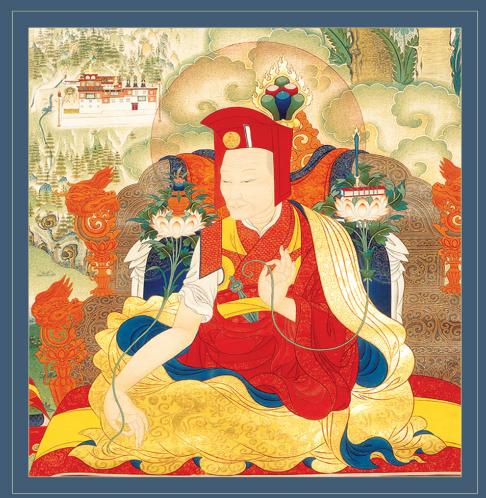
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तह्य अर्षेत्र ग्रॅं र ह्युय ह्यें र्श्या अवत प्या



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CALLING THE LAMA FROM AFAR
A SUPPLICATION THAT PIERCES
THE HEART WITH DEVOTION

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पविष्यः अर्थेवाः ई: हे पादवः ५ १ मुन्यः हे तह्यः अर्वेवः में द्वायः स्वायः स्वयः स्वयः अर्थेवाः व्ययः स्वयः स्वयः

ही तें. २०१२ में. १४ क्र्य. ४० ज. प्रस्था मध्ये प्रमित्र में स्था

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Namo Guruve. Supplications that call the lama from afar are well known to everyone. The key that unlocks all blessings is devotion, strengthened by disillusionment with samsara, which leads to renunciation. The words are not empty but born in the core of one's heart and the marrow of one's bones. With total confidence that there is no other buddha greater than your lama, chant this in melodic tones:

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ন্ন'অ'অট্রব'র্বি|| la ma khyen no Lama, think of us.

ইব্'ডব্'স্থ'ন্থ'ন্ন'ম্ব'মন্ত্রীব্'র্বি' | drin chen tsa way la ma khyen no Kind root lama, think of us.

5্ম'আমুঝ'ম্নম'ক্কুম'শ্রী'ম্ন্রি| |
du sum sang gye kyi ngo wo
Essence of the buddhas of the three times

શુर र्हेग्बर रुअ र्ळेंबर ग्री त्युर ग्वाविषा | lung tok dam chö kyi jung ne Source of the sublime Dharma of scripture and realization,

तस्याषाः र्ळियाषाः द्वाः त्वाः स्वर्याषाः स्वर्याषाः स्वर्याषाः स्वर्याषाः स्वरं विश्वर्याः स्वरं विश्वरं विश्

ਲਾਹਕੇ 'ਜ਼੍ਹਾ ਕਾ ਭੇਨ੍ਹਾ ਕਭੇਨ੍ਹਾ ਹੈ। | tsa way la ma khye khyen no Root lama, think of us.

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ট্রীব্ ক্র্বান্স স্থ্রান্য ই থি যান্ট্ ম ক্রিবা। jin lap tuk je yi ter chen Great treasure of blessing and compassion,

प्रस्थायान्त्रम्थायान्त्रम्थायान्त्रम्थायान्त्रम्थायान्त्रम्थायान्त्रम्थायान्त्रम्थायान्त्रम्थायान्त्रम्थायान्त्रम्थायान्त्रम्थायान्त्रम्थायान्त्रम्थायान्त्रम्थायान्त्रम्थायान्त्रम्थायान्त्रम्थायान्त्रम्थायान्त्रम्थाया

ইব এম ঠ নেই হ' শ্যুব স্থি এই হা । trin le chi dö kun tsöl dzö Buddha activity bestowing all that is desired,

ਝਾਹਕੇ ਜ਼ੁਕਾਰੇਨ ਕਰੇਕਾਰੀ । tsa way la ma khye khyen no Root lama, think of us.

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 ब्र्रियःचिताक्र्यःभिष्ठःग्रूटःवयःचन्निवयःविवा।

trö dral chö kuy long ne sik shik

Behold us from the expanse of the dharmakaya, free of elaboration.

यर्वाः स्वायाः श्वायाः स्वायाः स्वायाः स्वया

dak sok le ngen khor war khyam nam

Lead us who wander samsara due to our negative deeds

यरे के ब र्या यते बिर र दें र ब अहें र ।

de chen dak pay shing du drong dzö

To rebirth in your pure land of bliss.

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न्नुः अःश्रुवः रुषः ग्राचेग्राषः द्वारः अष्टिवः र्वे।

la ma chen re sik wang khyen no

Lama Avalokiteshvara, think of us.

पूर्यायातात्र्यम्यास्रीयः भूषः विषायात्रीय ।

ö sal long kuy long ne sik shik

Behold us from the expanse of the sambhogakaya, radiant clarity.

रेवाबर्ज्याःसूवारवस्याःस्ट्रावबादीःदीटा।

rik druk duk ngal tse ne shi shing

Pacify every suffering of the six kinds of beings,²

विश्व वार्षु अरदिर्दर निर्देट देव सूचिव अस्ति।

kham sum khor wa dong ne truk dzö

And empty completely the three realms of samsara.

ञ्चः अपञ्चः त्र चृदः याव्यः अष्टिवः वैं।

la ma pema jung ne khyen no

Lama Padmasambhava, think of us.

सः ध्याः यद्भः तेर् न त्र वा निवा वा श्रीवा ।

nga yap pema ö ne sik shik

Behold us from the Lotus Light of Chamara.³

श्चेवाबार्येबाश्चीयबाश्चरात्र्यंत्राययबार्यात्र्यास्य ।

nyik du kyap me bö bang nyam tak

In dark times, protect with your swift compassion

विवायाह्याश्चरायात्रेत्रातुः क्रींयया अस्ति।

tuk je nyur wa nyi du kyop dzö

Your Tibetan disciples, all those who lack wealth and refuge.

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la ma ye she tso gyal khyen no

Lama Yeshe Tsogyal,⁴ think of us.

kha chö de chen drong ne sik shik

Behold us from the celestial city of great bliss.

कृवा स्व निवा र्सेवा वा खेत रादे सकें राया ।

dik den dak sok si pay tso le

Bring those like us who have done many harmful things

वर पते मूं द विर के व र्ये र मूं व अहें दा

tar pay drong khyer chen por dröl dzö

Over the ocean of samsara to liberation's great city.

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चगायः गाने रःच क्चुनः यदेः न्नः अः अद्येवः वैं।।

ka ter gyu pay la ma khyen no

Lineage lamas of the kama and terma, 5 think of us.

बुदः तह् वा धोः शेषः त्र्रीदः द्वषः विविवाशिवा

sung juk ye she long ne sik shik

Behold us from the expanse of the wisdom of union.⁶

यर्वा.क्रिर.पविजातपु.श्रेय.विटायर्ट्रेज.येथा।

dak gyu trul pay mun khang töl ne

Penetrate the dark cavern of our confusion

र्हेन्यायते के अपनर पर अहें द रहेन्।

tok pay nyi ma shar war dzö chik

And let the sun of realization dawn.

kun khyen dri me ö ser khyen no

Omniscient Drime Özer, think of us.

क्षेय् वीयः पूर्टः क्षेत्रः ग्रींटः ययः वाच्यायात्रीय ।

lhun drup ö ngay long ne sik shik

Behold us from the expanse of the five lights, naturally present.

गा.र्वा.र्वूरब.सपु.क्षत.कुर्व.कूर्वाब.यंबा।

ka dak gong pay tsal chen dzok ne

Having achieved the great power of realizing primordial purity,

बूद पति अवतः तुः धुन परः अर्दे दः रहेग ।

nang shi ta ru chin par dzö chik

Help us to reach the pinnacle of the four visions.⁸

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nyam me jo wo yap se khyen no

Peerless Lord Atisha and your heart sons, ⁹ think of us.

ga den lha gyay wu ne sik shik

Behold us from Tushita¹⁰ while encircled by hundreds of deities.

tong nyi nying jey nying po chen gyi

Cause bodhichitta, the heart of emptiness and compassion,

चिट खेंबब कुट ता क्रें पर बहुँ द रेवा।

jang sem gyu la kye war dzö chik

To arise within our minds.

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गुनःसर्केषाःसरःसः दृषानाःषानुसःसिवः वी।

drup chok mar mi dak sum khyen no

Supreme siddhas, Marpa, Milarepa, and Gampopa, ¹¹ think of us.

यदे:ळेव:र्रे:हेते:द्वीट्य:व्याव्यावीयायःविया

de chen dor jey ying ne sik shik

Behold us from the space of great vajra bliss.

चर्ने क्ट्रेंट सुवा केव अर्केवा न्टेंब सुच केटा ।

de tong chak chen chok ngö drup ching

Cause bliss-emptiness, the supreme siddhi of mahamudra, to arise,

क्रॅंबःङ्गुःक्षेटःन्तुबःबन्ध्यःयस्यस्तिःरेवा।

chö ku nying wu se par dzö chik

And awaken the dharmakaya in our heart of hearts.

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jik ten wang chuk karma pa khyen no

Lord of the World, 12 Karmapa, think of us.

kha khyap dro dul ying ne sik shik

Behold us from the expanse of training beings who pervade all space.

chö kun den me gyu mar tok ne

Bring us to see all things as illusory and unreal

ब्रूट नेयम भ्रुप्त वात्रुय तकर नर यहें दिन्हिया

nang sem ku sum char war dzö chik

So we know all appearances to be mind, dawning as the three kayas.

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ka gyu che shi chung gye khyen no

Kagyu lamas of the four elder and eight younger lineages, 13 think of us.

rang nang dak pay shing ne sik shik

Behold us from the pure realm of appearances naturally arising.

यात्रमः भूतमः याति धी द्विता सः मदमः त्रमा ।

ne kap shi yi trul pa sang ne

Clear away the confusion of the four different states 14

वयमः ह्रेंग्या अध्यः नुः ध्रेवः यरः अह्रेंदः रुग्

nyam tok ta ru chin par dzö chik

And bring us to ultimate experience and realization.

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हे'नर्डुव'र्गेट'अ'इअ'स्'अष्टिव'र्वे।

je tsun gong ma nam nga khyen no

Five Sakya forefathers, 15 think of us.

त्रविरःत्रन्यः नृष्ठेरः येनः ग्रॅंदः त्रवः व्वविष्यः विवा

khor de yer me long ne sik shik

Behold us from the expanse of samsara and nirvana inseparable.

इस्रान्याक्षः क्वेंसः क्वेंन्यासुस्राद्येयावया।

nam dak ta gom chö sum drel ne

Help us to connect pure view, meditation, and action.

गुर्या प्रति त्या अर्केवा पर्वेत् प्रतः अर्हेत् रहेवा ।

sang way lam chok drö par dzö chik

Bring us along the supreme path of the secret vehicle.

अनुअ'सेन्'मृद्रश'यगाय'यक्तुन्'अष्टिन'र्दे। ।

nyam me shang pa ka gyu khyen no

Lamas of the unequaled Shangpa Kagyu, ¹⁶ think of us.

इस्र-द्याःस्य कुषःविदःद्यःयाचेयावःविया।

nam dak sang gye shing ne sik shik

Behold us from the utterly pure realm of the buddhas.

घनयार्ग्रेजानुस्याये स्थितानित्रे तर्म्ये ।

tap dröl nyam len tsul shin jong ne

By properly training in the practices of method and liberation,

श्रेश्चितः तुरः यहुणः चहुन्नः यरः अर्हेनः ठेण ।

mi lop sung juk nye par dzö chik

Lead us to discover the unity beyond all learning. 17

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ग्रीय.कुर्य.घट.कूर.भीजा.त्र.भिर्वे ।

drup chen tang tong gyal po khyen no

Great siddha, Thangtong Gyalpo, 18 think of us.

क्र्याःश्चरःधिवायः हुपुःशूटः वयः वाच्चवायः भवा ।

tsöl me tuk jey long ne sik shik

Behold us from the state of effortless compassion.

den me tok pay tul shuk drup ne

Realizing the unreality of all things through yogic discipline,

ह्यूट बोबाबार प्रमान स्वास्त्र स्वास

lung sem rang wang du war dzö chik

Enable us to master prana and mind. 19

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यःगर्ठेगःन्यःयःग्रद्शःक्तुशःअष्ट्रेवःर्वे।।

pa chik dam pa sang gye khyen no

Only father, Dampa Sangye, ²⁰ think of us.

लब्द्याचीयत्रप्रुत्वीदब्द्यव्यावीचेवाब्द्यीवा ।

le rap drup pay ying ne sik shik

Behold us from the expanse where supreme activity is accomplished.

चक्किर.तपु.चुब.ऱ्यंचब.धुट.ज.खेवाब.चबा।

gyu pay jin lap nying la shuk ne

Once the blessings of the lineage have entered our hearts,

हेव'यडोव'र्झेवाब'येद'यळर'चर'यहेंद्र'ठेवा।

ten drel chok me char war dzö chik

Let auspicious connections appear throughout space.

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মান্টিশ্বেশ্য শুর্লির মামন্ত্রির বিনি। ma chik lap kyi drön ma khyen no Only mother, Lapkyi Drönma, 21 think of us.

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गुव अद्विव र्रे । प्राप्त अद्वा का अद्विव की । kun khyen döl po sang gye khyen no Omniscient Dölpo Sangye, 23 think of us.

इस्रागुव्यर्केणाञ्चवाद्वीर्षाव्याचीयाष्ट्रीया ।
nam kun chok den ying ne sik shik
Behold us from the space endowed with the supreme aspect. 24

রর্থ নেই ন্মুনান ক্রমন ন্মুন্মন নেনানান ক্রমা।
po way uk nam u mar gak ne
Help us to bring shifting breath into the central channel

রর্থ স্থা ই ইন স্থা র্থ স্থা ইন অইন উল ।

po dral dor jey ku top dzö chik

And thus attain the immovable vajra body.

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ই'বর্ত্তব্দু'ম'ব'হা'মন্ত্রীব'র্ব্বি| |
je tsun tā ra na ta khyen no
Jetsun Taranatha, 25 think of us.

क्रमण्ड्यार्थं तृते प्रचित्रणं वृष्णं वृष्णं वृष्णं ।
nam sum po nyay ying ne sik shik
Behold us from the space of the three messengers.

ई हेते ग्रोबेट त्या ज्ञान व्याप्त क्या |
dor jey seng lam gek me drö ne
Help us to travel the vajrayana path free of obstacles

বহনে শুৰাঝান স্থ্রীন নিয়ুবাধন মইনি উগ | ja lu kha chö drup par dzö chik And attain a rainbow body in the celestial realm. तह्यान्नुहरायाष्ट्रिवान्त्रहेते न्यहार्ये याष्ट्रिवार्वे।

jam yang khyen tsey wang po khyen no

Jamyang Khyentse Wangpo,²⁶ think of us.

अवित्रामहित्राधेत्राधेत्राम्चीत्राप्तिम ।

khyen nyi ye she ying ne sik shik

Behold us from wisdom's space of twofold knowing.²⁷

श्रेष्ट्रेन्यः र्स्तुः व्यास्यान्या ।

mi she lo yi mun pa sang ne

Clear away the mental darkness of our ignorance

अष्टिव रना सूर न कुषायर अहें द रेवा।

khyen rap nang wa gye par dzö chik

And expand the vision of our supreme knowing.

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पूर्यायकाः श्रीकाराष्ट्र, मुं अधियः सूरी

ö sal trul pay dor je khyen no

Ösel Trulpay Dorje, think of us.

तहतः चेरः र्देरः स्वेरः र्रोटः वयः वाचीवायः विवा

ja ser ö ngay long ne sik shik

Behold us from the expanse of the five rainbow lights.

विषा सुर सेस्रमा ग्री दी साद्या व्या

tik lung sem kyi dri ma dak ne

Purify the flaws from prana and bindu so that mind becomes pure

गर्वेव वु नुअ भुर गुर स्वर अहें द रेग ।

shön nu bum kur jang chup dzö chik

And bring us to awakening as the youthful vase body.²⁸

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पड्सः अर्दे न्यूवा या श्ली दः या अष्टि वः वैं।

pema do ngak ling pa khyen no

Pema Do Ngak Lingpa, think of us.

यरे क्रूंट त्य गुर क्षेत्र क्षेत्र मुंद त्व स म् वीवा स भीवा ।

de tong gyur me long ne sik shik

Behold us from the expanse of blissful emptiness free of change.

मुल-द्रम् मुल-सुल-द्र्येट्र स-स-स्रम्य-द्र्य ।

gyal dang gyal se gong pa ta dak

Enable us to fulfill all the intentions

चन्वावीबार्धेत्वासुः क्रेंत्र्व्यास्त्रेत्र्वेवा ।

dak gi yong su kong nu dzö chik

Of the Victorious Ones and their heirs.

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८ण'८्यर'र्थेव'५व'क्कु'सळें'सष्टिव'र्वे।

ngak wang yön ten gya tso khyen no

Ngagwang Yönten Gyatso,²⁹ think of us.

र्वेट्र संभाति स्वाप्ति संभावित संभावित राज्य संभावित र

ying ye sung juk long ne sik shik

Behold us from the expanse of space and wisdom in union.

म्रूट चरे चरेव पहें व रुव ग्री म विवा वया।

nang way den dzin hrul gyi shik ne

Once clinging to things as real has fallen apart,

विटानुदार्थं पुरावित्र कुषा अर्दे दि स्वेव ।

gang jung lam du khyer nu dzö chik

Enable us to carry whatever happens onto the path.

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gyal se lo drö ta ye khyen no

Bodhisattva Lodrö Thaye, think of us.

चित्रबर्द्धाः हितः स्टान्त्रवा विषयः विषा

jam dang nying jey ngang ne sik shik

Behold us from your state of love and compassion.

त्र्रीं गृव देव रुव प्य अर वेष वशा

dro kun drin chen pa mar she ne

Enable us to see all beings as our kind parents

णववःसवःश्वेदःवयःश्चेतःवुयःअर्देदःरुण।

shen pen nying ne drup nu dzö chik

And to benefit others from the depth of our hearts.

तर्थः व्ययः क्री. र्यटः श्रीवा अष्टियः र्स्री ।

pema gar gyi wang chuk khyen no

Pema Gargyi Wangchuk, think of us.

चर्ने क्रेन् र्वेर् वाषया र्चे हर्ष न्या वा नेवा बारी वा

de chen ö sal ying ne sik shik

Behold us from the expanse of luminous great bliss.

र्वा.र्ज.ल.सेब.र्ज.यूज.वबा।

duk nga ye she nga ru dröl ne

Enable us to liberate the five poisons as the five wisdoms

श्रूट र्सेन मुनेन तहें न विमासन सहें न रिमा

pang top nyi dzin shik par dzö chik

And shatter the duality of loss and gain.

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यक्षेष्रच विश्वाप्तिर दिर श्चीर स्याधिष र्स्।

ten nyi yung drung ling pa khyen no

Tennyi Yungdrung Lingpa, think of us.

श्चित्रवि'अवअरवेत्रत्वित्रवाचित्रवाचीयावाचीया

si shi nyam nyi ying ne sik shik

Behold us from the expanse where existence and peace are equal.

श्रूबाचीबाझलात्राः श्रीदाला श्रीबाचवा।

mö gu nal ma gyu la kye ne

Once natural devotion has dawned in our being,

र्हेवाबार्चेतारुबाखनुबाळेवार्येनाबाहेन्रचेवा।

tok dröl du nyam chen por dzö chik

Bring us great realization and liberation arising together.

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देव रुव संप्तिः ह्या या या होवा वीं।

drin chen tsa way la ma khyen no

Kind root lama, think of us.

chi tsuk de chen ne ne sik shik

Behold us from the crown of our head, the abode of great bliss.

रटःरेगःक्र्यःश्चृतेःरटःवयःअहयःवया ।

rang rik chö kuy rang shal jal ne

Once we've seen dharmakaya's true face, natural awareness,

ळें गठिग स्रम्भ कुष त्यु न स्रम् अर्दे न रिया

tse chik sang gye drup par dzö chik

Bring us to complete awakening in this very life.

ग्रैं अः नन्यायद्वे सेयमारुव त्यमाद्व स्थ्या में रहवा।

kyai ma / dak dray sem chen le ngen dik to chen

Alas! Beings like ourselves with negative karma and bad deeds

र्वेषा सेन नुषा वृषा वित्र प्रमा धुव सेट विद्या ।

tok me du ne khor war yun ring khyam

Have wandered for ages in samsara without beginning.

८.२८.क्रैवा.चर्रुषा.श्रघष.श्रटाश्चीर.प्रवी ।

da dung duk ngal ta me nyong gyur we

Even now we know misery without end,

भ्रुं.चयः भ्रदः द्वेवाः द्वाः धरः यः भ्रुवः यवा ।

kyo she ke chik tsam yang ma kye pe

But not a moment of regret do we feel.

यः अष्टियः वृर्धियायः ह्यः शुरु प्राचीवया।

la ma khyen no tuk je nyur du sik

Lama, think of us, see us swiftly with compassion.

देबात्वृदाविदावबाक्षेयाः विवाधिकार्वे विवाधिकार्

nge jung ting ne kye war jin gyi lop

Bless us that renunciation come from deep within.

५०१.५५५.५५५११ क. कु. कु. स्ट्रीट. चर. श्राप्ती।

dal jor top kyang mi tse tong se khen

Our freedoms and resources 30 we foolishly squander,

र्देवः बेदः ळें वदैरः द्युः चर्षः ह्रमः पुः मधेरः।।

dön me tse dir ja we tak tu yeng

Distracted again and again by this trivial life.

र्ने ब-के ब- धर-धः श्चिताया यो विष्णि हिरा।

dön chen tar pa drup la le lö khyer

We seek the goal of liberation, and laziness carries us away.

र्वेर-तृतेःम्नीट-व्याःभगःक्षेट-लेंगाः ग्रुर-प्या।

nor buy ling ne lak tong lok gyur pe

From a land of jewels, we return with empty hands.

यः अष्टियः वृर्धियायः ह्यः शुरु प्राचीवया।

la ma khyen no tuk je nyur du sik

Lama, think of us, see us swiftly with compassion.

श्रे तुषार्देव स्व त्युव पर चुव ये व से व

mi lu dön den drup par jin gyi lop

Bless us that our lives be filled with meaning.

श्रेभी मा होता शुकारा वा किया गुता सेता ।

mi shi sa teng lu pa chik kyang me

No one on this earth can escape their death.

८.के.चेश्च इवाड्याचेश्वाश्ची ।

da ta chik je nyi tu pa röl dro

People are dying right now, one after the other.

रट'यट श्चुर च ने दि दि तके दर्वे वा ग्राटा ।

rang yang nyur wa nyi du chi gö kyang

Our death will also come and soon,

ध्व-दिर-कूँद-व्यवशः च्चेद-प्रते क्षेट-दुव-र्ये ।

yun ring dö drap je pay nying rul po

But we fools are planning to live on and on.

भ्रायायद्वित्र र्दे स्वाम्याहेयायुर्ग, स्वाम्या

la ma khyen no tuk je nyur du sik

Lama, think of us, see us swiftly with compassion.

र्येट्-भेट्-भूं-शुट्-चर-चुद-गुक्-भूंचका

long me lo na tung war jin gyi lop

Bless us to know our life here is brief with little time for plans.

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nying du duk pay dza she so sor dral

We will separate from the friends and relatives we deeply love.

ser ne sak pay nor dze shen gyi chö

Others will enjoy the wealth that we as misers kept.

che pay lu kyang shul du bor ne su

Even the body we cherish will be left behind;

nam she war do töl me khor war khyam

Stranger in the wardo, $\frac{31}{2}$ our consciousness will wander aimlessly through samsara.

la ma khyen no tuk je nyur du sik

Lama, think of us, see us swiftly with compassion.

chi kyang gö me tok par jin gyi lop

Bless us that we realize the futility of this world.

jik pay mun pa nak pö ngön ne su

In front, the thick darkness of fear waits to take us in;

ष्याःश्चीःत्वुदःन्य्यः द्वाः व्याः व्य

le kyi lung mar drak pö gyap ne de

Behind, the raging storm of karma drives us on.

श्रेःश्वागिविदःहेतेःर्वेःत्वान्तेन्वाःरुटःचर्रेन।

mi duk shin jey po nye dek ching tsok

Hideous messengers of the Lord of Death beat and stab us—

यचूर्रर्थायः स्वायम्बर्धातः क्रियाः यक्तः श्रीतः द्यूषः व। ।

sö ka ngen droy duk ngal nyong gö na

We know the intolerable sufferings of the lower realms.

भ्रायायद्वित्र र्दे स्वाम्याहेयायुर्ग, स्वाम्या

la ma khyen no tuk je nyur du sik

Lama, think of us, see us swiftly with compassion.

८व र्सेट व्यापट यस वर पर चिव चीक र्से पर्या

ngen song yang le tar war jin gyi lop

Bless us that we be liberated from the lower realms' abyss.

rang kyön ri bo tsam yang khong du be

Concealing within ourselves a mountain of faults,

shen kyön til dru tsam yang drok ching mö

We broadcast those of others, be they tiny as a sesame seed.

yön ten chung se me kyang sang por lom

We trumpet our greatness though lacking the least of qualities.

chö pay ming tak chö min kho nar chö

We call ourselves Dharma practitioners, yet our practice is not Dharmic.

la ma khyen no tuk je nyur du sik

Lama, think of us, see us swiftly with compassion.

rang dö nga gyal shi war jin gyi lop

Bless us to subdue our self-centered pride.

ten pung dak dzin gong po khong du chuk

We harbor the demon of ego-fixation that will only bring us to ruin.

বন্ধরান্তর্ভ্রান্থর ক্রমান্তর্ভর্তান্তর ক্রমান্তর ক্রমান্তর ক্রমান্তর ক্রমান্তর ক্রমান্তর ক্রমান্তর ক্রমান্তর করে বি

sam tse tam che nyön mong pel way gyu

Every one of our thoughts causes afflictions to grow.

चुकाळ्ट्र वसका उद् सी द्वीदे त्याका सु उद्या

je tse tam che mi gey dre bu chen

Every one of our actions brings unvirtuous results.

<u> বস:মন্ত্র:এঅ: দু: র্ট্রিল|অ:র্ডঅ:অ:ব্রীক্র:মন্স। ।</u>

tar pay lam du chok tsam ma chin pe

We have not even turned to the path of liberation.

यः अष्टियः वृर्धियायः ह्यः शुरु प्राचीवया।

la ma khyen no tuk je nyur du sik

Lama, think of us, see us swiftly with compassion.

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ngar dzin tse ne chö par jin gyi lop

Bless us that grasping to self be severed at its root.

tö me tsam la ga dang mi ga kye

A bit of praise makes us happy, a bit of blame makes us sad.

tsik ngen tsam la sö pay go cha shor

A few harsh words and the armor of our patience falls away.

nyam tak tong yang nying jey sem mi kye

Seeing the destitute, we feel no compassion.

म्बुवाध्यान्युटानुबाबेरान्युतायन्त्रिता

jin yul jung du ser nay du pe ching

When we could be generous, our miserly hands are tied.

भ्रायायद्वित्र र्दे स्वाम्याहेयायुर्ग, स्वाम्या

la ma khyen no tuk je nyur du sik

Lama, think of us, see us swiftly with compassion.

sem gyu chö dang dre par jin gyi lop

Bless us that our minds be blended with the Dharma.

khor wa nying po me la nying por sung

We think samsara's worthwhile but it's not.

to gö chir du ten dun ling gi bor

For food and clothes we abandon our ultimate goal.

kho gu tsang yang gö gö chi chir mang

Though having all we need, we constantly seek more.

श्रीमित्रम्भात्रात्रेक्षाम्भात्रम्भात्रम्भात्रम्भा

mi den gyu may chö kyi rang sem lu

Our minds are deceived by phenomena, illusory and unreal.

भ्रायायद्वित्र र्दे स्वाम्याहेयायुर्ग, स्वाम्या

la ma khyen no tuk je nyur du sik

Lama, think of us, see us swiftly with compassion.

tse di lo yi tong war jin gyi lop

Bless us that we let go of attachment to this life.

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तिब्र.ब्रुष्ट्रबर् क्रियो.यर्केल.स्.ब्रुप्टर.श्र.यर्चूट.ग्रेट.।।

lu sem duk ngal tra moang mi sö kyang

Unable to bear the least physical or mental pain,

८व.पर्ग्रेर.पर्ग्र्.ज.श्र.पश्र्र्र.श्रुट.र्ट्ब.ठवा।

ngen dror dro la mi tser nying dö chen

With blind courage, we have no fear of falling to the lower realms.

क्युंतर्रामान्त्रुं यो न्यार्वे न्याये वित्रात्त्रीय वित्रीय वित्रात्त्रीय वित्रीय वित्रात्त्रीय वित्रात्त्रीय वित्रात्त्रीय वित्रात्त्रीय वित

gyu dre lu me ngön sum tong shin du

Though cause and effect is unfailing and obvious to all,

न्वो न से त्युन स्वा प्रते र्षे त्या त्रिया ।

ge wa mi drup dik pay yo lang pel

We shirk off good actions and let the bad ones thrive.

भ्रायायद्वित्र र्दे स्वाम्याहेयायुर्ग, स्वाम्या

la ma khyen no tuk je nyur du sik

Lama, think of us, see us swiftly with compassion.

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le la yi che kye war jin gyi lop

Bless us that we fully believe in the laws of karma.

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र्या.ज.र्जर.थ्रथय.यायेष्य.ज.क्याय.युष्ययाञ्ची ।

dra la dang sem nyen la chak sem kye

We hate our enemies and cling to our friends.

न्नर-देर्यान्यायानिः स्वास्त्र-सर्वेया।

lang dor ne la ti muk mun tar tom

We're lost in the dark, not knowing what to adopt or reject.

क्र्यानविवःश्चित्वः द्वीत्यः सुवायः वावेतः त्यरः विता

chö shin chö tse jing muk nyi wang shor

When practicing Dharma, we fall into dullness and sleep.

क्रॅबरभेदर्श्वेट्रकें:८्यटर्ये:वाबव्यःहेट्याट्या

chö min chö tse wang po sal ching drung

At other times, we're clever and our senses are clear.

यः अष्टियः वृर्धियायः ह्यः शुरु प्राचीवया।

la ma khyen no tuk je nyur du sik

Lama, think of us, see us swiftly with compassion.

र्वेवःर्थेटबःन्गःर्नेःर्क्रेयःपरःच्चैवःग्रैबःर्त्तेनबा

nyön mong dra bo chom par jin gyi lop

Bless us that we conquer the enemy, these afflictions of ours.

ही.ययानक्षेयायाणटार्याक्ष्यानपुरावाञ्चवाया।

chi ne te na yang dak chö pay suk

Outwardly we appear as honest practitioners;

वर-८-४८-अंथराक्र्य-८-४१८ देशस्य।

nang du rang sem chö dang ma dre pe

Inwardly our minds have not mingled with Dharma.

म्लियानियानिवानिव्यत्रिक्तित्र्येष्ट्याप्त्रित्यस्या

drul duk shin du nyön mong khong na be

Like a poisonous snake, we conceal our afflictions within.

मुेव'न्द'तस्नि'ळें'ळेंब'यते'अळद'ह्णब'र्बेवा।

kyen dang tre tse chö pay tsang tak tön

When difficulties arise, all our faults come to light.

यः अष्टियः वृर्धियायः ह्यः शुरु प्राचीवया।

la ma khyen no tuk je nyur du sik

Lama, think of us, see us swiftly with compassion.

रट.क्वैट.रट.वीब.धैज.चर.वीब.क्वैब.धुब.धूंचबा।

rang gyu rang gi tul war jin gyi lop

Bless us that we are able to tame our own minds.

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रटः क्रेंब्राट्वायायटा वीषा आर्हेवाषा यथा।

rang kyön ngen pa rang gi ma tok pe

Not realizing all the bad faults we have,

क्र्यानपुरावाचीत्राचाचीत्राक्र्याचीत्राक्ष्याचीत्राचीत्राचीत्राचीत्राचीत्राचीत्राचीत्राचीत्राचीत्राचीत्राचीत्र

chö pay suk sung chö min na tsok chö

In the guise of a practitioner, we engage in non-dharmic pursuits.

कुंव-ब्र्ट्याश्च-द्योदेःलबालाभुवाबाग्रीबार्वोस्रवा।

nyön mong mi gey le la shuk kyi gom

We're addicted to afflictions and unvirtuous activity.

न्वे र्ह्ने भर भर के नियम

ge lo yang yang kye kyang yang che

A virtuous mind is born again and again, and just as often dies away.

यः अष्टियः वृर्धियायः ह्यः शुरु प्राचीवया।

la ma khyen no tuk je nyur du sik

Lama, think of us, see us swiftly with compassion.

रटः र्भें व रटः वीषा अर्थेटः चरः च्चेवः ग्रीषा र्भें चषा ।

rang kyön rang gi tong war jin gyi lop

Bless us that we come to see our own faults.

shak re song shin chi la par par nye

With the passing of each day, death draws ever near;

nyin re lön shin rang gyu chir chir gyong

With the coming of each day, our mind hardens even more.

la ma ten shin mö gu rim gyi drip

As we serve our lama, our devotion slowly dims.

che la tse dung dak nang je chung song

Our fondness and pure vision of Dharma friends decrease.

भ्रायायद्वित्र र्दे स्वाम्याहेयायुर्ग, स्वाम्या

la ma khyen no tuk je nyur du sik

Lama, think of us, see us swiftly with compassion.

mu gö rang gyu tul war jin gyi lop

Bless us that we tame our unruly and obstinate minds.

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भ्रित्रवार्वे वेश्वरापभ्रीत्वार्वे त्रात्रेत्रवा मुन्यत्वा व

kyap dro sem kye söl dep je na yang

Though we've taken refuge, roused bodhichitta, and prayed,

ब्रॅबागुबाह्मेटाह्रेगितिटावबायाङ्ग्रीबायबा।

mö gu nying je ting ne ma kye pe

Our devotion and compassion do not spring from deep within;

ळेंगर्जंअ:५न८:गुरःळेंबःर्श्वे५:५गे:र्स्वे४:इअवा।

tsik tsam wang gyur chö chö ge jor nam

Our Dharma activity and practice remain just words.

चिक्र.जू.क्ष.जब्र.क्रिय.क्र्या.क्ष.प्रज्ञा

je lo tsam le gyu tok ma khel we

We go through the motions but remain untouched.

यः अष्टियः वृर्धियायः ह्यः शुरु प्राचीवया ।

la ma khyen no tuk je nyur du sik

Lama, think of us, see us swiftly with compassion.

ठे.चिशक्त्राय्ये.तर्मे.तर.चीय.मीशः भूतमा

chi je chö su dro war jin gyi lop

Bless us that all we do is in harmony with Dharma.

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चर्वा चर्े तर्रेर् याबा सूर्वा चस्या सम्मा सम्मा विद्या

dak de dö le duk ngal tam che jung

Suffering comes from wanting happiness for ourselves;

विषयःसयः श्रेश्वराश्चीयः श्रद्धाः श्रुद्धाः विष्यः विष्यः विष्यः विष्यः विष्यः विष्यः विष्यः विष्यः विष्यः विषयः

shen pen sem kyi sang gye drup sung kyang

Awakening is attained through helping others, so it is taught.

शेयश्यकेषा पञ्ची प्रकेट स्ट तर्दे प्रस्वा मुन्त स्तुवा

sem chok kye ching rang dö puk tu chuk

We engender bodhichitta and harbor our secret desires.

म्बद्धाः चाब्दाम्बद्धाः वित्रः वि

shen pen ta chi shen nö shor la drup

Not to mention benefitting others, we even do them harm.

भ्रायायद्वितार्वे स्वामारहेषायुरातु गानिया।

la ma khyen no tuk je nyur du sik

Lama, think of us, see us swiftly with compassion.

पर्वाविष्य पहें पर्वे अपर्र विष्य के स्त्री

dak shen je war nu par jin gyi lop

Bless us that we are able to exchange ourselves for others.

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<u>यर्यः क्रुयः द्रेंयः स्रूरः ह्यः अः स्रः पत्रुरः । ।</u>

sang gye ngö nang la ma mi ru sung

We see our lama—the Buddha in truth—as ordinary.

यान्ययाः व्यान्यं वार्षः प्रयादः देवः प्रतः वीयाः प्रहेत्।

dam sap tön pay ka drin ngang gi je

The kindness of giving us key instructions fades from our mind.

रट.पर्ट्रेट.अ.वैट.क्.व.तु.कट.पर्झूओ।

rang dö ma jung tse na yi che gom

Not getting what we want, we are lost in despair.

यहं ५ र्ड्डे ५ रह्म समाया है रहें सार्येषा क्षम होता।

dze chö nam la te tsom lok te drip

We view their conduct through the veil of doubt and wrong view.

यः अष्टियः वृर्धियायः ह्यः शुरु प्राचीवया ।

la ma khyen no tuk je nyur du sik

Lama, think of us, see us swiftly with compassion.

mö gu drip me pel war jin gyi lop

Bless us that our devotion will flourish unobscured.

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रट नेअय यटय कुष धेव गुट दें अवेया।

rang sem sang gye yin kyang ngo ma she

Our mind is the Buddha and we fail to see this.

इयार्नेपार्केशः भुष्येवागुरार्नेवाया ।

nam tok chö ku yin kyang dön ma tok

Concepts are the dharmakaya and we do not realize it.

यानर्देशमानुगायाधेवाग्रामार्भेटायानुगा

ma chö nyuk ma yin kyang kyong ma nu

The natural state is uncontrived and we cannot sustain it.

रट'चनब'ग्वब'ख्याब'धेव'ग्रुट'धेट्'अ'ळेबा।

rang bap ne luk yin kyang yi ma che

The abiding nature is naturally settled and we are not convinced.

भ्रायायद्वित्र र्दे स्वाम्याहेर्य श्रुर पु गानिया।

la ma khyen no tuk je nyur du sik

Lama, think of us, see us swiftly with compassion.

रटरिवारटरबरर्ग्वयानरः च्चेत्रः ग्चेत्रः ग्चेत्रः ग्चेत्रः

rang rik rang sar dröl war jin gyi lop

Bless us that self-awareness is released in its ground.

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yong nge chi wa nying ne dren ma tup

Though death is sure to come, we cannot take this to heart.

pen nge dam chö tsul shin drup ma nu

Though genuine Dharma is sure to benefit, we cannot practice correctly.

den nge le dre lang dor tsul shin me

Though karma is certainly true, we do not know what to give or take up.

gö nge dren she ma ten yeng we khyer

Though we need to rely on being mindful and alert, we are carried away by distractions.

la ma khyen no tuk je nyur du sik

Lama, think of us, see us swiftly with compassion.

yeng me dren pe sin par jin gyi lop

Bless us that we remain mindful and free of distraction.

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र्चेव राषा प्रवासका क्षेत्राषा अते र वा अवर क्षेत्रा

ngön le ngen pe nyik may du tar kye

Through negative karma, we've been born in the dregs of a degenerate time.

र्बर-वियाधश्रय.१८-ईंग्री-पर्बल-क्वी.२.यूर्टा ।

ngar je tam che duk ngal gyu ru song

All our previous actions are causes for suffering.

ग्र्याम्याद्यः इस्रम्या ग्रीमः स्थेवा प्रतिः ग्रीचः सम्यावार्याम्या ।

drok ngen nam kyi dik pay drip me yok

Bad friends cast the shadow of their negative deeds.

र्देवः बेदः ब्रोटः ब्रॉबः दवोः ब्रेंद्रः वाधेटः प्रबः ब्रिटा ।

dön me leng mö ge jor yeng we khyer

Meaningless talk distracts us from our spiritual practice.

यः त्रात्राद्येत्र वेर् द्विवायः हेयः शुरु प्राचीवाया।

la ma khyen no tuk je nyur du sik

Lama, think of us, see us swiftly with compassion.

कूबाजाश्वेटार्यबाचिबात्ररात्त्रीवाजीबार्यूचवा।

chö la nying ru nu par jin gyi lop

Bless us that we persevere in the practice of Dharma.

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dang por sam gyu chö le me pa la

At first nothing but Dharma is on our mind,

ta ma drup dre khor wa ngen song gyu

Yet the final result is a cause for samsara and the lower realms.

tar pay lo tok mi gey se kyi chom

The frost of nonvirtue lays waste to the harvest of liberation.

यानवःतन्वः नेषः प्रते : सुः र्केनः प्रन्याः तन् ।

ten dun nye pay mu gö dak dra nam

Our ultimate aim is defeated by our untamed faults.

भ्रायायद्वित्र र्दे स्वाम्याहेर्य श्रुर पु गानिया।

la ma khyen no tuk je nyur du sik

Lama, think of us, see us swiftly with compassion.

५४७ळॅगःअवतःतुःध्रेवःपरःध्रेवःग्रीकःर्ह्मेपमा

dam chö ta ru chin par jin gyi lop

Bless us that we perfect the genuine Dharma.

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kyo she ting ne kye war jin gyi lop

Bless us that disenchantment arise from deep within.

long me lo na tung war jin gyi lop

Bless us that we know time is short and curtail our scheming.

chi wa nying ne dren par jin gyi lop

Bless us that we remember death from the depth of our heart.

le la yi che kye war jin gyi lop

Bless us that we come to believe in the laws of karma.

lam la war che me par jin gyi lop

Bless us that our path is free of obstacles.

drup la tsön dru nu par jin gyi lop

Bless us that we exert ourselves in practice.

kyen ngen lam du long par jin gyi lop

Bless us that we bring hard times onto the path.

पानेन सं रूटा स्वाया द्वारा पर दीव वीया केंद्राया।

nyen po rang tsuk tup par jin gyi lop

Bless us that we are self-reliant in using the remedies.

पर्रेषःश्रेष्'ग्रेष'गुष'श्चे'प्र-'दीव'ग्रेष'र्ह्सेपण्।

chö min mö gu kye war jin gyi lop

Bless us that genuine devotion is born within.

व्यवसायुवासारमावया अस्यायराष्ट्रीयाष्ट्रीयार्शी

ne luk rang shal jal war jin gyi lop

Bless us that we see the true face of mind's nature.

रटारेवाःब्रेटाद्युबाबदायराच्चेवाचीबार्ज्ञेवबा।

rang rik nying wu se par jin gyi lop

Bless us that self-awareness awaken in the center of our heart.

पर्विजःब्रैटःचिवेःसःकूटेन्यरःच्चेत्रःग्चेत्रःभूचना ।

trul nang shi tsa chö par jin gyi lop

Bless us that delusive appearances be severed at their root.

क्र.चिश्व.यरथ.भिय.पर्वेय.तर.होष.ग्रीथ.ध्रुंचया ।

tse chik sang gye drup par jin gyi lop

Bless us that we achieve enlightenment in a single lifetime.

गर्सेल'न'तर्नेनल'र्से'न्नु'स'रेव'र्से'के।

söl wa dep so la ma rin po che

We supplicate you, precious lama.

ग्र्रिट प्रशादर्भेट् दें देव रहत हैं शा शे हो।

dung we bö do drin chen chö kyi je

Kind one, Lord of Dharma, we call out to you from our longing hearts.

kal me dak la re sa khyö le me

For us unworthy ones, you are the only hope.

विवायात्रीर.रोजेर.अर.पर्ययात्रम.योष.क्रीयाः क्रिया

tuk yi yer me dre par jin gyi lop

Bless us that our minds blend together with yours.

Previously, several devoted practitioners had asked me to write a prayer like this, but time slipped away. Then recently Samdrup Drönma, a lady practitioner of a noble family, and Deva Rakshita earnestly requested me to compose this text, so I, Lodrö Thaye, the mere reflection of a lama in this degenerate time, wrote this supplication at the great retreat place of Dzongshö Deshek Dupa. May virtue and goodness increase.

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¹ Often translated as "accomplishments," the two refer to (1) the eight ordinary, or worldly, siddhis, such as becoming invisible, and (2) the supreme, or supramundane, siddhi, which is full awakening.

² The gods, demigods, humans, animals, hungry ghosts, and hell beings.

³ Chamara is the name of one of the two islands on either side of the southern Continent

- of the Rose Apple in this universe. Lotus Light is the name of the palace where Guru Rinpoche (Padmasambhava) resides.
- 4 Consort and disciple of Guru Rinpoche, she was responsible for concealing his terma, the teachings to be discovered in the future when the time was right.
- <u>5</u> Within the Nyingma tradition, "kama" refers to the oral tradition that has been passed down in a continuous lineage starting with Vajradhara and coming through to one's present lama. "Terma" refers to a lineage of teachings and special objects that were hidden by Guru Rinpoche and others to be discovered at a later time when they would be especially useful.
- <u>6</u> "Union" can be interpreted in many ways, often referring to two terms, which are seen as separate from a relative perspective and never separate from an ultimate one. Examples are the pairs of samsara and nirvana, the relative truth and ultimate truth, the development stage and completion stage, and so forth.
- 7 A name given to the great Nyingma master Longchen Rabjam.
- <u>8</u> This refers to the four stages of a profound practice that brings a deepening realization of mind's nature as taught in the tradition of the Great Perfection: revelation of the dharmata, increasing experience, awareness reaching fullness, and the exhaustion of all phenomena in the dharmata.
- 9 The two heart sons are Ngok (Ngok Legpay Sherap, eleventh century) and Dromtön (Drom Gyalway Jungne, 1004–1063). The two together with Atisha (Jowo Je, 982–1054) are often referred to as *jo ngok drom sum*.
- 10 Tushita (Ganden, the Realm of Joy) is one of the god realms located within the realm of desire. It is here that future buddhas wait to take rebirth in the human realm.
- 11 Marpa (Marpa the Translator, 1012–1097) made three arduous trips to India and brought back numerous teachings, including those on mahamudra and thirteen major tantras. These form the backbone of practice in the Kagyu lineage to this day. Milarepa (1052–1135) is the spiritual heir of Marpa and Tibet's great yogi. He is especially famous for his perseverance in practice and his inspiring spiritual songs, known all over Tibet and translated into dozens of languages. Gampopa (1079–1153), the sun-like heir of Milarepa, was first a doctor and then became a monk studying extensively in the Kadampa tradition. Subsequently, he met Milarepa and combined the two streams of Kadampa and mahamudra into one lineage, practiced to this day. Gampopa's most famous text was *The Jewel of Precious Liberation*, a foundation for study in the Kagyu tradition.
- 12 Another name for Avalokiteshvara, the embodiment of compassion, of whom the Karmapa is an emanation.
- 13 The four elder lineages refer to the first generation of disciples of Gampopa (1079–1153): Karma Kagyu or Karma Kamtsang, Tsalpa Kagyu, warom Kagyu, and Phakmo Drupa Kagyu. The eight younger lineages refer to disciples of Phakmo Drupa (1110–1170) and constitute the second generation: Drikung, Taklung, Drukpa, Trophu, Yelpa, Martsang,

Yamsang, and Shugsep.

- 14 Being awake, dream, deep sleep, and coitus.
- 15 These five are the early great masters of the Sakya lineage: Kunga Nyingpo (1092–1158), Sonam Tsemo (1142–1182), Trakpa Gyaltsen (1147–1216), Sakya Pandita (1182–1251), and Chögyal Phakpa (1235–1280).
- 16 An important Kagyu lineage, founded by warapa Gyaltsen Palzang (1310–1391).
- 17 Or the fifth path of no more learning, which comes after the four paths of accumulation, joining, seeing, and cultivation.
- 18 Thangtong Gyalpo (1361–1485) was a great Shangpa master and also builder of iron bridges throughout Tibet, thereby facilitating pilgrimage and commerce. He is also responsible for inaugurating the famous Dege Monastery and printery as well as creating Tibetan opera.
- 19 Prana, or "wind," refers to the energy that moves though the channels (*nadis*) of the illusory or vajra body.
- <u>20</u> Padampa Sanggye (d.1117) was a siddha from south India who visited Tibet several times and introduced the practice of pacification (*zhije*).
- 21 Machik Lapdrön (Machik Lapkyi Drönma 1055–1149) was the progenitor of the practice of $ch\ddot{o}$, or cutting through, the only practice to pass from Tibet back to India.
- 22 "Self" here refers to what seems to be an independent, permanent, and self-generating entity that we take to be who we are. Upon analysis, however, it collapses.
- 23 Dölpopa (Dölpopa Sherap Gyaltsen 1292–1361) was a great scholar and practitioner of the Kalachakra Tantra and also of the Jonang tradition, whose teachings emphasize the luminous nature of mind and buddha nature, found equally in all living beings.
- <u>24</u> In the singular, "aspect" usually refers to radiant clarity inseparable from emptiness. In the plural ("all the supreme aspects"), "aspects" refer to all the qualities of the Buddha. Both interpretations are possible.
- 25 Taranatha (1575–1635) received many tantric transmissions from India and translated texts from Sanskrit. He held the *zhantong* (empty of other) view of Dölpopa, and among other texts, he wrote the famous *History of India*.

In the line below, "the three messengers" refer to outer, inner, and secret yoginis, who have different stages of realization. Each type is further divided into lower, average, and superior levels. For example, the three levels of the outer yogini refer to yoginis arisen from mantra, from a pure field, and to those who are spontaneously arisen.

<u>26</u> The next three verses relate to Jamyang Khyentse Wangpo (1820–1892), who was a leading figure of the nonsectarian (*rimé*) movement in nineteenth-century Tibet.

- 27 Knowing things are they are (ultimately) and as they manifest (relatively).
- 28 In Great Perfection teachings, this is attained when the impure *nadi*, *prana*, and *bindu* are purified or transformed, and the dharmakaya becomes manifest. It is also explained that the "kaya" refers to awakening and the "vase" to the fact that this contains all phenomena, which arise from it.
- 29 The next four verses are related to Jamgön Kongtrul Lodrö Thaye (1813–1899), a brilliant scholar of the nonsectarian (*rimé*) movement. He is the author of this text and of the famous Five Treasuries, which preserve essential teachings of the Tibetan spiritual tradition.
- <u>30</u> A precious human birth is taught to have eight freedoms and ten leisures, the qualities needed for practicing Dharma.
- 31 The state between death and birth, when we have a mental body that is driven by the positive and negative actions we have done.

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