

## Prayers for Teachings with Tsenshap Serkong Rinpoche II

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## Prayers for the Beginning of Teachings

## Praise to Śākyamuni Buddha

[LA MA] TÖN PA CHOM DÄN DÄ DE ZHIN SHEG PA DRA CHOM PA YANG DAG PAR DZOG PÄI SANG GYÄ / RIG PA DANG ZHAB SU DÄN PA /

DE WAR SHEG PA / JIG TEN KHYEN PA / KYE BU DÜL WÄI KHA LO GYUR WA LA NA ME PA / LHA DANG MI NAM KYI TÖN PA / SANG GYÄ CHOM DÄN DÄ PÄL GYÄL WA SHA KYA THUB PA LA CHHAG TSHÄL LO / CHHÖ DO KYAB SU CHHI O (3x)

[Guru], Teacher, Bhagavān, Tathāgata, Arhat, Perfectly Complete Buddha, Perfect in Knowledge and Good Conduct, Sugata, Knower of the World, Supreme Guide of Beings to Be Subdued, Teacher of Gods and Humans; to you, Buddha Bhagavān, Glorious Conqueror Śākyamuni, I prostrate, make offerings, and go for refuge. (3x)

GANG TSHE KANG NYI TSO WO KHYÖ TAM TSHE SA CHHEN DI LA GOM PA DÜN BOR NÄ NGA NI JIG TEN DI NA CHHOG CHE SUNG DE TSHE KHÄ PA KHYÖ LA CHHAG TSHÄL LO

When, supreme among humans, you were born on this earth, You paced out seven strides, Then said, "I am supreme in this world." To you, who were wise then, I prostrate.

NAM DAG KU NGA CHHOG TU ZUG ZANG WA YE SHE GYA TSHO SER GYI LHÜN PO DRA DRAG PA JIG TEN SUM NA LHAM ME WA GÖN PO CHHOG NYE KHYÖ LA CHHAG TSHÄL LO With pure bodies, form supremely pure;
Wisdom ocean, like a golden mountain;
Fame that blazes in the three worlds,
Winner of the best—Savior, to you I prostrate.

TSHÄN CHHOG DÄN PA DRI ME DA WÄI ZHÄL SER DOG DRA WA KHYÖ LA CHHAG TSHÄL LO DÜL DRÄL KHYÖ DRA SI PA SUM MA CHHI NYAM ME KHYEN CHÄN KHYÖ LA CHHAG TSHÄL LO

With the supreme signs, face like a spotless moon, Color like gold--—to you, I prostrate.

Dust-free like you, the three worlds are not. Incomparably wise one—to you, I prostrate.

GÖN PO THUG JE CHHE DÄN PA THAM CHÄ KHYEN PÄI TÖN PA PO SÖ NAM YÖN TÄN GYA TSHÖI ZHING DE ZHIN SHEG LA CHHAG TSHÄL LO

The savior having great compassion,
The teacher having all understanding,
The field of merit with qualities like a vast ocean—
To you, the One Gone to Thusness, I prostrate.

DAG PÄI DÖ CHHAG DRÄL WAR GYUR GE WÄ NGÄN SONG LÄ DRÖL ZHING CHIG TU DÖN DAM CHHOG GYUR PA ZHI GYUR CHHÖ LA CHHAG TSHÄL LO

The purity that frees one from attachment,
The virtue that frees one from the lower realms,
The one path, the sublime pure reality—
To the Dharma that pacifies, I prostrate.

DRÖLNÄ DRÖLWÄLLAM YANG TÖN

LAB PA DAG LA RAB TU NÄ
ZHING GI DAM PA YÖN TÄN DÄN
GEN DÜN LA YANG CHHAG TSHÄL LO

Those who are liberated and who also show the path to liberation, The holy field qualified with realizations, Who are devoted to the moral precepts—

To you, the Sublime Community Intending Virtue, I prostrate.

DIG PA CHI YANG MI JA ZHING GE WA PHÜN SUM TSHOG PAR CHÄ RANG GI SEM NI YONG SU DÜL DI NI SANG GYÄ TÄN PA YIN

Do not commit any unwholesome actions. Engage in perfect, wholesome actions. Subdue one's own mind. This is the teaching of the Buddha.

KAR MA RAB RIB MAR ME DANG GYU MA ZIL PA CHHU BUR DANG MI LAM LOG DANG TRIN TA BUR DÜ JÄ CHHÖ NAM DI TAR TA

A star, a defective view, a butter lamp flame, An illusion, a dew drop, a water bubble, A dream, lightning, a cloud: See all causative phenomena like this.

SÖ NAM DI YI THAM CHÄ ZIG PA YI GO PHANG THOB NÄ KYÖN GYI DRA TÜL TE GA DANG NA DANG CHHI WÄI LAB TRUG PÄI SI PÄI TSHO LÄ DRO WA DRÖL WAR SHOG

By these merits, may transmigratory beings Attain the state of all-seeing, subdue the enemy of faults, And be freed from the ocean of saṃsāra

#### Disturbed by the waves of aging, sickness, and death.

Praise to the Perfection of Wisdom

MA SAM JÖ ME SHE RAB PHA RÖL CHHIN

MA KYE MI GAG NAM KHÄI NGO WO NYI

SO SOR RANG RIG YE SHE CHÖ YÜL WA

DÜ SUM GYÄL WÄLYUM LA CHHAG TSHÄLLO

The indescribable, inconceivable, and inexpressible perfection of wisdom; Unproduced, unceasing, the nature of space;
Object of the uniquely knowing transcendental wisdom:
To the mother of the victorious ones of the three times, I prostrate.

TADYATHĀ GATE GATE PĀRAGATE PĀRASAMGATE BODHI SVĀHĀ

## Mandala Offering to Request Teachings

#### Long Mandala Offering

The first paragraph is recited only by the chant leader:

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Group joins in:
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OM BÄN DZA BHU MI AH HUM / WANG CHHEN SER GYI SA ZHI / OM BÄN DZA RE KHE AH HUM / CHHI CHAG RI KHOR YUG GI KOR WÄI Ü SU / RII GYÄL PO RI RAB

OM VAJRA BHŪMI ĀḤ HŪM, mighty golden ground. OM VAJRA REKHE ĀḤ HŪM, encircled by a wall of iron mountains; in the center, Mount Meru, King of Mountains;

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

In the east, Noble Body; in the south, Rose-Apple; in the west, Cattle Using; in the north, Unpleasant Sound; Body and Noble Body; Yak Tail and Other Yak Tail; Deceitful and Traveling the Supreme Path; Unpleasant Sound and Companion Unpleasant Sound;

RIN PO CHHEI RI WO / PAG SAM GYI SHING / DÖ JÖI BA / MA MÖ PA YI 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 CHHEN PO YI BUM PA

Precious mountain, wish-granting tree, wish-fulfilling cow, uncultivated harvest; precious wheel, precious jewel, precious queen, precious minister, precious elephant, precious horse, precious general, great treasure vase;

GEG MA / THRENG WA MA / LU MA / GAR MA / ME TOG MA / DUG PÖ MA / NANG SÄL MA / DRI CHHAB MA

Grace goddess, garland goddess, song goddess, dance goddess, flower goddess, incense goddess, light goddess, perfume goddess;

NYI MA / DA WA / RIN PO CHHEI DUG / CHHOG LÄ NAM PAR GYÄL WÄI GYÄL TSHÄN / Ü SU LHA DANG MII / PÄL JOR PHÜN SUM TSHOG PA MA TSHANG WA ME PA / TSANG ZHING YI DU ONG WA

Sun and moon; precious parasol and banner of victory over all directions. In the center, the riches of gods and humans, perfect, lacking nothing, pure, and enchanting.

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To the glorious, holy, kind root and lineage gurus, and especially to you, the great, perfect pure Lama Lozang Thubwang Dorje Chang, the gloriously good *Kyabje Serkong Tsenshab Chhogtrül Tenzin Thubten Ngawang Lobzang Rinpoche*, the possessor of the complete teachings, whose holy name is being uttered here with good reason, that we may excellently receive the profound

#### Mahāyāna teachings, we offer this as a buddha field.

THUG JE DRO WÄI DÖN DU ZHE SU SÖL / ZHE NE KYANG DAG SOG DRO WA MA GYUR NAM KHÄI THA DANG NYAM PÄI SEM CHEN THAM CHÄ LA THUG TSE WA CHHEN PÖ GO NÄ JIN GYI LAB TU SÖL

Please accept it with compassion for the sake of trans-migratory beings. Having accepted it, out of your great compassion for sentient beings, please bless me and all mother transmigratory beings equaling the extent of space.

#### Short Mandala Offering

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This ground, anointed with perfume, strewn with flowers, Adorned with Mount Meru, the four continents, the sun, and the moon,
I imagine as a buddha land and offer it.

May all transmigratory beings enjoy this pure land.

#### Request to Turn the Wheel of Dharma

JE TSÜN LA MA DAM PA KHYE NAM KYI CHHÖ KÜI KHA LA KHYEN TSEI CHHU DZIN THRIG JI TAR TSHAM PÄI DÜL JÄI DZIN MA LA 7AB GYÄ CHHÖ KYI CHHAR PA AB TU SÖI

Perfect, pure, holy gurus, from the billowing clouds
Of wisdom and compassion in the sky of the dharmakāya,
Please let fall a rain of profound and extensive Dharma
Upon the earth of those to be subdued, exactly as they need.

IDAM GURU RATNA MANDALAKAM NIRYĀTAYĀMI

#### Taking Refuge and Generating Bodhicitta

SANG GYÄ CHHÖ DANG TSHOG KYI CHHOG NAM LA JANG CHHUB BAR DU DAG NI KYAB SU CHHI DAG GI CHHÖ NYEN GYI PÄI SÖ NAM KYI 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 *listening to the Dharma*,
May I become a buddha to benefit transmigratory beings. (3x)

## Prayers for the Conclusion of Teachings

#### Mandala Offering of Thanks for Teachings

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Request for the Guru to Remain for a Long Time
JE TSÜN LA MÄI KU TSHE RAB TÄN CHING
NAM KAR THRIN LÄ CHHOG CHUR GYÄ PA DANG
LO ZANG TÄN PÄI DRÖN ME SA SUM GYI

#### DRO WÄI MÜN SEL TAG TU NÄ GYUR CHIG

May my perfect, pure guru's life be long
And his white actions flourish in the ten directions.
May the torch of the teachings of Lozang Dragpa always remain,
Dispelling the darkness of the transmigratory beings of
the three levels.

IDAM GURU RATNA MANDALAKAM NIRYĀTAYĀMI

#### Colophon:

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# Long Life Serkong Rinpoche II Request for Living a Long Life: Fully Fulfilled Aims of Prayer

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ОМ SVASTI. May all be auspicious.

O Charming Lady of Seven Eyes, Supreme Mother of the Triumphant,

Exceptional deity skilled in bringing a great rain to fall
Of the actual attainments of deathless long life, positive potential
and deep awareness,

Please grant, here and now, the utmost in fulfilling the aims of my prayers.

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TÄN PA DZIN LA DA DRÄL THUG KYE THÜ

THUB PÄ JE TÄN ZAB GYÄ DAM PÄI CHÜ

PEL LA NGAG RIG GYA TSHOR WANG JOR PA
LO ZANG TÄN PÄI DRÖN MER ZHAB TÄN SÖL

By the force of your matchless dedicated heart to uphold the teachings {Tenzin},

May you live a long life to further the essence of the deep and extensive guidelines that the Able One taught {Tubten}

As a lord wielding power over the ocean of reason and speech {Ngawang},

As a lamp for the teachings of the Excellent-minded (Losang).

For the sake of leading to a state of peerless, enduring bliss All wandering beings oppressed through bondage to their compulsions and disturbing minds,

May you live a long life fulfilling all infinite hopes

Through the extensive deeds of your stainless three enigmatic (gates).

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May your dedicated heart once more reach out to strive in serving The Triumphant One's teachings through your three pure rounds; I request you long to remain as a guiding light for wandering beings, in accord with your will, In the lands of disciples in every direction.

न्न'य' श्रुं प्रांचित्र' ग्री चित्र तुष' प्रांचित्र' स्वित्र प्रांचित्र प्रा

By the power of the inspiration from the hosts of Lamas, deities and protectors,

By the force of the truth of non-fallacious dependent arising, By the strength of regard from the exceptional resolve of myself and others,

May all the aims of my prayers be exactly and fully fulfilled.

#### Colophon:

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At the request of Ganden Jangtze College, Serkong Khangtsen House, Tabo Monastery in Spiti, the people jointly from the three villages of Lari, Tabo and Poh, Losang Tsering from Kyipar in Spiti, the people jointly from the region of Kyipar, the nun Tenzin Deden from Sonam Khangsar in Dharamsala, together with the attendants of Serkong Labrang household jointly, who spoke of the need for a daily recitation text requesting the firm life-span and long life of extensive deeds and enlightening influence of Chogtrul Tenzin Tubten Ngawang Losang Rinpoche, the reincarnation of my Master Debate Partner Dorje-chang Tsenshab Serkong Rinpoche of Ganden Jangtze, whose very name is difficult for me to utter, I, the Buddhist monk Tenzin Gyatso, have composed this with the intent of my prayers on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the 10<sup>th</sup> month of the Earth-Dragon year, 1988. May everything be constructive and go well.

This has been translated into English by Alexander Berzin.

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# Dedication Prayers for Serkong Rinpoche's Teachings

1)

E'AT'ÉN'TIÀ' TÁ 'A'T ANTINATION AND BANTAN AND TANAN BÀ 'AT AND LA RIG PA ZHI
NYIN DANG TSHÄN DU TSHÜL ZHIN RAB TAG NÄ
SAM JÄI NÄ LA SAM LÄ JUNG WA YI
NAM CHÖ LO YI THE TSHOM CHHÖ PAR SHOG

Having thoroughly investigated in accord with all that I have heard, day and night, through the four reasonings, mind born of reflection on these topics of contemplation May this discernment sever all doubts.

In the land encircled by snow mountains, You are the source of all happiness and good. All-powerful Chenrezig, Tenzin Gyatso,

#### Please remain until samsāra ends.

In all my lives, never separated from perfect gurus,
May I enjoy the magnificent Dharma
And, by completing the qualities of the grounds and paths,
May I quickly attain the state of Vajradhara.

4) Dedication That Follows the Bodhisattvas

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JAM PÄL PA WÖ JI TAR KHYEN PA DANG

KÜN TU ZANG PO DE YANG DE ZHIN TE

DE DAG KÜN GYI JE SU DAG LOB CHHIR

GE WA DI DAG THAM CHÄ RAB TU NGO

I fully dedicate all these virtues
To be able to train just like
The hero Mañjuśrī, who knows reality,
And just like Samantabhadra as well.

## 5) Dedication That Follows the Buddhas

I fully dedicate all my roots of virtue
With the dedication praised as the best
By all the gone-beyond victorious ones of the three times
In order to have good conduct.

With my heart going out with great compassion In whatever direction the most precious teachings Have not yet spread or, once spread, have declined, May I reveal this treasure of happiness and aid.

# A Prayer for the Swift Return of Lama Zopa Rinpoche

By His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama, Tenzin Gyatso

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.

WICHING ME JE TSÜN LA MAR SÖL WA DEB

WICHNIGHTE TSÜN LA MAR SÖL WA DEB

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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.

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!

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!

I composed this swift return prayer at the request of the centres of the Foundation for the Preservation of the Mahāyāna 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. Composed by the Dalai Lama, a Dharma teacher and śākya bhikṣu, on the 25th day of the second month of the Year of the Water Rabbit in the 17th Rabjung cycle, April 15, 2023.

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