion:

GANG CHÄN GÖN PO TÄN DZIN GYA TSHO YI

**That Tenzin Gyatso, protector of the Land of Snows,
live for a hundred eons.**

KU TSHE MI SHIG KÄL GYAR RAB TÄN CHING

Shower on him your blessings

ZHE DÖN LHÜN GYI DRUB PAR JIN GYI LOB

So that his aspirations are fulfilled without hindrance.

PANG TOG YÖN TÄN LHÜN DZOG THRIN LÄ KYI

To all the victorious buddhas of the three times

NANG WA DRO KHAM GYA TSHOR TAG TSEN PÄ

**Endowed with ten powers and who are even masters of
the gods,**

PHÄN DZÄ TOB CHU NGA WA LHA YI LHA

**And whose attributes of perfection are the source of all
compassionate deeds**

RAB JAM DÜ SUM GYÄL WA THAM CHÄ LA

Benefiting the vast ocean-like realm of sentient beings,

DAG CHAG DUNG SHUG DRAG PÖ SÖL DEB NA

To you, we offer our prayers with fervent devotion:

GANG CHÄN GÖN PO TÄN DZIN GYA TSHO YI

**That Tenzin Gyatso, protector of the Land of Snows,
live for a hundred eons.**

KU TSHE MI SHIG KÄL GYAR RAB TÄN CHING

Shower on him your blessings

ZHE DÖN LHÜN GYI DRUB PAR JIN GYI LOB

So that his aspirations are fulfilled without hindrance.

JIG TEN SUM LÄ GANG GI NGE DRÖL ZHING

To the assembly of sacred doctrine embodied in the three vehicles,

CHHOG TU ZHI WA NAM JANG NOR BÜI TER

Supremely serene, a jewel-treasure of enlightenment,

ZAG ME MI YO KÜN ZANG GE WÄI PÄL

Stainless, unchanging, eternally good, and the glory of all virtues,

THEG SUM DAM PÄI CHHÖ KYI TSHOG NAM LA

Which actually liberates beings from the sufferings of the three worlds,

DAG CHAG DUNG SHUG DRAG PÖ SÖL DEB NA

To you, we offer our prayers with fervent devotion:

GANG CHÄN GÖN PO TÄN DZIN GYA TSHO YI

That Tenzin Gyatso, protector of the Land of Snows, live for a hundred eons.

KU TSHE MI SHIG KÄL GYAR RAB TÄN CHING

Shower on him your blessings

ZHE DÖN LHÜN GYI DRUB PAR JIN GYI LOB

So that his aspirations are fulfilled without hindrance.

SI PÄI THRÜL KHOR JOM LA CHHE PA WÄI

To all members of the enlightening, noble spiritual community,

DEN DÖN NGÖN SUM JÄL WÄI YE SHE CHÄN

Who never stray from the thoroughly liberating adamantine city,

NAM THAR DOR JEI DRONG LÄ MI CHHE PA

Who possess the wisdom eye that directly sees the profound truth

RIG DRÖL PHAG PÄI GEN DÜN THAM CHÄ LA

**And the highest valor to destroy all machinations of
cyclic existence,**

DAG CHAG DUNG SHUG DRAG PÖ SÖL DEB NA

To you, we offer our prayers with fervent devotion:

GANG CHÄN GÖN PO TÄN DZIN GYA TSHO YI

**That Tenzin Gyatso, protector of the Land of Snows,
live for a hundred eons.**

KU TSHE MI SHIG KÄL GYAR RAB TÄN CHING

Shower on him your blessings

ZHE DÖN LHÜN GYI DRUB PAR JIN GYI LOB

So that his aspirations are fulfilled without hindrance.

KHA CHÖ ZHING DANG NÄ YÜL DUR THRÖ DU

**To the assembly of heroes and dakinis, heavenly beings of
the three worlds,**

DE TONG NYAM GYAR RÖL PÄI TSE JO YI

**Who appear in the highest paradises, in the sacred places,
and in the cremation grounds,**

NÄL JOR LAM ZANG DRUB LA DROG DZÄ PÄI

**And who, through creative play in the hundred-fold
experiences of bliss and emptiness,**

NÄ SUM PA WO KHA DRÖI TSHOG NAM LA

**Support practitioners in their meditation on the excellent
path,**

DAG CHAG DUNG SHUG DRAG PÖ SÖL DEB NA

To you, we offer our prayers with fervent devotion:

GANG CHÄN GÖN PO TÄN DZIN GYA TSHO YI

**That Tenzin Gyatso, protector of the Land of Snows,
live for a hundred eons.**

KU TSHE MI SHIG KÄL GYAR RAB TÄN CHING

Shower on him your blessings

ZHE DÖN LHÜN GYI DRUB PAR JIN GYI LOB

So that his aspirations are fulfilled without hindrance.

DOR JE CHHANG GI KA TAG CHHAG GYÄI DÜ

**To the ocean of protectors endowed with eyes of
transcendent wisdom—**

MI DRÄL RÄL PÄI THÖ DU NYER KÖ NÄ

The powerful guardians and upholders of the teaching

TÄN DANG TÄN DZIN KYONG WÄI THU TSÄL CHÄN

Who wear inseparably on their matted locks

YE SHE CHÄN DÄN TÄN SUNG GYA TSHO LA

The knot symbolizing their pledge to the Vajra Holder—

DAG CHAG DUNG SHUG DRAG PÖ SÖL DEB NA

To you, we offer our prayers with fervent devotion:

GANG CHÄN GÖN PO TÄN DZIN GYA TSHO YI

**That Tenzin Gyatso, protector of the Land of Snows,
live for a hundred eons.**

KU TSHE MI SHIG KÄL GYAR RAB TÄN CHING

Shower on him your blessings

ZHE DÖN LHÜN GYI DRUB PAR JIN GYI LOB

So that his aspirations are fulfilled without hindrance.

DE TAR LU ME KYAB KYI CHHOG NAM LA

Thus to this congregation of excellent, undeceiving refuge,

SHUG DRAG NYING NÄ GÜ PÄ SÖL TAB THÜ

We pray that by the power of this prayer

MI ZÄ NYIG MÄI ZUG NGÜ RAB NAR WÄI

**Expressed from a heart filled with fervent devotion and
humility,**

DAG SOG GANG JONG DRO WÄI GÖN CHIG PU

**May the body, speech and mind of the sole savior of
the Land of Snows,**

NGAG WANG LO ZANG TÄN DZIN GYA TSHO CHHOG

The supreme Ngawang Lozang Tenzin Gyatso,

SANG SUM MI SHIG MI GYUR MI NUB PAR

Be indestructible, unfluctuating and unceasing;

ZHOM ZHIG YONG DRÄL DOR JE NYING PÖI THRIR

May he live for a hundred eons,

KÄL PA GYA TSHOR YO ME TAG TÄN SHOG

**Seated on a diamond throne, transcending decay and
destruction.**

RAB JAM GYÄL WA KÜN GYI DZÄ PÄI KHUR

**You are the jewel-heart embodying all compassionate,
beneficial deeds;**

NYING TOB THRAG PAR ZUNG WÄI LAB CHHEN GYI

O most courageous one, you carry on your shoulders

THRIN LÄ KÜN PHÄN NOR BÜI NYING PO CHÄN

The burden of all the buddhas of the infinite realms.

ZHE PA JI ZHIN LHÜN GYI DRUB GYUR CHIG

May all your noble aspirations be fulfilled as intended.

DE THÜ DZOG DÄN KÄL ZANG NAM KHÄI GO

**By virtue of this may the heavenly doors of the fortunate
era open**

LÜ CHÄN NGÄL SÖI CHI DU TAG DRÖL ZHING

Eternally as a source of relief and respite for all beings;

THUB TÄN CHHOG DÜ KÜN TU RAB DAR WÄI

**And may the auspicious signs reach the apex of existence
and release,**

GE TSHÄN SI ZHII TSE MOR GYÄ GYUR CHIG

**As the sacred teachings flourish through all times and
in all realms.**

CHHAG NA PÄ MÖI JIN LAB DÜ TSII GYÜN

May the nectar-stream of the blessings of the Lotus Holder

DAG SOG NYING GI ZUNG SU TAG MIN CHING

Always enter our hearts and nourish them with strength.

KA ZHIN DRUB PÄI CHHÖ PÄ RAB NYEN NÄ

May we please you with offerings of dedicated practice,

KÜN ZANG CHÖ CHHOG GYA TSHO THAR SÖN SHOG

**And may we reach beyond the shores of perfect
compassionate deeds.**

MÄ JUNG SÄ CHÄ GYÄL WÄI JIN LAB DANG

**Through the blessings of the wondrous buddhas and
bodhisattvas,**

TEN DREL LU WA ME PÄI DEN PA DANG

By the infallible truth of the laws of dependent origination,

DAG GI LHAG SAM DAG PÄI THU TOB KYI

And by the purity of our fervent aspirations,

MÖN PÄI DÖN KÜN DE LAG NYUR DRUB SHOG

May the aims of our prayer be fulfilled without hindrance.

Offering Tea and Sweet Rice

If tea and sweet rice have been distributed, they can be offered now, or whenever is suitable. Hold up the tea or sweet rice as you recite the respective offering prayers.

Offering Tea

JAM PÄL PA WÖI NGAG LA WANG GYUR ZHING

You who have control over Hero Manjushri's speech,

LO ZANG YE SHE GYÄL TÄN DZIN PA LA

**With a fine mind and transcendental wisdom upholding
the Victorious One's teachings,**

GYA TSHO TAR ZAB SI SUM WANG GYUR GÖN

**Deep as the ocean, savior conquering the three levels of
existence:**

TSHUNG PA ME PÄI DE LA CHHÖ PAR BÜL

**To you, incomparable one, Jampal Ngawang Lozang Yeshe
Tenzin Gyatso, we make this offering.**

Offering Sweet Rice

SANG GYÄ YÖN TÄN SÄM MI KHYAB

The qualities of the Buddha are inconceivable.

CHHÖ KYI YÖN TÄN SÄM MI KHYAB

The qualities of the Dharma are inconceivable.

PHAG PÄI GEN DÜN SÄM MI KHYAB

The Arya Sangha are inconceivable.

SÄM MI KHYAB LA DÄ JÄ PÄI

Through generating faith in the inconceivable,

NAM PAR MIN PANG SÄM MI KHYAB

The karmic ripening result will also be inconceivable.

NAM DAG ZHING LA CHHÖ PAR BÜL

To the pure realm, we make this offering.

❖ Then, if you wish to do so, also recite:

DAG SOG KHOR CHÄ TSHE RAB THAM CHÄ DU

May we and those around us, in all our lives,

KÖN CHHOG SUM DANG NAM YANG MI DRÄL ZHING

Never be separated from the Three Rare Sublime Ones,

KÖN CHHOG SUM PO GYÜN DU CHHÖ PA LA

Continuously make offerings to the Three Rare Sublime Ones,

KÖN CHHOG SUM GYI JIN LAB JUG PAR SHOG¹

And receive the blessings of the Three Rare Sublime Ones.

Enjoy the tea and rice.

¹ The last line of this verse contains a request to generate all the realizations from seeing the guru as a buddha, correctly following the guru with thought and action, which is the root of the path to enlightenment; the common path, the three principal aspects of the path to enlightenment; and, in particular, the two stages of the tantric path, the generation and completion stages; up to enlightenment.

Prostrations and Offerings to the Sixteen Arhats

❖ Requesting the Sixteen Arhats to grant the guru a long life is a very powerful practice. Recite this prayer one, two, or three times without any special tune.

Invocation

CHHOG DÜ KÜN NÄ KYAB SUM KA DÖ CHÄ

**You who are the three refuges in all times and directions,
along with your attendants,**

NYÖN MONG DRO LA KHYEN TSE RAB GONG NÄ

**Out of your wisdom and compassion please pay attention to
us afflicted transmigratory beings.**

PAG ME ZHING NÄ THOG ME DZU THRÜL GYI

**By your magical powers, which are unobstructed throughout
the immeasurable universes,**

DIR SHEG CHHÖ TRIN GYA TSHÖI Ü ZHUG SÖL

**Please come here and be seated in the midst of an ocean of
clouds of offerings.**

LAG THIL TAR NYAM RIN CHHEN GYÄN GYI TRÄ

In the center of this land, as level as the palm of the hand,

JÖN SHING CHHU TSHÖ GYÄN PÄI SA ZHII Ü

Decorated with jeweled ornaments,

RIN CHHEN LÄ DRUB DRU ZHI GO ZHI PA

And adorned with trees, streams, and lakes,

PÄ MA NYI DÄ GYÄN PÄI DÄN TENG DU

Is a square palace made of jewels with four doors.

THUG JE TSÖ PÄI DÜ KYI DÜL JA NAM

**You, the protectors of transmigratory beings, who
compassionately place**

NAM DRÖL LAM LA GÖ DZÄ DRO WÄI GÖN

**Those to be subdued of this time of conflict on the path
to liberation,**

THUB PA CHHOG DANG NÄ TÄN CHHEN PO NAM

Supreme Muni and the great arhats along with your retinues,

KHOR DANG CHÄ PA NÄ DIR SHEG SU SÖL

**Please come to this place and be seated on cushions
adorned with a lotus, sun, and moon.**

CHHOG CHÜI GYÄL WA SÄ CHÄ TAM CHÄ DANG

**All you conquerors of the ten directions along with your
children,**

SHE RAB ME BAR NYÖN MONG TSHO KEM ZHING

**You who dry up the ocean of delusions with the blazing fire
of your wisdom,**

NAM DRÖL SÖ NAM ZHING DU KÄ TÖ PÄI

As well as the sangha of hearers of the ten directions,

CHHOG CHÜI NYÄN THÖ GEN DÜN ZHUG SO TSHÄL

**You who are praised as a field of merit for liberation,
I beseech you to abide here.**

YÖN JOR CHHÖ PÄI NÄ SU CHÄN DREN NA

When I invoke you to this place of offering, please come

DRO WÄI DÖN CHHIR CHHÖ KYI SHEG SU SÖL

**By virtue of these offerings, for the welfare of transmigratory
beings.**

DRO WÄI GÖN PO SHA KYA SENG GE YI

Dharma protectors, great arhats,

SANG GYÄ TÄN PA GANG GI CHHAG TU ZHAG

You to whom the protector of transmigratory beings,

SUNG RAB RIN CHHEN DROM GYI KHA JE PA

**The Lion of the Shakyas, entrusted the teachings of
the Buddha,**

CHHÖ KYONG DRA CHOM CHHEN PO ZHUG SO TSHÄL

**You who open the chest of the precious teachings,
I beseech you to abide here.**

DAM CHHÖ PEL WÄI LÄ DU CHÄN DREN NA

**When I invoke you for the purpose of spreading the holy
Dharma, please come,**

DRO WÄI DÖN CHHIR CHHÖ KYI SHEG SU SÖL

**By virtue of these offerings, for the welfare of transmigratory
beings.**

THUB PÄ KA GÖ TÄN PÄI GYÄL TSHÄN DZIN

You who received the precepts of the Muni

YÄN LAG JUNG DANG MA PHAM NAG NA NÄ

And bear the victory banner of the teachings,

DÜ DÄN DOR JE MÖI BU ZANG PO DANG

Angaja, Ajita, Vanavasin, Kalika, Vajriputra,

SER BEU BHA RA DO DZA SER CHÄN CHHOG

Bhadra, Kanakavatsa, Supreme Kanaka Bharadvaja,

PHAG PA BA KU LA DANG DRA CHÄN DZIN

Arya Bakula, Rahula, Chudapanthaka,

LAM THRÄN BHA RA DO DZA SÖ NYOM LEN

Pindola Bharadvaja, Panthaka,

LAM TÄN LÜI DE BE CHHE MI JE PA

Nagasena, Gopaka, and Abhedha,

KHOR DANG CHÄ PA NÄ DIR SHEG SU SÖL

Please come to this place along with your retinues.

PANG DANG YE SHE PHÜN TSHOG SANG GYÄ KYANG

**You who have attained buddhahood, the perfection of
abandonment and exalted wisdom,**

DÜL JÄI WANG GI NYÄN THÖ TSHÜL DZIN PA

**Yet take the aspect of hearers by the power of those to be
subdued,**

KHYÄ PAR CHÄN GYI THRIN LÄ CHHÖ KYONG WÄI

You sixteen arhats who protect the Dharma with special enlightened activities,

NÄ TÄN CHU DRUG DIR JÖN DÄN LA ZHUG

Please come here and be seated on these cushions.

DE SHEG KA LUNG TSOR DZÄ TÄN PA SUNG

Guardians of the teachings, you who consider the scriptures of the Sugata to be foremost,

RANG DÖN DOR NÄ KHOR WÄI NAG TSHÄL DU

You sixteen arhats who forsook your own welfare

ZHÄN DÖN LHUR DZÄ NÄ TÄN CHU DRUG PO

And earnestly work for the welfare of others in the jungle of samsara,

DAM CHÄ THUG JEI WANG GI NÄ DIR SHEG

Please come to this place by the power of your promises and compassion.

GE NYEN KYAB SÖL DEN PÄI TSHIG TÄN PA

I beseech you, Upasaka, who with your firm words of truth,

KÖN CHHOG SUM GYI ZHAB DRING CHHI SO TSHÄL

“Please grant me refuge,” became the servant of the Three Rare Sublime Ones.

SÖ NAM RIN CHHEN LING DU CHÄN DREN NA

When I invoke you to this place of precious merit, please come,

DRO WÄI DÖN CHHIR CHHÖ KYI SHEG SU SÖL

By virtue of these offerings, for the welfare of transmigratory beings.

CHOM DÄN DIR NI JÖN PA LEG

Bhagavans, it is wonderful that you have come here.

DAG CHAG SÖ NAM KÄL WAR DÄN

Bhagavans, please remain

JI SI CHHÖ PA DAG GYI NA

As long as we have merit and fortune,

DE SI CHOM DÄN SHUG SU SÖL

And as long as we make offerings to you.

Prostrations and Requests

GANG GI DRIN GYI DE CHHEN NYI

I bow at your vajra lotus feet,

KÄ CHIG NYI LA CHHAR WA GANG

Guru whose body is like a jewel.

LA MA RIN CHHEN TA BÜI KU

Due to your kindness, the state of great bliss

DOR JE CHÄN ZHAB PÄ LA DÜ

Can be attained in but an instant.

TÄN PA GYÄ PAR JIN GYI LOB

Please bless the teachings to flourish.

GÖN PO THUG JE CHHE DÄN PA

The savior having great compassion,

THAM CHÄ KHYEN PÄI TÖN PA PO

The teacher having all understanding,

SÖ NAM YÖN TÄN GYA TSHÖI ZHING

The field of merit with qualities like a vast ocean—

DE ZHIN SHEG LA CHHAG TSHÄL LO

To you, the One Gone to Thusness, I prostrate.

TÄN PA GYÄ PAR JIN GYI LOB

Please bless the teachings to flourish.

DAG PÄI DÖ CHHAG DRÄL WAR GYUR

The purity that frees one from attachment,

GE WÄ NGÄN SONG LÄ DRÖL ZHING

The virtue that frees one from the lower realms,

CHIG TU DÖN DAM CHHOG GYUR PA

The one path, the sublime pure reality—

ZHI GYUR CHHÖ LA CHHAG TSHÄL LO

To the Dharma that pacifies, I prostrate.

TÄN PA GYÄ PAR JIN GYI LOB

Please bless the teachings to flourish.

DRÖL NÄ DRÖL WÄI LAM YANG TÖN

Those who are liberated and who also show the path to liberation,

LAB PA DAG LA RAB TU NÄ

The holy field qualified with realizations,

ZHING GI DAM PA YÖN TÄN DÄN

Who are devoted to the moral precepts—

TSHOG CHHOG GEN DÜN LA CHHAG TSHÄL

To you, the sublime community intending virtue, I prostrate.

TÄN PA GYÄ PAR JIN GYI LOB

Please bless the teachings to flourish.

KHAM SUM PA YI DRO KÜN GYI

You who purify every unfortunate migration

NGÄN SONG THAM CHÄ JONG DZÄ PA

Of all the transmigratory beings

CHHÖ KYI KHOR LO KOR DZÄ PÄI

Of the three realms and turn the wheel of Dharma;

SHA KYA SENG GE DE LA DÜ

I bow to the Lion of the Shakyas.

TÄN PA GYÄ PAR JIN GYI LOB

Please bless the teachings to flourish.

NYE PA KÜN LÄ NAM DRÖL CHING

You who completely liberate from all faults

YÖN TÄN KÜN GYI GYÄN PA PO

And are adorned with all good qualities,

SEM CHÄN KÜN GYI NYEN CHIG PU

You who are the sole friend of all sentient beings;

TĤAM CHÄ KHYEN LA CHHAG TSHÄL LO

I prostrate to the Omniscient One.

TÄN PA GYÄ PAR JIN GYI LOB

Please bless the teachings to flourish.

GANG GI KYE DANG JIG PA DAG

You who have abandoned rebirth

TSHÜL DI YI NI PANG GYUR PA

And fear by this method

TEN CHING DREL WAR JUNG SUNG WÄI

And teach dependent and related arising;

TĤUB WANG DE LA CHHAG TSHÄL LO

I prostrate to Munindra.

TÄN PA GYÄ PAR JIN GYI LOB

Please bless the teachings to flourish.

TSHUNG ME TA WÄ MI NGOM SHING

**I prostrate to you whose body is matchless, beautiful,
the color of gold,**

SER GYI DOG CHÄN DZE PÄI KU

And when gazed at never satiates,

ZHÄL CHIG CHHAG NYI KYIL TRUNG ZHUG

**You who have one face, your right hand suppressing
the earth and your left in meditative equipoise,**

SA NÖN NYAM ZHAG DZÄ CHHAG TSHÄL

You who are seated in the vajra position.

LA MÄI KU TSHE TÄN PA DANG

Please bless the guru's life to be stable

TÄN PA GYÄ PAR JIN GYI LOB

And the teachings to flourish.

GANG RI CHHEN PO TI SE LA

I prostrate to you, Arya Elder Angaja,

PHAG PA NÄ TÄN YÄN LAG JUNG

Who are surrounded by thirteen hundred arhats

DRA CHOM TONG DANG SUM GYÄ KOR

On great Mount Kailash,

PÖ PHOR NGA YAB DZIN CHHAG TSHÄL

You who hold an incense bowl and a fan.

LA MÄI KU TSHE TÄN PA DANG

Please bless the guru's life to be stable

TÄN PA GYÄ PAR JIN GYI LOB

And the teachings to flourish.

DRANG SÖNG RI YI NGÖ SHEL NA

I prostrate to you, Arya Elder Ajita,

PHAG PA NÄ TÄN MA PHAM PA

Who are surrounded by one hundred arhats

DRA CHOM GYA THRAG CHIG GI KOR

On the face of Mount Rishi,

CHHAG NYI NYAM ZHAG DZÄ CHHAG TSHÄL

You whose two hands are in meditative equipoise.

LA MÄI KU TSHE TÄN PA DANG

Please bless the guru's life to be stable

TÄN PA GYÄ PAR JIN GYI LOB

And the teachings to flourish.

LO MA DÜN PÄI RI PHUG NA

I prostrate to you, Arya Elder Vanavasin,

PHAG PA NÄ TÄN NAG NA NÄ

Who are surrounded by fourteen hundred arhats

DRA CHOM TONG DANG ZHI GYÄ KOR

In Seven Leaf Cave,

DIG DZUB NGA YAB DZIN CHHAG TSHÄL

You who threaten and hold a fan.

LA MÄI KU TSHE TÄN PA DANG

Please bless the guru's life to be stable

TÄN PA GYÄ PAR JIN GYI LOB

And the teachings to flourish.

DZAM BÜ LING GI ZANG LING NA

I prostrate to you, Arya Elder Kalika,

PHAG PA NÄ TÄN DÜ DÄN NI

Who are surrounded by eleven hundred arhats

DRA CHOM TONG DANG CHHIG GYÄ KOR

In Copper Country of Rose-Apple Land,

SER GYI NA KOR DZIN CHHAG TSHÄL

You who hold a pair of gold earrings.

LA MÄI KU TSHE TÄN PA DANG

Please bless the guru's life to be stable

TÄN PA GYÄ PAR JIN GYI LOB

And the teachings to flourish.

SENG GA LA YI LING NA NI

I prostrate to you, Arya Elder Vajriputra,

NÄ TÄN DOR JE MO YI BU

Who are surrounded by one thousand arhats

DRA CHOM TONG THRAG CHIG GI KOR

On the island of Sri Lanka,

DIG DZUB NGA YAB DZIN CHHAG TSHÄL

You who threaten and hold a fan.

LA MÄI KU TSHE TÄN PA DANG

Please bless the guru's life to be stable

TÄN PA GYÄ PAR JIN GYI LOB

And the teachings to flourish.

CHHU WO YA MU NÄI LING NA

I prostrate to you, Arya Elder Bhadra,

PHAG PA NÄ TÄN ZANG PO NI

Who are surrounded by twelve hundred arhats

DRA CHOM TONG DANG NYI GYÄ KOR

In Yamuna River Land,

CHHÖ CHHÄ NYAM ZHAG DZÄ CHHAG TSHÄL

**You whose hands are in the Dharma-explaining mudra
and meditative equipoise.**

LA MÄI KU TSHE TÄN PA DANG

Please bless the guru's life to be stable

TÄN PA GYÄ PAR JIN GYI LOB

And the teachings to flourish.

NÄ CHHOG DAM PA KHA CHHE NA

I prostrate to you, Arya Elder Kanakavatsa,

PHAG PA NÄ TÄN SER BE U

Who are surrounded by five hundred great arhats

DRA CHOM CHHEN PO NGA GYÄ KOR

In the supreme holy place of Kashmir,

RIN CHEN ZHAG PA DZIN CHHAG TSHÄL

You who hold a jeweled noose.

LA MÄI KU TSHE TÄN PA DANG

Please bless the guru's life to be stable

TÄN PA GYÄ PAR JIN GYI LOB

And the teachings to flourish.

NUB KYI BA LANG CHÖ LING NA

I prostrate to you, Arya Elder Kanaka Bharadvaja,

BHA RA DO DZA SER CHÄN NI

Who are surrounded by seven hundred great arhats

DRA CHOM CHHEN PO DÜN GYÄ KOR

In the western land of Enjoying Cattle,

CHHAG NYI NYAM ZHAG DZÄ CHHAG TSHÄL

You whose two hands are in meditative equipoise.

LA MÄI KU TSHE TÄN PA DANG

Please bless the guru's life to be stable

TÄN PA GYÄ PAR JIN GYI LOB

And the teachings to flourish.

JANG GI DRA MI NYÄN NA NI

I prostrate to you, Arya Elder Bakula,

PHAG PA NÄ TÄN BA KU LA

Who are surrounded by nine hundred great arhats

DRA CHOM CHHEN PO GU GYÄ KOR
In the northern land of Unpleasant Sound,

CHHAG NYI NEU LE DZIN CHHAG TSHÄL
You whose two hands hold a mongoose.

LA MÄI KU TSHE TÄN PA DANG
Please bless the guru's life to be stable

TÄN PA GYÄ PAR JIN GYI LOB
And the teachings to flourish.

TRI YANG KU YI LING NA NI
I prostrate to you, Arya Elder Rahula,

PHAG PA NÄ TÄN DRA CHHÄN DZIN
Who are surrounded by eleven hundred arhats

DRA CHOM TONG DANG CHHIG GYÄ KOR
In the land of Priyanku,

RIN CHHEN TROG ZHU DZIN CHHAG TSHÄL
You who hold a jeweled crown.

LA MÄI KU TSHE TÄN PA DANG
Please bless the guru's life to be stable

TÄN PA GYÄ PAR JIN GYI LOB
And the teachings to flourish.

JA GÖ PHUNG PÖI RI WO LA
I prostrate to you, Arya Elder Chudapanthaka,

PHAG PA NÄ TÄN LAM THRÄN TÄN
Who are surrounded by sixteen hundred arhats

DRA CHOM TONG DANG DRUG GYÄ KOR
On Vulture Peak Mountain,

CHHAG NYI NYAM ZHAG DZÄ CHHAG TSHÄL
You whose two hands are in meditative equipoise.

LA MÄI KU TSHE TÄN PA DANG
Please bless the guru's life to be stable

TÄN PA GYÄ PAR JIN GYI LOB
And the teachings to flourish.

SHAR GYI LÜ PHAG LING NA NI

I prostrate to you, Arya Elder Pindola Bharadvaja,

BHA RA DO DZA SÖ NYOM LEN

Who are surrounded by one thousand arhats

DRA CHOM TONG THRAG CHIG GI KOR

In the eastern land of Noble Bodied,

LEG BAM LHUNG ZE DZIN CHHAG TSHÄL

You who hold a text and an alms bowl.

LA MÄI KU TSHE TÄN PA DANG

Please bless the guru's life to be stable

TÄN PA GYÄ PAR JIN GYI LOB

And the teachings to flourish.

LHA NÄ SUM CHU TSA SUM NA

I prostrate to you, Arya Elder Panthaka,

PHAG PA NÄ TÄN LAM TÄN NI

Who are surrounded by nine hundred great arhats

DRA CHOM CHHEN PO GU GYÄ KOR

In the Abode of the Thirty-Three Gods,

LEG BAM CHHÖ CHHÄ DZÄ CHHAG TSHÄL

You who hold a text and have the Dharma-explaining mudra.

LA MÄI KU TSHE TÄN PA DANG

Please bless the guru's life to be stable

TÄN PA GYÄ PAR JIN GYI LOB

And the teachings to flourish.

RI YI GYÄL PO NGÖ YANG LA

I prostrate to you, Arya Elder Nagasena,

PHAG PA NÄ TÄN LU YI DE

Who are surrounded by twelve hundred arhats

DRA CHOM TONG DANG NYI GYÄ KOR

On the broad face of King of Mountains,

BUM PA KHAR SIL DZIN CHHAG TSHÄL

You who hold a vase and a mendicant's staff.

LA MÄI KU TSHE TÄN PA DANG

Please bless the guru's life to be stable

TÄN PA GYÄ PAR JIN GYI LOB

And the teachings to flourish.

RI YI GYÄL PO BI HU LA

I prostrate to you, Arya Elder Gopaka,

PHAG PA NÄ TÄN BE JE NI

Who are surrounded by fourteen hundred arhats

DRA CHOM TONG DANG ZHI GYÄ KOR

On Bihula, king of mountains,

CHHAG NYI LEG BAM DZIN CHHAG TSHÄL

You who hold a text in each of your hands.

LA MÄI KU TSHE TÄN PA DANG

Please bless the guru's life to be stable

TÄN PA GYÄ PAR JIN GYI LOB

And the teachings to flourish.

GANG CHÄN RI YI GYÄL PO LA

I prostrate to you, Arya Elder Abhedha,

PHAG PA NÄ TÄN MI CHHE PA

Who are surrounded by one thousand arhats

DRA CHOM TONG THRAG CHIG GI KOR

On King of Snow Mountains,

JANG CHHUB CHHÖ TEN DZIN CHHAG TSHÄL

You who hold a stupa of enlightenment.

LA MÄI KU TSHE TÄN PA DANG

Please bless the guru's life to be stable

TÄN PA GYÄ PAR JIN GYI LOB

And the teachings to flourish.

GE NYEN DHAR MA TA LA NI

I prostrate to you, Upasaka Dharmatala,

RÄL PÄI THÖ CHING LEG BAM KHUR

Whose hair is tied up in a top knot,

NANG WA THA YÄ DÜN NÄ SHING

You who carry a text and abide in front of Amitabha,

NGA YAB BUM PA DZIN CHHAG TSHÄL

Holding a fan and a vase.

LA MÄI KU TSHE TÄN PA DANG

Please bless the guru's life to be stable

TÄN PA GYÄ PAR JIN GYI LOB

And the teachings to flourish.

YÜL KHOR SUNG DANG PHAG KYE PO

I prostrate to you, the four great kings,

CHÄN MI ZANG DANG NAM THÖ SÄ

Dhritarashtra, Virudhaka,

RANG RANG KHOR DÜL GO ZHI SUNG

Virupaksha, and Vaishravana,

GYÄL CHHEN ZHI LA CHHAG TSHÄL LO

Who subdue your own retinues and guard the four doors.

LA MÄI KU TSHE TÄN PA DANG

Please bless the guru's life to be stable

TÄN PA GYÄ PAR JIN GYI LOB

And the teachings to flourish.

CHHAG JAR Ö PA THAM CHÄ LA

I prostrate with supreme faith in every way

ZHING DÜL KÜN GYI DRANG NYE KYI

To all of you, who are worthy of veneration,

LÜ TŪ PA YI NAM KÜN TU

Bowing as many bodies as the number of

CHHOG TU DÄ PÄ CHHAG TSHÄL LO

All the atoms in the universe.

LA MÄI KU TSHE TÄN PA DANG

Please bless the guru's life to be stable

TÄN PA GYÄ PAR JIN GYI LOB

And the teachings to flourish.

Seven-Limb Prayer (from King of Prayers)

JI NYE SU DAG CHHOG CHÜI JIG TEN NA

You lions among humans,

DÜ SUM SHEG PA MI YI SENG GE KÜN

Gone to freedom in the present, past and future

DAG GI MA LÜ DE DAG THAM CHÄ LA

In the worlds of ten directions,

LÜ DANG NGAG YI DANG WÄ CHHAG GYI O

To all of you, with body, speech, and sincere mind,

I bow down.

ZANG PO CHÖ PÄI MÖN LAM TOB DAG GI

With the energy of aspiration for the bodhisattva way,

GYÄL WA THAM CHÄ YI KYI NGÖN SUM DU

With a sense of deep respect,

ZHING GI DÜL NYE LÜ RAB TÛ PA YI

And with as many bodies as atoms of the world,

GYÄL WA KÜN LA RAB TU CHHAG TSHÄL LO

To all you buddhas visualized as real, I bow down.

DÜL CHIG TENG NA DÜL NYE SANG GYÄ NAM

On every atom are buddhas numberless as atoms,

SANG GYÄ SÄ KYI Ü NA ZHUG PA DAG

Each amidst a host of bodhisattvas,

DE TAR CHHÖ KYI YING NAM MA LÜ PA

And I am confident the sphere of all phenomena

THAM CHÄ GYÄL WA DAG GI GANG WAR MÖ

Is entirely filled with buddhas in this way.

DE DAG NGAG PA MI ZÄ GYA TSHO NAM

With infinite oceans of praise for you,

YANG KYI YÄN LAG GYA TSHÖI DRA KÜN GYI

And oceans of sound from the aspects of my voice,

GYÄL WA KÜN GYI YÖN TÄN RAB JÖ CHING
I sing the breathtaking excellence of buddhas,
 DE WAR SHEG PA THAM CHÄ DAG GI TÖ
And celebrate all of you gone to bliss.

ME TOG DAM PA THRENG WA DAM PA DANG
Beautiful flowers and regal garlands,
 SIL NYÄN NAM DANG JUG PA DUG CHHOG DANG
Sweet music, scented oils, and parasols,
 MAR ME CHHOG DANG DUG PÖ DAM PA YI
Sparkling lights and sublime incense,
 GYÄL WA DE DAG LA NI CHHÖ PAR GYI
I offer to you victorious ones.

NA ZA DAM PA NAM DANG DRI CHHOG DANG
Fine dress and fragrant perfumes,
 CHHE MA PHUR MA RI RAB NYAM PA DANG
Sandalwood powder heaped high as Mount Meru,
 KÖ PÄI KHYÄ PAR PHAG PÄI CHHOG KÜN GYI
All wondrous offerings in spectacular array,
 GYÄL WA DE DAG LA NI CHHÖ PAR GYI
I offer to you victorious ones.

CHHÖ PA GANG NAM LA ME GYA CHHE WA
With transcendent offerings peerless and vast,
 DE DAG GYÄL WA THAM CHÄ LA YANG MÖ
With profound admiration for all the buddhas,
 ZANG PO CHÖ LA DÄ PÄI TOB DAG GI
With strength of conviction in the bodhisattva way,
 GYÄL WA KÜN LA CHHAG TSHÄL CHHÖ PAR GYI
I offer and bow down to all victorious ones.

DÖ CHHAG ZHE DANG TI MUG WANG GI NI
Every harmful action I have done
 LÜ DANG NGAG DANG DE ZHIN YI KYI KYANG
With my body, speech, and mind

DIG PA DAG GI GYI PA CHI CHHI PA

Overwhelmed by attachment, anger, and confusion,

DE DAG THAM CHÄ DAG GI SO SOR SHAG

All these I openly lay bare before you.

CHHOG CHÜI GYÄL WA KÜN DANG SANG GYÄ SÄ

I lift up my heart and rejoice in all positive potential

RANG GYÄL NAM DANG LOB DANG MI LOB DANG

Of the buddhas and bodhisattvas in ten directions,

DRO WA KÜN GYI SÖ NAM GANG LA YANG

Of solitary realizers, hearers still training, and those beyond,

DE DAG KÜN GYI JE SU DAG YI RANG

And of all ordinary beings.

GANG NAM CHHOG CHÜI JIG TEN DRÖN MA DAG

You who are the bright lights of worlds in ten directions,

JANG CHHUB RIM PAR SANG GYÄ MA CHHAG NYE

**Who have attained a buddha's omniscience through
the stages of awakening,**

GÖN PO DE DAG DAG GI THAM CHÄ LA

All you who are my guides,

KHOR LO LA NA ME PAR KOR WAR KÜL

Please turn the supreme wheel of Dharma.

NYA NGÄN DA TÖN GANG ZHE DE DAG LA

With palms together I earnestly request:

DRO WA KÜN LA PHÄN ZHING DE WÄI CHHIR

You who may actualize parinirvana,

KÄL PA ZHING GI DÜL NYE ZHUG PAR YANG

**Please stay with us for eons numberless as atoms of
the world,**

DAG GI THÄL MO RAB JAR SÖL WAR GYI

For the happiness and well-being of all wanderers in samsara.

CHHAG TSHÄL WA DANG CHHÖ CHING SHAG PA DANG

Whatever slight positive potential I may have created,

JE SU YI RANG KÜL ZHING SÖL WA YI

By paying homage, offering, and acknowledging my faults,

GE WA CHUNG ZÄ DAG GI CHI SAG PA

Rejoicing, and requesting that the buddhas stay and teach,

TĀM CHÄ DAG GI JANG CHHUB CHHIR NGO O

I now dedicate all this for full awakening.

Requests

SANG GYÄ TRÜL PA DRA CHOM PHAG PÄI TSHOG

Assembly of arya arhats, emanations of buddhas,

DRO WÄI DÖN DU TÄN PA KYONG DZÄ PA

**You who protect the teachings for the welfare of
transmigratory beings,**

KÖN CHHOG SUM NGÖ NÄ TÄN CHU DRUG GI

**You sixteen arhats who are the actual Three Rare Sublime
Ones,**

TÄN PA YÜN RING NÄ PAR JIN GYI LOB

Please bless the teachings to remain forever.

THUG JEI DAG NYI NÄ TÄN CHU DRUG GI

You, the host of sixteen thousand four hundred

KHOR TSHOG SI TSHO LÄ GÄL NYÖN MONG ME

**Who are the nature of compassion, the host of retinues of
the sixteen arhats**

THRI DANG DRUG TONG ZHI GYÄI TSHOG NAM KYI

**Who crossed the ocean of existence and are without
afflictions,**

TÄN PA YÜN RING NÄ PAR JIN GYI LOB

Please bless the teachings to remain forever.

SEM CHÄN KÜN GYI SÖ GYUR DRA CHOM PA

You who are healers of all sentient beings, arhats,

RIG DANG ZHAB DÄN KYE GÜI JIN NÄ CHHE

Possessors of knowledge and magical emanation,

PHAG PÄI GANG ZAG CHHEN PO KHYE NAM KYI

Great bases of the generosity of all beings, supreme arya beings,

TÄN PA YÜN RING NÄ PAR JIN GYI LOB

Please bless the teachings to remain forever.

Dedications

DAG ZHÄN GE WÄI TSA WA DI YI THÜ

By the power of my own and others' roots of virtue,

PHÄN DEI JUNG NÄ TÄN PA PHEL GYUR CHIG

May the teachings, the source of benefit and happiness, flourish.

DUG NGÄL KÜN JUNG MA LÜ RAB PANG NÄ

May we completely abandon all sufferings and their origins

SI PÄI GYA TSHO NYUR DU KEM PAR SHOG

That the ocean of existence might quickly dry up.

SÖ NAM GYA TSHO YONG SU DZOG GYUR CHING

May the ocean of merit be thoroughly completed

YE SHE GYA TSHO NAM PAR DAG GYUR TE

And the ocean of exalted wisdom be pure

YÖN TÄN GYA TSHO MA LÜ KÜN DZOG NÄ

That we may complete the entire ocean of good qualities,

JIG TEN KÜN LÄ KHYÄ PAR PHAG PAR SHOG

Without exception, and become exalted in all worlds.

Verses of Auspiciousness

TSHOG NYI THAR CHHIN DÜ SUM GYÄL WA YI

**May there be the auspiciousness of the supreme peerless
guru**

THRIN LÄ DRUB CHING YÖN TÄN NAM YER ME

Who is undifferentiable from good qualities,

KÄL PA NYAM PÄI DÜL JA MIN DZÄ PA

**Accomplishes the enlightened activities of the three times'
conquerors who have culminated the two collections,**

NYAM ME LA MA CHHOG GI TRA SHI SHOG

And ripens those to be subdued of equal fortune.

DÜ SUM GYÄL WA GYÄ SÄ THUG JE YI

**May there be the auspiciousness of the great arhats who
protect the teachings**

NYÄN THÖ TSHÜL DZIN SI PA JI SI BAR

**And enact the welfare of transmigratory beings through
compassionately taking**

TÄN PA KYONG ZHING DRO WÄI DÖN DZÄ PÄI

The aspect of hearers as long as existence lasts,

NÄ TÄN CHHEN PO NAM KYI TRA SHI SHOG

**Although they are the conquerors and the conquerors'
children of the three times.**

NYIN MO DE LEG TSHÄN DE LEG

For there to be happiness and excellence during the day,

NYI MÄI GUNG YANG DE LEG SHING

**Happiness and excellence during the night, happiness
and excellence at mid-day,**

NYIN TSHÄN TAG TU DE LEG PÄI

And continual happiness and excellence day and night,

KÖN CHHOG SUM GYI TRA SHI SHOG

**May there be the auspiciousness of the Three Rare Sublime
Ones.**

Dedications

❖ At the end, recite the following dedication prayers.

For Lama Tsongkhapa to Be Our Direct Mahayana Guru in All Our Future Lives

TSHE RAB KÜN TU GYÄL WA TSONG KHA PÄ

By the force of the victorious one, Tsongkhapa,

THEG CHHOG SHE NYEN NGÖ SU DZÄ PÄI THÜ

Acting as our direct Mahayana virtuous friend in all our lives,

GYÄL WÄ NGAG PÄI LAM ZANG DE NYI LÄ

May we never turn away for even a second

KÄ CHIG TSAM YANG DOG PAR MA GYUR CHIG

From the pure path highly admired by the victorious ones.

To be Able to Meet, Practice, and Actualize the Teachings of Lama Tsongkhapa

MÄ JUNG NAM THAR TSANG MÄI THRIM DANG DÄN

**May I and all sentient beings meet the teachings of
the victorious one, Lozang Dragpa,**

LAB CHHEN GYÄL SÄ CHÖ PÄI NYING TOB CHÄN

Who lived an eminent life endowed with pure morality,

DE TONG CHHOG GI RIM NYI NÄL JOR CHÖ

A brave heart in doing the bodhisattva's extensive deeds,

LO ZANG GYÄL WÄI TÄN DANG JÄL WAR SHOG

**And the yoga of the two stages, the essence of which is
the transcendental wisdom of nondual bliss and emptiness.**

To Not Give Rise to Heresy Toward the Guru

PÄL DÄN LA MÄI NAM PAR THAR PA LA

May I not give rise to heresy for even a second

KÄ CHIG TSAM YANG LOG TA MI KYE ZHING

In regard to the actions of the glorious guru.

CHI DZÄ LEG PAR THONG WÄI MÖ GÜ KYI

May I see whatever actions are done as pure.

LA MÄI JIN LAB SEM LA JUG PAR SHOG

With this devotion, may I receive the guru's blessings in my heart.

For the World to Have Peace and Happiness

KHYE LA TÖ CHING SÖL WA TAB PÄI THÜ

By the force of the praises and requests made to you,

DAG SOG GANG DU NÄ PÄI SA CHHOG DER

May all diseases, evil spirits, poverty, and quarrels be calmed,

NÄ DÖN ÜL PHONG THAB TSÖ ZHI WA DANG

And may the Dharma and good fortune increase

CHHÖ DANG TRA SHI PHEL WAR DZÄ DU SÖL

In the regions in which I and others dwell.

Due to all the past, present, and future merits collected by me, the numberless buddhas, and the numberless sentient beings, may all wars, sickness, famine, and economic problems in the world, and all dangers of earth, water, fire, and wind, be pacified immediately, and may perfect peace and happiness prevail in everyone's hearts and lives. By their generating loving kindness, compassion, and bodhichitta, may the Buddhadharma last for a long time, and may the sentient beings in this world meet the Buddhadharma and achieve enlightenment as quickly as possible.

To Be Able to Cherish Every Sentient Being

DAG NI SEM CHÄN THAM CHÄ LA

Determined to obtain the greatest possible benefit

YI ZHIN NOR BU LÄ LHAG PÄI

From all sentient beings,

DÖN CHHOG DRUB PÄI SAM PA YI

Who are more precious than a wish-fulfilling jewel,

TAG TU CHE PAR DZIN PAR SHOG

I shall hold them most dear at all times.

To Seal the Merits with Emptiness

GE WA DI YI NYUR DU DAG

Due to this virtue, may I quickly

LA MA SANG GYÄ DRUB GYUR NÄ

Become a guru-buddha

DRO WA CHIG KYANG MA LÜ PA

And lead all transmigratory beings,

DE YI SA LA GÖ PAR SHOG

Without exception, to that state.

Lama Zopa Rinpoche uses a variation of the above prayer to seal all the previous dedications with emptiness. One possible version of this dedication is:

Due to all the past, present, and future merits collected by me, the numberless buddhas, and the numberless sentient beings, which are completely empty of existing from their own side, may I, who am completely empty of existing from my own side, achieve the state of full enlightenment, which is completely empty of existing from its own side, and lead all sentient beings, who are completely empty of existing from their own side, to that state, which is completely empty of existing from its own side, by myself alone, who am completely empty of existing from my own side.

Do either *Prayer for the Flourishing of Je Tsongkhapa's Teachings (Lozang Gyäl Tänma)* below, or *Final Lamrim Dedication (Der Ni Ring Du)*, page 53, chanting it slowly or quickly depending on how much time you have. Alternatively, if there is time, do *Causing the Teachings of Buddha to Flourish (Tän Barma)*, page 48, followed by *Final Lamrim Dedication*, page 53.

*Prayer for the Flourishing of
Je Tsongkhapa's Teachings*
(Lozang Gyäl Tänma)

GYÄL WA MA LÜ KYE PÄI YAB GYUR KYANG

Though he's the father, producer of all conquerors,

GYÄL SÄ TSHÜL GYI ZHING KHAM RAB JAM SU

As a conqueror's son, he produced the thought of upholding

GYÄL WÄI CHHÖ DZIN THUG KYE DEN PÄI THÜ

**The Conqueror's Dharma in infinite worlds. Through this
truth**

LO ZANG GYÄL WÄI TÄN PA GYÄ GYUR CHIG

May the conqueror Lozang's teachings flourish!

NGÖN TSHE WANG PÖI TOG GI CHÄN NGA RU

When of yore in the presence of Buddha Indraketu

DAM CHÄ TSHE NA NYING TOB CHHEN PO ZHE

He made his vow, the Conqueror and his offspring

SÄ CHÄ GYÄL WÄ NGAG JÖ DEN PÄI THÜ

Praised his powerful courage. Through this truth

LO ZANG GYÄL WÄI TÄN PA GYÄ GYUR CHIG

May the conqueror Lozang's teachings flourish!

TA CHÖ TSANG MÄI GYÜ PA PEL WÄI CHHIR

That the lineage of pure view and conduct might spread,

THUB PÄI DRUNG DU SHEL KAR THRENG WA PHÜL

He offered a white crystal rosary to the Sage,

CHHÖ DUNG NANG ZHING LUNG TÄN DEN PÄI THÜ

Who gave him a conch and prophesied. Through this truth

LO ZANG GYÄL WÄI TÄN PA GYÄ GYUR CHIG

May the conqueror Lozang's teachings flourish!

TA WA NAM DAG TAG CHHÄ THA LÄ DRÖL

His pure view free of eternity or destruction;

GOM PA NAM DAG JING MUG MÜN PA SANG

His pure meditation cleansed of dark fading and fog;

CHÖ PA NAM DAG GYÄL WÄI KA ZHIN DRUB

His pure conduct practiced according to conquerors' orders:

LO ZANG GYÄL WÄI TÄN PA GYÄ GYUR CHIG

May the conqueror Lozang's teachings flourish!

MANG DU THÖ PA GYA CHER TSÄL WÄ KHÄ

Learned, since he extensively sought out learning;

THÖ DÖN JI ZHIN GYÜ LA JAR WÄ TSÜN

Reverend, rightly applying it to himself;

KÜN KYANG TÄN DRÖI DÖN DU NGO WÄ ZANG

Good, dedicating all for beings and doctrine:

LO ZANG GYÄL WÄI TÄN PA GYÄ GYUR CHIG

May the conqueror Lozang's teachings flourish!

DRANG NGE SUNG RAB MA LÜ GÄL ME DU

Through being sure that all scriptures, definitive and

GANG ZAG CHIG GI NYAM LEN DAM PA RU

Interpretative, were, without contradiction,

NGE PA NYE PÄ NYE CHÖ THA DAG GAG

Advice for one person's practice, he stopped all misconduct:

LO ZANG GYÄL WÄI TÄN PA GYÄ GYUR CHIG

May the conqueror Lozang's teachings flourish!

LUNG CHHÖ DE NÖ SUM GYI CHHÄ NYÄN DANG

Listening to explanations of the three pitakas,

TOG PÄI TÄN PA LAB SUM NYAM LEN TE

Realized teachings, practice of the three trainings—

KHÄ SHING DRUB PÄI NAM THAR MÄ DU JUNG

His skilled and accomplished life story is amazing.

LO ZANG GYÄL WÄI TÄN PA GYÄ GYUR CHIG

May the conqueror Lozang's teachings flourish!

CHHI RU NYÄN THÖ CHÖ PÄ ZHI ZHING DÜL

Outwardly calmed and subdued by the hearer's conduct,

NANG DU RIM NYI NÄL JOR DENG DANG DÄN

Inwardly trusting in the two stages' practice,

DO NGAG LAM ZANG GÄL ME DROG SU KHYER

He allied without clash the good paths of sutra and tantra:

LO ZANG GYÄL WÄI TÄN PA GYÄ GYUR CHIG

May the conqueror Lozang's teachings flourish!

GYU YI THEG PAR SHÄ PÄI TONG PA NYI

Combining voidness, explained as the causal vehicle,

DRÄ BÜI THAB KYI DRUB PÄI DE CHHEN DANG

With great bliss, achieved by method, the effect vehicle,

NYAM JOR CHHÖ PHUNG GYÄ THRII NYING PÖI CHÜ

Heart essence of eighty thousand Dharma bundles—

LO ZANG GYÄL WÄI TÄN PA GYÄ GYUR CHIG

May the conqueror Lozang's teachings flourish!

KYE BU SUM GYI LAM GYI SUNG MÄI TSO

By the power of the ocean of oath-bound doctrine protectors,

NYUR DZÄ GÖN DANG NAM SÄ LÄ SHIN SOG

Like the main guardians of the three beings' paths—

TÄN SUNG DAM CHÄN GYA TSHÖI THU TOB KYI

The quick-acting lord, Vaishravana, Karmayama—

LO ZANG GYÄL WÄI TÄN PA GYÄ GYUR CHIG

May the conqueror Lozang's teachings flourish!

DOR NA PÄL DÄN LA MÄI KU TSHE TÄN

In short, by the lasting of glorious gurus' lives,

KHÄ TSÜN TÄN DZIN DAM PÄ SA TENG GANG

By the earth being full of good, learned, reverend holders

TÄN PÄI JIN DAG NGA THANG DAR WA YI

Of the teaching, and by the increase of power of its patrons,

LO ZANG GYÄL WÄI TÄN PA GYÄ GYUR CHIG

May the conqueror Lozang's teachings flourish!

Causing the Teachings of Buddha to Flourish (Tan Barma)

SANG GYÄ NAM ZIG TSUG TOR THAM CHÄ KYOB

Homage to the seven hero buddhas:

KHOR WA JIG DANG SER THUB Ö SUNG DANG

Vipashyin, Shikhin, Vishvabhu,

SHA KYA THUB PA GO TAM LHA YI LHA

Krakucchanda, Kanakamuni, Kashyapa,

SANG GYÄ PA WO DÜN LA CHHAG TSHÄL LO

And Gautama Shakyamuni, the lord of lords.

SEM CHÄN DÖN DU DAG GI NGÖN

Whatever asceticism I have practiced before,

KA WA GANG ZHIG CHÄ GYUR DANG

And whatever happiness I have sacrificed

DAG GI DE WA TANG WA YI

For the sake of all living beings,

TÄN PA YÜN RING BAR GYUR CHIG

May this cause the teachings to blaze for a long time.

NGÄ NGÖN NÄ PÄI CHHE DAG TU

In order to liberate living beings from their poor state,

RANG GI TSHO WA YONG TANG WÄ

I gave my livelihood

SEM CHÄN PHONG PA KYAB PÄI CHHIR

For the sake of those sick ones.

YÜN RING TÄN PA BAR GYUR CHIG

May this cause the teachings to blaze for a long time.

BU DANG BU MO CHHUNG MA DANG

For the sake of attaining enlightenment,

NOR DANG LANG CHHEN SHING TA DANG

I gave away my son, my daughter, my wife,

RIN CHHEN JANG CHHUB CHHIR TANG WÄ
Wealth, elephants, carriages, and jewels.

TÄN PA YÜN RING BAR GYUR CHIG
May this cause the teachings to blaze for a long time.

DAG GI SANG GYÄ RANG SANG GYÄ
To the buddhas, pratyekabuddhas,
 NYÄN THÖ PHA DANG MA DANG NI
Shravakas, fathers, mothers, and rishis,

DRANG SONG DAG LA CHHÖ JÄ PÄ
I have made many offerings.
 TÄN PA YÜN RING BAR GYUR CHIG
May this cause the teachings to blaze for a long time.

KÄL PA JE WA DU MAR DAG
For hundreds of millions of eons
 DUG NGÄL NA TSHOG NYONG GYUR CHING
I experienced many sufferings,
 JANG CHHUB DÖN DU THÖ TSÄL WÄ
Seeking wisdom in order to attain enlightenment.

TÄN PA YÜN RING BAR GYUR CHIG
May this cause the teachings to blaze for a long time.

DAG GI TSHÜL THIRIM TÜL ZHUG DANG
I practiced proper conduct of moral discipline
 KA THUB YÜN RING TEN JÄ SHING
And asceticism for a long time,
 CHHOG CHÜI SANG GYÄ NGÄ CHHÖ PÄ
And made offerings to the buddhas of the ten directions.

TÄN PA YÜN RING BAR GYUR CHIG
May this cause the teachings to blaze for a long time.

DAG NGÖN TSÖN DRÜ DANG DÄN PÄ
In the past, with joyful virtuous effort
 TAG TU TÄN CHING PHA RÖL NÖN
I constantly remained stable

SEM CHÄN THAM CHÄ DRÄL DÖN DU

And overcame all obstacles in order to liberate all living beings.

DAG TÄN YÜN RING BAR GYUR CHIG

May this cause my teachings to blaze for a long time.

ZÖ TÜL TAG TU TEN JÄ SHING

I remained always in the conduct of patience,

SEM CHÄN NYÖN MONG NYIG MA YI

Especially toward those beings of this degenerate time

SEM CHÄN NGÄN ZÖ JÄ GYUR PÄ

Who have very strong delusions and have caused me harm.

TÄN PA YÜN RING BAR GYUR CHIG

May this cause the teachings to blaze for a long time.

SAM TÄN NAM THAR ZUG ME DANG

Through the power of my concentration of the subtlest mundane level,

TING DZIN GANG GÄI JE NYE PA

And through my countless meditations,

GOM PÄ DE THÜ DAG GI NI

Like the sands of the river Ganges, on the supramundane level,

TÄN PA YÜN RING BAR GYUR CHIG

May the teachings blaze for a long time.

YESHE DÖN DU DAG GI NGÖN

For the sake of the wisdom [of selflessness],

KA THUB NAG DAG TEN JÄ SHING

In the past I practiced much austerity in the forests

TÄN CHÖ DU MA NYER TÄN PÄ

And undertook many studies and contemplation [on the wisdom of selflessness].

DAG GI TÄN PA BAR GYUR CHIG

May this cause my teachings to blaze.

TSE WÄI GYU YI SHA THRAG DANG

Out of great love,

TSHO WA YONG SU TANG GYUR CHING

I gave away my flesh, my blood,

YÄN LAG NYING LAG TANG WA YI

My whole livelihood, and all my limbs.

CHHÖ TSHÜL NAM PAR PHEL GYUR CHIG

Through this, may the way of Dharma flourish.

DAG NGÖN DIG PÄI SEM CHÄN NAM

Previously, wanting all cruel beings to have happiness,

JAM PÄ SÄL WAR MIN JÄ SHING

Through my loving kindness

THEG PA SUM LA RAB KÖ PÄ

I brought them to the path of the three vehicles.

CHHÖ KYI CHHÖ JIN GYÄ GYUR CHIG

May this cause the supreme practice of giving to increase.

DAG NGÖN THAB SHE GYUR PA NA

In the past, relying on method and wisdom,

SEM CHÄN TA NGÄN LÄ DRÄL CHING

I liberated beings from distorted views

YANG DAG TA LA KÖ JÄ PÄ

And placed them on the level of the perfect view.

CHHÖ NI NAM PAR PHEL GYUR CHIG

May this cause the Dharma to always increase.

DAG GI SEM CHÄN DU NGÖ ZHI

Through the four methods of collecting beings,

NYÖN MONG ME LÄ THAR JÄ SHING

I liberated them from the fire of the delusions,

DAG GI PHEL DIG PHAM JÄ PÄ

**Thereby defeating the unwholesome and contaminated,
which, otherwise, would have increased.**

DAG KHOR YÜN RING NÄ GYUR CHIG

**May this cause the followers of my teachings to remain for
a long time.**

DAG GI MU TEG CHÄN ZHÄN DAG

I liberated those who have wrong views

TA WÄI CHHU LÄ DRÄL JÄ TE

From the river of distorted views

YANG DAG TA LA KÖ GYUR PÄ

And placed them on the path of the right view.

DAG KHOR TAG TU GÜ GYUR CHIG

May my followers always be endowed with faith and respect.

YÜN RING TÄN PA BAR GYUR CHIG

May this cause the teachings to blaze for a long time.

CHHÖ KYI GYÄL PO TSONG KHA PÄI

For the Dharma king Tsongkhapa's

CHHÖ TSHÜL NAM PAR PHEL WA LA

Way of Dharma to flourish,

GEG KYI TSHÄN MA ZHI WA DANG

May all signs of obstacles be pacified

THÜN KYEN MA LÜ TSHANG WAR SHOG

And all conducive conditions be complete.

DAG DANG ZHÄN GYI DÜ SUM DANG

Due to the two types of merits

DREL WÄI TSHOG NYI LA TEN NÄ

Of the three times of myself and others,

GYÄL WA LO ZANG DRAG PA YI

May the teachings of the victorious one, Lozang Dragpa,

TÄN PA YÜN RING BAR GYUR CHIG

Shine resplendent forever.

Final Lamrim Dedication

(Der Ni Ring Du)

DER NI RING DU BÄ LÄ TSHOG NYI NI

**From my two types of merits, vast as space, that I have
amassed**

KHA TAR YANG PA GANG ZHIG SAG PA DE

**From working with effort at this practice for a great length
of time,**

LO MIG MA RIG GI DONG DRO WA KÜN

May I become the chief leading buddha for all those

NAM DREN GYÄL WÄI WANG POR DAG GYUR CHIG

Whose mind's wisdom eye is blinded by ignorance.

DER MA SÖN PÄI TSHE RAB KÜN TU YANG

Even if I do not reach this state, may I be held

JAM PÄI YANG KYI TSE WÄ JE ZUNG NÄ

In your loving compassion for all lives, Manjushri,

TÄN PÄI RIM PA KÜN TSHANG LAM GYI CHHOG

May I find the best of complete graded paths of the teachings,

NYE NÄ DRUB PÄ GYÄL NAM NYE JE SHOG

And may I please all the buddhas by my practice.

RANG GI JI ZHIN TOG PÄI LAM GYI NÄ

Using skillful means drawn by the strong force of compassion,

SHUG DRAG TSE WÄ DRANG WÄI THAB KHÄ KYI

May I clear the darkness from the minds of all beings

DRO WÄI YI KYI MÜN PA SÄL JÄ NÄ

With the points of the path as I have discerned them:

GYÄL WÄI TÄN PA YÜN RING DZIN GYUR CHIG

May I uphold Buddha's teachings for a very long time.

TÄN PA RIN CHHEN CHHOG GI MA KHYAB PAM

With my heart going out with great compassion

KHYAB KYANG NYAM PAR GYUR WÄI CHHOG DER NI

In whatever direction the most precious teachings

NYING JE CHHEN PÖ YI RAB KYÖ PA YI

Have not yet spread, or once spread have declined,

PHÄN DEI TER DE SÄL WAR JE PAR SHOG

May I reveal this treasure of happiness and aid.

SÄ CHÄ GYÄL WÄI MÄ JUNG THRIN LÄ LÄ

**May the minds of those who wish for liberation be granted
bounteous peace**

LEG DRUB JANG CHHUB LAM GYI RIM PÄ KYANG

And the buddhas' deeds be nourished for a long time

THAR DÖ NAM KYI YI LA PÄL TER ZHING

By even this graded path to enlightenment completed

GYÄL WÄI DZÄ PA RING DU KYONG GYUR CHIG

**Due to the wondrous virtuous conduct of the buddhas and
their sons.**

LAM ZANG DRUB PÄI THÜN KYEN DRUB JE CHING

May all human and nonhuman beings who eliminate adversity

GÄL KYEN SEL JE MI DANG MI MIN KÜN

**And create conducive conditions for practicing the excellent
paths**

TSHE RAB KÜN TU GYÄL WÄ NGAG PA YI

Never be parted in any of their lives

NAM DAG LAM DANG DRÄL WAR MA GYUR CHIG

From the purest path praised by the buddhas.

GANG TSHE THEG PA CHHOG LA CHHÖ CHÖ CHÜI

Whenever someone makes effort to act

TSHÜL ZHIN DRUB LA TSÖN PA DE YI TSHE

In accordance with the ten-fold Mahayana virtuous practices

THU DÄN NAM KYI TAG TU DROG JE CHING

May he always be assisted by the mighty ones,

TRA SHI GYA TSHÖ CHHOG KÜN KHYAB GYUR CHIG

And may oceans of prosperity spread everywhere.

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Appendix

How to Think When Making Offerings to the Monks at Pujas

After generating a motivation of bodhichitta, think: “The purpose of my life is to not only achieve nirvana for myself but to free the numberless sentient beings from the oceans of samsaric suffering and to bring them to peerless happiness—the total cessation of all the obscurations and the completion of all the realizations—by myself alone. Therefore, I must achieve enlightenment. Therefore, I am going to make the offerings to these monks.”

Remember, all these monks are disciples of His Holiness the Dalai Lama, so if you have received teachings from His Holiness the Dalai Lama, because all these monks are disciples of the same guru, for you they are the pores of the guru.

“Pores of the guru” does not only refer to the body, it refers to the disciples of the same guru. It also refers to the neighbors of the guru and, if the guru is lay, it refers to the guru’s husband, wife and children as well, and even the guru’s horse, dog and belongings. “The guru’s pores” refers to all these things.

So think: “I am making offerings to the same guru’s pores.” Then, no matter many monks there are, no matter how much money-offering you make, or offerings of tea, bread, or lunch, you will get the same merit as actually having offered to numberless Buddhas, Dharma and Sangha. You collect the same merit as having made offering to them.

It's unbelievable, unbelievable, unbelievable!

You also collect the same merit as having offered to numberless statues, stupas and scriptures. Making these offerings creates the most powerful good karma and is the quickest cause of enlightenment.

Whatever offerings you make—rice, tea, or any other offering—to the sangha, or even lay people, who have the same guru, you think like this.

These days, so many people have taken teachings from His Holiness the Dalai Lama, so many more than before; so many people now are disciples of His Holiness the Dalai Lama: Tibetans, other sects, Western sangha, Chinese sangha, and lay people. Think that by making offerings to them, you are offering to the pores of the guru.

Before you make the offerings, think in this way.

For example, offering even one cup of tea, or a piece of bread, or sweet rice, or even a dollar; offering this to just one disciple of the same guru you collect the same merit as having made offerings to numberless Buddhas, Dharma, and Sangha, as well as numberless statues, stupas and scriptures.

Making offerings at the large monasteries where there are many sangha—1,000 monks 2500 to 3000 monks—you collect the most amazing, powerful merit; you create incredible, powerful good karma to achieve enlightenment quickly. Even offering one cup of tea, one piece of bread, one rupee, one dollar. It is incredible!

Often people remember to offer to the Tibetan monasteries, but maybe not so much to the Western Sangha. I think that is not logical! Sometimes more faith arises in Tibetan Sangha rather than Western Sangha—maybe people don't realize that their lives are the same, the vows are the same. We should have faith in any country's Buddhist Sangha; we should have the same faith.

But not just the monasteries; your center also. You can do so much at your own center, right there, by thinking you are offering to the same guru's pores. You collect unbelievable good karma. By

giving even a glass of water, or offering tea or snacks at the puja, or even at a meeting—if they are your guru’s disciples, it is very powerful. You must know this. This is how you generate so much karma. Don’t just leave it to intellectual understanding; you must practice.

By making offerings in the monasteries and nunneries, where many are living in the gestul’s thirty-six vows, you collect so much merit. And by offering to the gelongs and the full bhikshunis, then you collect ever greater merit. It’s unbelievable! Then, as well, offering with bodhichitta you create even more skies of merit!

By offering even to one sangha, whatever you can—even one dollar, one cup of tea, one piece of bread—there is much merit. And when it is to larger monasteries where there are several thousand monks, it is unbelievable merit.

Then, as I mentioned, also thinking that they are the disciples of same guru, the pores of the guru, such as His Holiness the Dalai Lama, then you collect the highest merit, the most extensive merit.

This is the greatest way to purify and the quickest way to achieve enlightenment.

Thinking like this helps sometimes when we hear how much a puja costs.

This is just to educate, by the way...

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