

## **Prayers and Aspirations**

## Refuge Prayer (Taking refuge in the Three Jewels) 3x

I go for refuge to the **Buddha, Dharma,** and **Sangha** until I achieve enlightenment. By the power of the goodness that I do, in giving and the rest, may I reach Buddhahood for the sake of every living being.

## Refuge Prayer (Taking refuge in the Three Jewels) 3x [Tib.]

Sang gye chu dang tsok kyi chok nam la, jang chub bar du dak ni kyab su chi dak ki jin sok gyi pay so nam kyi, dro la pen chir sang gye drup par shok

## Seven Line Supplication Prayer to Guru Rinpoche 3x

Hung Born in the North-West country of Urgyen In the pollen-heart of a lotus Marvelous is the perfection of your attainment And therefore are you famous as the Lotus Born. Surrounded by your circle of many dakinis It is you in whose footsteps I tread. Give me your blessings and come to me.

GURU PEMA SIDDHI HUNG OM AH HUNG BENZA GURU PEMA SIDDHI HUNG

# Seven Line Supplication Prayer to Guru Rinpoche 3X [Tib.]

Hung orgyen yul gyi nup jang tsham Pema gesar dong po la Ya tshen chok gi ngo drup nye Pema jung nay zhe su drak Khor du khandro mang po kor Khye kyi je su dak drup kyi Jin gyi lap chir shek su sol.



#### GURU PEMA SIDDHI HUNG OM AH HUNG BENZA GURU PEMA SIDDHI HUNG

पुंः र्ह्रवायायाः क्रेव, त्रांप्रॅाट. क्रुव, क्षेट. धेवा, वी, चर्कैट. पट्टेचया. हीव. खंचया. क्रय. क्रिय. तथिवाया

## The Continuous Shower of Blessings

# A Prayer to the Lineage of the Great Perfection's Heart-Essence of the Vast Expanse (Dzogpachenpo Longchen Nyingtik)

revealed by Jigme Lingpa

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#### emaho

Emaho!

में.कट.ह्रियाय.केंट.राज.टापु.बुट.पिशय.ययह

#### gyaché choklhung dralwé zhingkham né

In the heavenly realm, free from all dimensions and extremes,

## dangpö sangye chöku kuntuzang

Is the Primordial Buddha, the dharmakāya Samantabhadra;

जूट्याओं.के.ब्रिट्र, ऱ्या.क्या.हू.हू.यायवह

## longku chudé roltsal dorjé sem

His wisdom play, like the reflection of the moon in water, the sambhogakāya Vajrasattva;

श्रैजा.सेर.अक्थ.ह्वाया.टवाटा.रटा.ह्.ह्.जः

#### tulkur tsen dzok garab dorjé la

Perfect with all buddha qualities, nirmāṇakāya Garab Dorje;

वार्ष्यान्यः तद्वेवयार्षः च्चेत्रः ज्ञवयः द्वटः वञ्गरः र्ह्स्यः

## solwa deb so jinlab wangkur tsol

To you I pray: Grant me your blessings and empowerment!

त्री.श्रीट्र.ट्रेंब.ट्याक्र्याग्री.यह्न्ट्री

#### shiri singha döndam chö kyi dzö

Śrī Singha, treasure of the ultimate Dharma;

## jampal shenyen tek gü khorlö gyur

Mañjuśrīmitra, universal ruler of the Nine Yānas;

ह्न्'व्'सु'5'प्रकेळेव'चे'स'यम्ह

## jnanasutra penchen bimalar

Jñānasūtra, great paņḍita Vimalamitra;



वार्ष्र्याचार्यात्र्यात्र्यात्र्याचीत्रायमाञ्चाञ्चर

## solwa deb so droljé lam na tön

To you I pray: Show me the way to make my mind free!

तह्त्रासु म्रीट वी मुत्र वा रुवा राष्ट्रा तर्ज्यः

#### dzambuling gi gyen chik pema jung

Padmasambhava, sole ornament of this world of ours,

ट्य.तर.धिवाय.ग्री.श्रय.शक्र्य.हं.पटाट्य.ग्र्वायक्ष

## ngepar tuk kyi sé chok jebang drok

Your supreme heart-disciples, Trisong Detsen, Vairotsana, and Yeshe Tsogyal;

विवाबावाने मामु अर्केते प्रमात्र्याचा में मामुमा स्वावा

#### tuk ter gyatsö da drol longchen zhab

Longchenpa, who revealed a vast ocean of wisdom mind treasures;

भावतः तर्वेति । रवित्यः सह्रिं - यगायः चचयः तह्यायः से - ख्वीटः ह

#### khandrö ying dzö kabab jikmé ling

Jikme Lingpa, entrusted with the space treasury of the dakinis;

वार्य्या पार्याच्या संग्रहें

#### solwa deb so drebu tob drol tsol

To you I pray: Grant me fruition and liberation!

ब्रिट् लब्द ह्या त्रास्य त्र विद्यात्र क्षेत्र क्ष्या वीष

#### si lé ngepar jungwé zhenlok gi

Through true renunciation and disgust for samsāra,

र्स्-हेत्र:ब्राखार्न्ब:ब्रुव:ब्रियाःचिव:चह्नेवः

## dorjé lama dönden mik zhin ten

May I rely upon my vajra lama meaningfully, as though he were my very eyes,

कु.पशिंट.त्र्याप.तश्चित.च्य.धूपु.धेश्वय्न.जुर्थ.जु

#### chi sung kadrub zabmö nyamlen la

Following his instructions to the letter, and taking to heart the profound practices he gives,

ह्रियामुद्राये पञ्चातास्याया वे उत्रामीया

#### temkyang mepé drub tsuk zhé rü kyi

Not just now and then, but with diligent and constant application,

विवायाक्चित्र पूर्वात्यायते चित्र क्षायाय व्याप्त प्राप्त विवाध

#### tukgyü gongpé jinlab powar shok

May I become worthy of the transmission of his profound wisdom mind!

## nangsi khordé yené womin zhing

Since all that appears and exists, saṃsāra and nirvāṇa, from the very beginning is the Akaniṣṭha pure realm of the buddhas,

झ. ज्ञियाया. कूया. से.स. ट्या. ह्याया. श्रेव . टायु . यहायाः

#### Iha ngak chökur dak dzok minpé dré



Where all appearance is liberated into perfect buddha forms; all sounds are purified into mantra; all thoughts are matured into dharmakāya;

श्चर-धर-धि-क्ष्याश्चर-तत्त्वः ह्वायानाः छः

## panglang jatsol mepé dzokpa ché

And since Dzogpachenpo is free of any effort of abandoning and adopting,

चेय.येश्रय.लूट.ट्रिट्रेट.जय.पट्य.स्वी.राष्ट्र.वीट्टवः

#### shenyam yichö lé dé rigpé dang

And since rigpa's self-radiance is beyond thoughts and experience,

क्र्या.धेट.थारूच.थांवा.हेच.त्रन.वाक्र्ट.तर.चूंचाः

#### chönyi ngönsum jenpar tongwar shok

May I see the naked reality of dharmatā!

षक्य.थपु.धूर्याता.क्य.गूजातहप.चुर.स्रिटायह

#### tsenmé tokpa namdrol jazer bub

May all ordinary clinging to reality be totally liberated into rainbow light,

अ.८८.ह्रवा.जृषु.थेष्रथा.कैट.व्रूट.२.पह्रेजः

## ku dang tiklé nyam nang gong du pel

And the experiences of kāyas and tiklés increase!

म्या.क्ष्य.जूट्य.क्षेत्र.बुट्रावश्रय.क्ष्ट्र.ज.स्रेट्यः

#### riktsal longkü zhingkham tsé la peb

May rigpa's strength be enhanced, maturing into the fullness of sambhogakāya perfection!

क्र्याचर म्रिंग्यर्था क्रेय्र स्ट्रा यह्या मुखा है

#### chö zé lodé chenpor sangye té

As all perception of phenomenal reality wears out, and the conceptual mind dies into the state of total enlightenment,

वार्ष्य व.च.च.भ.म.वा.च.ज्रीट.चुय.तर.र्ज्वाः

#### zhönnu bumkur tensi zinpar shok

May I gain the stronghold of the youthful vase body, free from birth and death!

विव 'र्' क्वा पर्ट्रिय विश्वरा द्वा सा स्ट्रिय हैं

## shintu naljor nyam ok machü dé

But if I am not able to master the practice of the great Atiyoga in this life,

रवाबालुबानुस्वाअते रिच्चीस्वासुग्याचीया वह

## rak lü dangmé ying su madrol na

And this gross physical body is not liberated into the pure space of the rainbow body,

वयावियाक्रं धीर्प्राचर् छीर्प्राचिर्

#### nam zhik tsé yi dujé tungwé tsé

Then, when the constituents that form this life fall apart—

पकु.टा.पूट.वायना.चा.पूया.श्रेर.चरह

## chiwa ösal kadak chökur shar



At the moment of death may the ground luminosity arise as the dharmakāya, pure from the beginning;

चर.ट्र्यु.बैट.क.ज्ट्य.ब्रैंट.ह्र्यथ.भेर.च्र्जः

#### bardö nangcha longchö dzok kur drol

May appearances of the bardo experience be liberated into saṃbhogakāya forms;

विवाय.कूट. चूट. मेल.लश. ग्री. अल. ह्वाय. ययह

#### trekchö tögal lam gyi tsal dzok né

And, perfecting the path of trekchö and tögal,

श्र.तट.चे.पर्चे.वी.सी.सी.सी.या.चर.सूर्याः

#### mapang bu juk tabur drolwar shok

May I be liberated, as naturally as a child running into its mother's lap!

यायाट.कुर.जूट.यायाया.हाया.ता.वाकूया.या.झु

#### sang chen ösal tekpa chok gi tsé

In this great secret mantrayana path of luminosity—Dzogpachenpo—the summit of all,

यात्याः मृषायाव्य वयात्री स्वाक्रियाः स्वाप्ताः

#### sangye zhen né mitsol chökü zhal

Enlightenment is to be sought nowhere but in the face of the dharmakāya.

अर्देव'ग्रुर'गर्देद्'अदे'ष'ल'अ'र्ग्व्याद्

#### ngön gyur dömé sa la madrol na

If I'm not liberated into the primordial state by actualizing this,

षा.टाष्ट्रीय.यट्याम्येयाक्र्या.र्जेतु.लघा.याक्र्या.जः

#### magom sangye chö ngé lam chok la

Then, by taking the sublime path of the five practices of 'enlightenment without meditation',

यष्ट्रेम् न्या रहार विमाध्या विष्या स्थापि ।

#### ten né rangzhin trulpé zhing nga dang

May I be born in one of the naturally emanated realms of the five buddha families,

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#### khyepar pema ö kyi podrang du

And especially in the 'Palace of Lotus Light', the Zangdokpalri heaven of Guru Rinpoche,

रेपा'तह्त्र'मु'ठाळूपु'ताळू,ठाळूपा'लू,मीय'ह्रा

## rigdzin gyatsö tso chok orgyen jé

In the presence of the Lord of Orgyen himself, chief of the ocean of vidyādhara masters,

वोबाट.कुर्य.कूर्य.ग्री.टवाय.कूर्य.पंग्रीट.रायु.बारहै

## sang chen chö kyi gatön gyepé sar

While he is celebrating the feast of the great secret mantra Dharma,

ब्रयःग्री.वि.ट्र्रःभ्रेषः४षः८विषयः८विंटःश्रेः

#### sé kyi tuwor kyé né ukyung té

Let me be born as his favourite son or daughter,



ष्रचय.लब्र.पंजू.पंपु.धुर.पंकूर.पर्वा.पंग्रीर.र्ज्या

## tayé drowé nyer tsor dak gyur shok

To take upon myself the task of helping limitless beings!

र्या पह्य मैजा पामी अष्ट्र में विश्व स्वापा प्राप्त

#### rigdzin gyalwa gyatsö jinlab dang

Through the inspiration and blessing of the ocean of victorious vidyādharas,

कूष.८ट्टीटब.नवथा.थ्र.विच.नपु.नट्रेब.न.लुब्ह

#### chöying sam mi khyabpé denpa yi

By the truth of the dharmadhātu, beyond conception,

ट्या.पर्च्रिस.स्रेब.जा.स्याबा.श्रेब.सिट्या.यधिषा.ग्रीह

## daljor ten la dzok min jang sum gyi

And with this free and well-favoured human form, may I train in the three activities of perfecting, ripening and purifying,

मुव 'पद्येज'ब्राट्य 'ग्रीर'ब्राट्य 'ग्रीव ह्य'पर 'प्र्या

tendrel ngön gyur sangye tobpar shok

## And by actualizing this auspicious interconnection, attain the state of buddhahood!

तुँ र्यूट् केन क्षेट्यी होयाये व्यक्ष याने व्यवस्थात्र स्ति क्षेत्र व्यवस्थात्र

## The Prayer of the Ground, Path & Fruition

from the Heart-Essence of the Vast Expanse

न्ययागुन्, मृत्वन र्याया सुगाय स्याया

#### pal kuntu zangpo la chak tsal lo

Homage to glorious Samantabhadra!

यर्दिन् अदे यावया श्रयाया उत्तः चिवः श्र्रेंबा प्रतः च्रथः

#### dömé neluk rangzhin trö dangdral

The true nature of things is naturally free of conceptual projections.

ळ्ट्राचाकात्र्यं मुखानकात्र्ये काम्बिनकः

#### yöpa mayin gyalwé di ma zik

It does not exist, since even the victorious ones do not see it.

ब्रेट्-दाबाधीव-पार्चर-पट्यागुव-ग्री-पादिः

#### mepa mayin khordé kün gyi zhi

Yet neither is it non-existent, as it is the ground of all samsāra and nirvāṇa.

यवात्राचर्यं व्यात्रीयं त्राह्म्यः विद्यात्रीयाः व्याप्तरं वर्षः

#### galdu mayin jöjé yul lé dé

There is no contradiction here, for it lies beyond the realm of expression.

**ह्यायाळे न्यावि धी यात्रया श्रमाया हे याया स्ट्रम्या** 



## dzogchen zhi yi neluk tokpar shok

May all realize this Great Perfection, the true nature of the ground!

#### ट्र्यूक्ट्रिट्रप्रम्याच्यू अवत्यम्

#### ngowo tongpé takpé ta lé drol

In essence it is empty, hence free from the limitations of permanence.

#### रट.तबुब.वाबका.यब.कट.तपु.धी.टट.चलह

#### rangzhin salwé chepé mu dangdral

By nature it is clear, and free from the limitations of nihilism.

#### वियात्रा ह. प्रयापा. ग्रुट् . क्रा. क्रूपाया श्रीता. टापु. याष्ट्री

#### tukjé gakmé natsok trulpé zhi

Its capacity unobstructed, it is the ground of manifold emanations.

## गशुकानु न्द्री अप्त में वाला वाकी न्द्री

#### sum du yé yang dön la ta mi dé

It is divided into three, yet in truth there are no such differentiations.

## ह्र्याबाक्ष्य याद्रीयी याद्रवास्यावास्त्रीया

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May all realize this Great Perfection, the true nature of the ground!

#### चलवा ग्रीका की ग्रिया क्षें त्यार्देगाका गाव नदा ज्ञाक

#### sam gyi mi khyab drondok kün dangdral

Inconceivable and free of all superimposition, one-sided fixation

#### लूट्-ट्ट-अट्-तपु-झुबाबा-पहूब-इबा-तर-बुवाह

#### yö dang mepé chok dzin nampar zhik

On things being either existent or non-existent completely dissolves.

#### वर्रे द्वार्य्ह्र्यायाकुयायदे ख्वायाग्रामाह्यायः

#### di dön jö la gyalwé jak kyang duk

The full import of this turns back even the tongue of the victors.

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#### tok ta bar mé tingsal chenpö ying

Without beginning, middle, or end, it is a great expanse of deep clarity.

#### ह्र्यात्रा कुष्ट, याबु, त्या व्यवस्था स्थाया ह्र्यात्रा स्थाया ह्र्यात्रा कुष्ट स्थाया स्याया स्थाया स्याया स्थाया स्थाया

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#### रटार्टे ह्रबाद्याञ्चे बेट्गा-द्याव्यः

## rang ngo namdak kyemé kadak la

Its essence is pristine, unoriginated, and primordially pure.

## श्चेत्र बीटा पर्टे बाबा शिवा तपुर वीट टबा से राटी

#### Ihündrub dümajepé dang sharwa

Whatever manifests is the expression of this unconditioned spontaneous presence.



गुन्-नु-व्यन्त्रहर-देव-कून्-बुन्-वहवा-क्रेन्ड

## güdu ma zung riktong zungjuk cher

Without perceiving them as other, realizing the great unity of awareness-emptiness,

ह्र्याबाराबायाबी धी न्यॉन्बारा स्ट्रिन् डीवः

#### tokpé zhi yi gongpa tsé du chin

One's understanding of the ground will reach a point of culmination.

लब्र.बी.वावट.ज.बूज.ब्रुवाब.ब्रट.तर.सूवाह

#### lam gyi né la gol chok mepar shok

May there be no deviations and mistakes concerning this key point of the path!

धे वयान्या प्रमास्य स्वापित श्रीमा धामा स्रोत्

#### yené dakpé tawé ming yangmé

Pure from the beginning, even the term "view" does not exist.

रटार्टे देवा ध्या श्रुंबा श्रुंदे स्प्राया दया वर्देवह

## rang ngo rigpé gom gyü shub né dön

Aware of the original state, the sheath of meditation falls away.

यात्रत्र यात्रत्र अद्गर्धाः स्वरं क्षेत्र प्रतः

#### zaté mepé chöpé drok dangdral

There are no reference points, hence no need to restrain one's conduct.

रट.टाबुव.स्थाय.विग्रवार्म्म्याचेत्राह्व.टायु.टटः

#### rangzhin Ihum zhuk trödral jenpé ngang

In the spontaneously present nature, this state of naked simplicity,

यम्भी पाद्य प्राप्त विष्य श्रिवास से द्राप्त स्वा

#### lam gyi né la gol chok mepar shok

May there be no deviations and mistakes concerning this key point of the path!

चन्नात्र्यः द्वाः हुवायः सुष्यः श्रुटः वेटः ह

#### zang ngen namtok chok su ma lhung zhing

Not falling into partiality towards positive thoughts or negative ones,

पर्टा क्रुष्ट्रमा सिटा मा प्रमुद् 'त्' मा त्र्राच्या पर्

#### tangnyom lungmaten du ma jampar

And without giving free rein to a state of indifferent neutrality,

चर.मूंच.रुथ.बुट.मैं.लब.क्षेब.परविषय.मूंट.ह

#### shardrol rimé gya yen lhün jam long

Manifestation and liberation—an expanse unrestricted, unbridled, and spontaneously free.

ब्रम् ब्रम् थे वर्षे स्टान्तिय स्टान्य स्टान्

#### panglang yé zé rangzhin yong shé ngang

Understanding that the nature is inherently devoid of needing to accept and reject,

এষান্ত্রী,বার শেরার্থানা, রুরারা, প্রত্যান্ত্রী,বার শেরার্থানা, বিষ্ণান্ত্রী,বার শেরার্থানা, বিষ্ণান্তরী,বার শের্থানা, বিষ্ণান্তরী,বার শেরার্থানা, বিষ্ণ

#### lam gyi né la gol chok mepar shok

May there be no deviations and mistakes concerning this key point of the path!



## च्यां अपुः ही योषु वेषा श्रायतः के सिप्टान्तः

## tokmé chi zhi namkha tabü ngang

Like space, awareness is the universal ground and starting point.

## ग्रिक् श्रूमः देग् पायायायाया श्रीव देम् याप्तिवश

#### zhi nang rigpa kha la trin deng zhin

Manifest ground spontaneously present, yet vanishing like clouds in the sky,

## क्षेत्रवाक्यानेकायावटानुः स्वायायकः

#### chisal shepa nang du dokpa lé

The mind radiates out, projecting outwards and then returning within

## विट.क्र्य.चैता.र्स्व.ताब्य.वी.रीथा.भेषु.क्रियळ%

## khyechö drukden zhönnu bumkü bub

To the youthful vase body's inner space, possessing six unique characteristics—

#### বহাৰান্ত্ৰবি'ক্সুঝাৰ্যান্তৰ্ব'ৰা'ন্ত্ৰৰ'ন্ত্ৰম'ৰ্মুবাট্ট

#### drebü gyalpo tsensa zinpar shok

May all seize the throne of this majestic fruition!

#### धेवबर्द्यान्त्रवानुबन्धः स्वयः

#### yené rangrik kuntuzangpo la

From the very beginning, awareness itself is Samantabhadra.

#### इंटाचितुः खे.पट्टेट अघर ट्या ट्वेट्य शं.लनः

#### tob jé shendö tadak ying su yal

Within it, all hoping for attainments dissolves into the sphere of reality,

#### चुःर्रूभः द्वां तद्वार्स्यावारा केवारा देवा वारी वारी वारी

#### jatsol lodé dzokpa chenpö shi

The true character of the Great Perfection, beyond intentional effort;

#### र्नेचेत्यः रेया गुन् रनु रचन् रवेते स्थापतः व्रॉट स्थापतः

#### yingrik kuntuzangmö kha long bub

The sphere of reality and awareness, the inner space of Samantabhadrī—

#### বহাৰান্ত্ৰিই'ক্ৰুঝ'ৰ্ঘ'নৰ্ভৰ'ৰাইৰ'নেম'ৰ্মুবা

#### drebü gyalpo tsensa zinpar shok

May all seize the throne of this majestic fruition!

#### रपःमुःबैःगवसारसुःबाळेवःर्यदैःर्देवः

#### rabtu miné uma chenpö dön

Utterly non-abiding—the nature of the Great Middle Way;

## वियायान्याः श्रुवः यद्यकाराः खयाः क्वेचः केवः देवैः न्दरः

#### khyab dal Ihün jam chakgya chenpö ngang

All-embracing and spontaneously vast—the state of Mahāmudrā;

#### ष्ट्रायः मुंद्रायः स्वायः स्वायः स्वयः स्वायः स्वयः स्वय

#### ta drol long yang dzokpa chenpö né



Freed from limitations and wide open—the key point of the Great Perfection.

## कार्यकार्याद्य एत् याविकः हॅर्याका क्षुद्रा श्रुपा क्षुरुका स्थापन हिन्द । स्थापन स्यापन स्थापन स्य

The virtues of the levels and paths fundamentally complete—spontaneously present inner space.

वडाकासुदी मुखार्चा पर्वत्र का जीवा पर्रास्त्रीयह

## drebü gyalpo tsensa zinpar shok

May all seize the throne of this majestic fruition!

प्चां मूर्य 'वंशायात' अवेशातमः मृत्याः है चटा की तर्जूचा है। यो प्टां की त्रिवंह वंशायावपुः कुटा स्वया होवा होयह च्या प्राच्या श्रृंव 'त्या श्रिव ह्या स्वहंह मृत्य हिंगा होया त्यास्य प्याप्तां मृह चटा मृत्य होया प्याप्तां वंशायां मृह चटा मृत्य होया प्राप्तां वंशायां मृत्यां चटा मृत्य वंशायां मृत्यां प्राप्तां हें चटा मृत्यं प्राप्तां के प्राप्तां होयां हो स्वि चटा मृत्यं प्राप्तां के प्राप्तां के प्राप्तां होयां हो स्व चटा मृत्यं प्राप्तां के प्राप्तां के प्राप्तां होयां हो स्व चटा मृत्यं प्राप्तां के प्राप्तां के प्राप्तां होयां हो स्व चटा मृत्यं प्राप्तां के प्राप्तां के प्राप्तां के प्राप्तां होयां हो स्व चटा स्वाप्तां के प्राप्तां क

This profound prayer, a summation of the seal Of the quintessential vast expanse, Was set down at the behest of the protector of the teachings, The Rishi Rāhula, who took the form of a monk. To make meaningful the spread of the profound reality And bring to perfection this prayer of interdependence, I let loose this profound seal to the mad yogi of Kong. Entrusting it to this hidden master of awareness Who himself has been blessed by Ākāśagarbha. May its benefit for beings equal the extent of space!

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## Seven-Branch Prayer

With joyous Faith I prostrate to the Noble All-Seeing One

And to all the Buddhas and Bodhisattvas of the ten directions and the three times.

I make offerings both actual and imagined of flowers, incense, lights, perfume, food, music and much else.

All you assembled Noble Ones, please accept them.



From beginning-less time until now, I confess all the ten unvirtuous acts and the five actions of unlimited consequences I have committed when influenced by obscuring passions.

I rejoice in the merit of whatever virtue Sravakas, Pratyekabuddhas, Bodhisattvas and ordinary people have gathered throughout the three times.

I pray you turn the wheel of Dharma in the form of the greater and lesser vehicles for as many different aptitudes as are present in the motivations of all sentient beings.

I beseech you not to pass into nirvana, but until samsara is completely emptied, to look with great compassion on all sentient beings who are lost in an ocean of frustration and sorrow.

May whatever merit I have accumulated become a cause for the enlightenment of all beings.

May I myself, without delay, become foremost among protectors of beings.

## The Four Thoughts That Turn One's Mind to Dharma

*First*, A precious human birth favorable for Dharma practice, is hard to obtain and easily lost. I must make this life meaningful.

**Second**, The world and all its inhabitants are impermanent. In particular, the life of each being is like a water bubble. It is uncertain when I will die and become a corpse. At that time only Dharma can help, so I must practice now with diligence.

**Third**, When death comes there is no freedom, and karma takes its course. Since I create my own karma, I should abandon all unwholesome actions, and always devote my time to whole-some actions. With this in mind, I must observe my mind stream each day.

**Fourth**, Just like a feast before the executioner leads me to my death—home, friends, pleasures and possessions of samsara cause me continual torment by means of the three sufferings. I must cut through all attachment and strive to attain Enlightenment.

## **Bodhicitta**

Bodhicitta is precious.

May it arise in whom it has not arisen.

Once arisen, may it ever grow and flourish!

## **Loving-Kindness Aspiration (Metta Sutta)**

This is what should be done by one who is skilled in goodness, and who knows the path of peace:



Let them be able and upright, straightforward and gentle in speech, humble and not conceited, contented and easily satisfied, unburdened with duties and frugal in their ways. Peaceful and calm and wise and skillful, not proud or demanding in nature. Let them not do the slightest thing that the wise would later reprove.

Wishing —In gladness and in safety, May all beings be at ease. Whatever living beings there may be; Whether they are weak or strong, omitting none, the great or the mighty, medium, short or small, the seen and the unseen, those living near and far away, those born and to be born — May all beings be at ease!

Let none deceive another, or despise any being in any state. Let none through anger or ill-will wish harm upon another. Even as a mother protects with her life her child, her only child, so with a boundless heart should one cherish all living beings; Radiating kindness over the entire world: Spreading upwards to the skies, and downwards to the depths; Outwards and unbounded, freed from hatred and ill-will.

Whether standing or walking, seated or lying down. Free from drowsiness, one should sustain this recollection.

This is said to be the sublime abiding.

By not holding to fixed views, the pure-hearted one, having clarity of vision, being free from all sense desires, awakens from suffering, and discovers everlasting peace.

#### The Four Immeasurables

#### (Four Boundless Forms of True Love)

#### Loving-kindness, Compassion, Joy and Equanimity.

May all sentient beings have happiness and the root of happiness,

May all sentient beings be free of suffering and the root of suffering,

May all sentient beings never be separated from the highest bliss, which is without suffering May all sentient beings rest in limitless equanimity, free from attachment and aversion to those near and far.

#### May all sentient beings have happiness and the root of happiness:

**Loving Kindness** is the intention and capacity to offer joy and happiness to yourself and others. The intention is that the person be happy, peaceful, content, light in body and spirit, safe and free from injury, feel loved, and feel connected. Having the capacity means you understand someone and have the skill to actually bring them joy and happiness. Loving-kindness is not attachment. Attachment is a way of using someone else to manage our own emotions. Attachment causes us to try to control others so that we or they will never feel suffering. True loving-kindness does not try to control.

#### May all sentient beings be free of suffering and the root of suffering;



**Compassion** is the intention and capacity to relieve and transform suffering and lighten sorrows. The intention is to bring freedom from all forms of suffering – freedom from anger, fear, despair, hatred, confusion, worry, anxiety, and all unwholesome mental formations. Compassion is not pity, which involves a feeling of superiority to others. Compassion involves the understanding of how deeply connected we are to others.

May all sentient beings never be separated from the highest bliss, which is without suffering; Joy is well-being, gratitude, peace, and contentment in the mind in the here and now. In regards to others, it is the intention and capacity to rejoice when others are happy. Joy is not comparison. When we compare, it can easily lead to a superiority- ("I am better because I have more") or inferiority,-("I am worse because I have less").

May all sentient beings rest in limitless equanimity, free from attachment and aversion to those near and far.

**Equanimity** is non-attachment, non-discrimination, non-judgment, letting go, loving all equally, accepting ourselves as we are without conditions, giving ourselves and others space to make mistakes, to experiment, to be ourselves, to be happy, to be sad, or to experience whatever it is that we are experiencing. It is neither cold nor indifferent. Nor does it mean that we do not see differences between things. We still see and understand that everyone has different skills and capacities, and yet we accept others as they are.

#### **Dedication of Merit**

By this merit, may all attain omniscience.

May it defeat the enemy, wrong-doing.

From the stormy waves of birth—old age—sickness—and death,

From the ocean of samsara

May I free all beings.