## A Prayer for the Swift Return of Lama Zopa Rinpoche

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Da me tön pa gyäl sä nyän rang tshog Lo zang gyäl wa yab sä gyü par chä Rab jam zhing gi kyab yül ma lü pä Deng dir mön pa drub päi ge leg tsöl

Peerless Teacher and assembly of the children of the victorious ones, śrāvakas, and pratyekabuddhas;

Victorious Lozang, father and sons, along with the lineage masters;

All the objects of refuge of infinite lands—
Please bestow the virtue and goodness of accomplishing this prayer here and now.

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Yong su dzog päi <u>thub tän</u> rin po chhe Shä dang drub pä dzin ching pel wa la Nam yang mi zhum <u>zö pä</u>i go chha chän Tsung me je tsün la mar söl wa deb

Holding and spreading the <u>Muni's</u> (thub) precious and complete <u>teachings</u> (ten)

Through explanation and practice,

You wore the armor of <u>patience</u> (*zopa*) that is never discouraged—Incomparable venerable guru, to you I make request.

सव्यान्ते सास्य सार्व्यात्त्र स्वात्ते स्वात्त्र स्वात्

Phần de ma lũ jung wài go chig pu Gyäl wài tàn dang ma gyur dro wa yi Dön la chig tu tsön pa dzä päi mur Lo bur zhi war sheg dir yi re phang

While striving single-pointedly for the sake of the Victorious One's teachings,

The sole gateway through which all benefit and happiness emerge, And for mother living beings,

You suddenly departed to peace—what a great loss!

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Ön tang chhog sum gya tshöi jin lab dang Gyäl sä nam kyi thug kye lab po chhe Lu me den pä yang trül sar päi dzum Käl zang dül jäi päl du nyur zhä shog

Nevertheless, through the undeceiving truth
Of the blessings of the ocean of the Three Jewels
And the great waves of bodhicitta of the children of
the victorious ones,
May the smile of a reincarnation swiftly beam in glory
for fortunate disciples!

हेश्यान्ति है नश्रुद्धान्ति विश्वा हिना न्वी स्थानि है न्या ह

I composed this swift return prayer at the request of the centres of the Foundation for the Preservation of the Mahayana Tradition in general, Kopan Ogmin Jangchub Choling, Khachoe Gakhyil Ling Nunnery, and all the students of the late Rinpoche, headed by Roger Kunsang, who said that since the elucidator of the Buddha's teachings, the incomparable Zopa Rinpoche, had suddenly departed to peace, a swift return prayer was needed. I also composed it because of our special connection, exemplified, for instance, by the fact that when Rinpoche was with us, he would consult me on his projects, big or small.

While it is devastating that Zopa Rinpoche has departed in this way, the most important thing is that when he was with us, he made the precious mind of enlightenment the foundation of his practice, and so, if his followers who have been left behind properly emulate the Guru's life, it is exactly that which will definitely fulfill Rinpoche's wishes. Therefore, keep this in mind, and from now on also make requests to the Three Jewels and earnest dedication prayers.

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