PRAYERS FOR TEACHINGS

GESHE TASHI DHONDUPShantideva Center



BEFORE TEACHINGS

Mandala Offering to Request Teachings

Long Mandala Offering

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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;

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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;

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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;

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

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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 Geshe Tashi Dhondup, 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 with Request for Teachings

SA ZHI PÖ KYI JUG SHING ME TOG TRAM RI RAB LING ZHI NYI DÄ GYÄN PA DI SANG GYÄ ZHING DU MIG TE ÜL WA YI DRO KÜN NAM DAG ZHING LA CHÖ PAR SHOG

This ground, anointed with perfume, strewn with flowers, Adorned with Mount Meru, four continents, the sun and moon, I imagine this as a buddha-field and offer it. May all living beings enjoy this pure land!

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 ZAB GYÄ CHHÖ KYI CHHAR PA AB TU SÖL

O holy and perfect, pure lama, from the clouds of compassion That form in the skies of your dharmakaya wisdom, Please release a rain of vast and profound Dharma, Precisely in accordance with the needs of those to be trained.

IDAM GURU RATNA MANDALAKAM NIRYĀTAYĀMI

Taking Refuge and Generating Bodhicitta

SANG GYA'CHO'DANG SOG KYI CHOG NAM LA JANG CHUB BAR DU DAG NI KYAB SU CHI DAG GI CHO'NYEN GYI PE SO'NAM GYI DRO LA PEN CHIR SANG GYE DRUB PAR SHOG (3X)

I go for refuge until I am enlightened To the Buddha, the Dharma, and the Supreme Assembly. By the merits I create through listening to the Dharma, May I become a buddha in order to benefit all sentient beings. (3x)

Heart Sutra

I prostrate to the arya Triple Gem.

Thus did I hear at one time. The Bhagavan was dwelling on Mass of Vultures Mountain in Rajagriha together with a great community of monks and a great community of bodhisattvas. At that time, the Bhagavan was absorbed in the concentration on the categories of phenomena called "Profound Perception."

Also, at that time, the bodhisattva mahasattva arya Avalokiteshvara looked upon the very practice of the profound perfection of wisdom and beheld those five aggregates also as empty of inherent nature.

Then, through the power of Buddha, the venerable Shariputra said this to the bodhisattva mahasattva arya Avalokiteshvara: "How should any son of the lineage train who wishes to practice the activity of the profound perfection of wisdom?"

He said that, and the bodhisattva mahasattva arya Avalokiteshvara said this to the venerable Sharadvatiputra. "Shariputra, any son of the lineage or daughter of the lineage who wishes to practice the activity of the profound perfection of wisdom should look upon it like this, correctly and repeatedly beholding those five aggregates also as empty of inherent nature.

Form is empty. Emptiness is form. Emptiness is not other than form; form is also not other than emptiness. In the same way, feeling, discrimination, compositional factors, and consciousness are empty.

"Shariputra, likewise, all phenomena are emptiness; without characteristic; unproduced, unceased; stainless, not without stain; not deficient, not fulfilled

"Shariputra, therefore, in emptiness there is no form, no feeling, no discrimination, no compositional factors, no consciousness; no eye, no ear, no nose, no tongue, no body, no mind; no visual form, no sound, no odor, no taste, no object of touch, and no phenomenon. There is no eye element and

so on up to and including no mind element and no mental consciousness element. There is no ignorance, no extinction of ignorance, and so on up to and including no aging and death and no extinction of aging and death. Similarly, there is no suffering, origination, cessation, and path; there is no exalted wisdom, no attainment, and also no non-attainment.

"Shariputra, therefore, because there is no attainment, bodhisattvas rely on and dwell in the perfection of wisdom, the mind without obscuration and without fear. Having completely passed beyond error, they reach the endpoint of nirvana. All the buddhas who dwell in the three times also manifestly, completely awaken to unsurpassable, perfect, complete enlightenment in reliance on the perfection of wisdom.

Therefore, the mantra of the perfection of wisdom, the mantra of great knowledge, the unsurpassed mantra, the mantra equal to the unequaled, the mantra that thoroughly pacifies all suffering, should be known as truth since it is not false. The mantra of the perfection of wisdom is declared:

TADYATHA GATE GATE PARAGATE PARASAMGATE BODHI SVAHA

"Shariputra, the bodhisattva mahasattva should train in the profound perfection of wisdom like that."

Then the Bhagavan arose from that concentration and commended the bodhisattva mahasattva arya Avalokiteshvara saying: "Well said, well said, son of the lineage, it is like that. It is like that; one should practice the profound perfection of wisdom just as you have indicated; even the tathagatas rejoice."

The Bhagavan having thus spoken, the venerable Sharadvatiputra, the bodhisattva mahasattva arya Avalokiteshvara, those surrounding in their entirety along with the world of gods, humans, asuras, and gandharvas were overjoyed and highly praised that spoken by the Bhagavan.

(This completes the Ärya-bhagavatï-prajñäpäramitä-hridaya-sütra.)

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May my venerable lama's life be firm, His white divine actions spread in the ten directions. May the torch of the teachings of Losang always remain, Dispelling the darkness of all beings in the three realms.

IDAM GURU RATNA MANDALAKAM NIRYĀTAYĀMI

Dedication Prayers

GE WA DI YI NYUR DU DAG LA MA SANG GYA DRUB GYUR NA " DRO WA CHIG KYANG MA LU PA DE YI SA LA GO PAR SHOG

Due to the merits of these virtuous actions May I quickly attain the state of a Guru-Buddha And lead all living beings, without exception, Into that enlightened state.

JANG CHHUB SEM CHHOG RIN PO CHHE
MA KYE PA NAM KYE GYUR CHIG
KYE WA NYAM PA ME PA YANG
GONG NA GONG DU PHEL WAR SHOG

May the supreme jewel bodhichitta
That has not arisen, arise and grow;
And may that which has arisen not diminish
But increase more and more.

Long Life Prayer for H.H. Dalai Lama

JIG TEN KHAM DIR PHAN DE MA LU PA GANG LA JUNG WAÏ SAM PHEL YI ZHIN NOR KA DRIN TSHUNG ME TAN DZIN GYA TSHO LA SOL WA DEB SO THUG ZHE LHUN DRUB SHOG

The wish-granting Wish-Fulfilling Jewel,
Source of every single benefit and happiness in this world,
To the incomparably kind Tenzin Gyatso, I beseech:
May all your holy wishes be spontaneously fulfilled.

Swift Return Prayer for Lama Zopa Rinpoche (FPMT v.3) Composed by H.H. Dalai Lama

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.

YONG SU DZOG PÄI THUB TÄN RIN PO CHHE SHÄ DANG DRUB PÄ DZIN CHING PEL WA LA NAM YANG MI ZHUM ZÖ PÄI GO CHHA CHÄN TSUNG ME JE TSÜN LA MAR SÖL WA DEB

Holding and spreading the Muni's (thub) precious and complete teachings (ten)

Through explanation and practice, You wore the armor of patience (zopa) that is never discouraged— Incomparable venerable guru, to you I make request.

Phän de ma lü jung wäi go chig pu Gyäl wäi tän 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!

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.