Bestowing Supreme Immortality

A Supplication for the Long Life of Lama Thubten Zopa Rinpoche

OM SVASTI

Tshän gyi rig ngag sil zer thra mö kyang

Vijaya – all-conquering goddess, whose lunar-like face changes with our changing fates,

Thar je dung wa chil wäi tshe yi char

The faintest cooling ray of whose mantra name allays the fiery pain of our life's final end;

Beb khä da dong yo wäi bi dza yä

Rainmaker adept who brings forth life's rain; here, now, grant your greatest of gifts:

Deng dir chhi me sog gi chhog jin dzö

Victorious goddess, grant life without end.

Tshä thub dri dräl gyäl tän nying pöi sog

Hear our prayer, O lama whom we revere; you who bear the name

Dzin la da me kün zö gyän chig pu

Of he who peerlessly holds the living essence of the pure, paradigmatic doctrine of the victors,

Zhi ying thar pa chhog gi sa khän chhe

Of he, a lone adornment of the earth,

Tshän dän je tsün la mar söl wa deb

Of he, a guide to sublime liberation, the sphere of peace.

Khyen rab dag tsang ser gyi ö nön gyi

Precious treasure of precise and subtle reasoning,

Den nyi she jäi zug nang ma dre par

Golden laser light of bright, unerring wisdom,

Säl je thra zhib rig päi ter chhen po

Clarifying without confusion the two truths amongst the multiplicity of things:

Yong dag chhö kyi nyi mar zhab tän shog

Lama, remain immutably amongst us – a radiant Dharma sun.

CHHÖ DÜL DA WA DAG PÄI O TSHÖI LONG

Skilled in sprinkling the waters of healing, fulfilling needs, benefiting all.

Tän khä 7hi dül mu tig gö päi d7um.

A laughing smile revealing pearls of skill, humility, and constancy,

Kün phän dö jung män gyi sang tor du

A deep milky sea of the liquid moon of morality:

Gye khä tsün päi chhog tu zhab tän shog

Lama, remain immutably amongst us – one supremely worthy of veneration.

LHAG SAM DRI DRÄL YI ONG GA BUR GYÜN

The moon of your mahayana mind ringed 'round

Theg chhog sem kyi da war yong khyil wä

By the fever cooling camphor of unsullied, unsurpassed resolve, brilliantly swirls to the bounds of space,

Mi zä phän dei chhu ter chhog kyi thar

Unbounded seas of the happiness of now and bliss of always:

Tro khä ma wäi da war zhab tän shog

Lama, remain immutably amongst us – a moon guiding our way.

Chä pa kab sum dü tsii lung gya drem

Your teachings are vast spreading rivers of celestial nectars,

Tsö pa mi zä dor jei tshön chha no

Your dialectics an invincible, cutting vajra weapon,

Tsom på dab tong på måi tshar dug ngom

Your writings thousand-petalled lotuses unfolding their glory:

Da me tän päi nyen du zhab tän shog

Lama, remain immutably amongst us – a guardian of highest knowledge.

La ma yi dam tän sung gya tsho dang

By the might of seas of spiritual masters, deities, and doctrine protectors,

Nang tong mi chhe ten jung zab möi thü

By the power of profound dependent arising and

Dag chag mön päi re drä ma lü pa

The unvarying emptiness of all that appears,

DE LAG NYI DU LHÜN GYI DRUB GYUR CHIG

May all the hopes of our prayers with effortless ease, be spontaneously fulfilled.

Sarva Mangalam

May all be auspicious.

A Short Long Life Prayer for Lama Zopa Rinpoche

Thub tshül chhang zhing jam gön gyäl wäi tän

You who uphold the Subduer's moral way, who serve as the bountiful bearer-of-all,

Dzin kyong pel wä kün zö dog por dzä

Sustaining, preserving, and spreading Manjunath's victorious doctrine;

CHHOG SUM KUR WÄI LEG MÖN THU DRUB PA

Who masterfully accomplish magnificent prayers honoring the Three Jewels:

Dag sog dül jäi gön du zhab tän shog

Savior of myself and others, your disciples, please, please live long!

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Colophons:

Bestowing Supreme Immortality: A Supplication for the Long Life of Lama Thubten Zopa Rinpoche: Having been requested with many bases (faith, mandalas, material offerings, etc.) by the entire assembly of Sera-Je Drati House to compose a supplication for the long life of Lawudo Supreme Incarnation, Precious Thubten Zopa Rinpoche, I, Trijang Rinpoche, having the title of Tutor (to His Holiness the Dalai Lama), composed this prayer praying that its aims may be fulfilled.

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