A Prayer for the Swift Return of Lama Zopa Rinpoche By His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama, Tenzin Gyatso

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By His Holiness the 14th Dalai, Lama Tenzin Gyatso

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 children of the victorious ones, śrāvakas, pratyekabuddhas;

Victorious Lozang, father and sons, together with your lineage;
All the objects of refuge of the infinite lands—
Please now bestow the virtue and goodness to accomplish
this prayer.

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

In 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.

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

Sole gateway through which all benefit and happiness emerge, While striving exclusively for the welfare
Of the Victorious One's teachings and mother living beings
You suddenly departed to peace—at this I lost hope.

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 the mind-generation of the children
of the victorious ones,
May the smile of a new reincarnation swiftly beam in glory
for fortunate disciples.

Colophons

Original Colophon:

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

It is devastating that Zopa Rinpoche has gone in this way. However, the most important thing is that when he was still with us, he made the precious mind of enlightenment the foundation of his practice. If his followers who have been left behind train properly in the Guru's way of life, then it is exactly that which will definitely fulfill Rinpoche's wishes. Therefore, keep this in mind. Furthermore, from now on make requests to the Three Jewels as well as earnest dedication prayers.

Composed by the Dalai Lama, a Dharma teacher and \dot{sakya} bhikṣu, on the 24th day of the second month of the Year of the Water Rabbit in the 17th Rabjung cycle, April 14, 2023.

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A Lamenting Wail

A Supplication for the Swift Return of the Supreme Lord of Refuge, Lama Zopa Rinpoche By Khandro Tseringma

La ma khyen / la ma khyen / drin Chhen tsa wäi la ma khyen no

Guru, think of me! Guru, consider me! Gracious Guru, care for me!!

Drin chhen tsa wäi la ma sän ching gong su söl Nyam thag lob bü söl wa nying nä deb Dag sog thug jei kyab og ma dor wa La ma dü sum sang gyä jin gyi lob

Root Guru, most gracious and kind, do not deprive us of your compassionate refuge –

listen and consider this heartfelt prayer made by a tormented disciple.

Guru, you [embody the] blessings of the Buddhas of the Three Times.

Khyä ni kün khyab de wa chhen pöi ngang Ma gag ö sal ying la nyam zhug na ang Tse chhen thug jei röl gar na tshog trül Ye she gyü trül zug ku nyur jön nä Tse chhen thug je kyong wä dü la bab

You may rest in great bliss, equipoise within the *dhātu* of unimpeded luminosity, yet, the playful dance of your loving compassion can emanate in myriad ways – the swift appearance of your magical wisdom, the *rūpakāya*. The time has come for you to care for us [once again] with your affectionate compassion!

Zheng shig zheng shig chhö küi ying nä zheng Kül lo kül lo dro wäi dön du kül Kha chö la sog dag zhing ma zhug par Lho chog dzam büi ling gi tän dro la Lung tog tän pa pel chir nyur jön söl

I invoke you! I call upon you! I implore you on behalf of all beings!

Arise! Arise! Arise from the *dharmakāya*! Do not rest in Khecara or other pure, celestial realms. Rather, to benefit the Buddha's teachings and all living beings, swiftly return to this southern continent to spread the Buddhaharma of study and realisation.

Nyam tag dro wa dren chir nyur jön söl Dag sog sem chän lob bü o dö bö Ngö su jäl nä go sum jin gyi lob

Quickly return to guide us poor, wretched beings! Such is the desperate cry of us, your disciples! [Return] so that we may actually behold your presence and receive the blessings of your [enlightened] body, speech, and mind.

Dag sog sem chän ma rig dzin trül gyi Ku sung tug dang trin lä lhün drub la Gäl trül nong dang dam tshig nyam pa nam Ku sum tong säl ngang du shag pa tsäl

All violations, errors, mistakes, and broken samaya that we have made in relation to your spontaneously present [awakened] body, speech, mind and activity, through our being baffled, confused and conceiving things in erroneous ways, we confess within the luminous emptiness of your three kāyas.

Ta shi kün gyi ta shi chhog TONG NYL NYING JELTA SHI SHOG LA LOB NYUR JÄL TA SHI SHOG

Of everything auspicious, the supreme auspiciousness—may there be the auspiciousness of emptiness and compassion conjoined and the auspiciousness of a timely meeting between master and disciples.

GYUR ME CHHÖ NYI DEN TOB KYI Trül me yang si nyur jön shog

Through the force of the truth of unchanging suchness, may the unmistaken incarnation return quickly!

Dä dam tsang wäi kha dro ngä Dug ngäl mig chhü o dö di Tsa sum lha yi jin gyi lob Trang möi dön nam drub par shog

This lament was made by me, a dakini with pure faith and samaya, her eyes filled with tears of sorrow. May these wishes of a beggar woman be fulfilled through the blessings of the deities of the Three Roots.

Mig ja mig je mig yül nam Chhö nyi de säl long du a

Perception, its object and the act of perceiving all [dissolve] within the expanse, the blissful clarity of suchness. A.

At the special time of the dākinī (the twenty-fifth day of the second month of the lunar calendar, the fifteenth of April, 2023), I, a yoginī of spontaneity, Khandro Tseringma, uttered these words as they came to me, a time of unbearable sadness.

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A Swift Return Prayer to Lama Zopa Rinpoche

By Khenzur Jhado Rínpoche

Thub tän chi dang jam gön gyäl wäi tän Chhog gyar pel la ka chä rab <u>zö pa</u> Sum dän ngur mig dzin pa chhö kyi je Da dräl tän päi päl du nyur jön shog

Patient in bearing the hardships of spreading the teachings of the Muni in general,

And the teachings of the Victorious Jamgon [Tsongkhapa] in hundreds of directions,

Lord of Dharma holding the three vows and wearing saffron robes,

Please quickly return as the glory of the peerless teachings.

Ka <u>thub</u> chhen pö shä drub <u>tän</u> pa dzin Mi <u>zö</u> dug ngäl mün thom dro nam la Jam <u>pa</u> chhen pö de la gö khä päi Tshung me tän päi nyi ma nyur jön shog

You held the teachings of explanation and practice with great asceticism.

Unable to bear that transmigratory beings are confused by the darkness of suffering,

Through your great loving kindness you skilfully led them to happiness.

Unparalleled sun of the teachings, please return quickly.

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Thö sam gom pä tshä <u>thub</u> gyal <u>tän</u> chhog Nyam zhe pel wäi <u>zö</u> chhog gyän gyi pü Dro kün yang dag lam la thri dzä <u>pa</u> Tshä dän je tsün la ma nyur jön shog

Beautified by the ornament of supreme patience in increasing the practice

Of the supreme authentic teachings of the Victorious One through listening, reflection, and meditation, Guide of all transmigratory beings along the perfect path, True and perfect pure guru, please return quickly.

Colophons

Original Colophon:

This request for a swift return of the sublime being, the supreme refuge, Thubten Zopa Rinpoche, who actualized the power of his bodhicitta prayers by spreading the teachings of the Victorious One in general, and in particular, the teachings of Jamgon, the Second Victorious One, to the furthest limit in all directions, was composed on the occasion of his having displayed the act of passing into peace, with the prayer that his profound, immaculate wishes be completely fulfilled, and that the youthful moon of his unmistaken reincarnation will be found with certainty. It was written by the one bearing the name "Khenzur Jhado Tulku" while staying at the Muni Gyana Dharma Centre in Italy on April 13, 2023. May virtue and goodness flourish!

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A Swift Return Prayer to Lama Zopa Rinpoche

By the 11th Lelung Rinpoche

GE DÄN TÄN PÄI DRÖN ME Kyab chhog la ma zö pa Dül ja tag dzin chän nam Chhö la kül chhir sheg song

The lamp of the Geden teachings,
The supreme refuge, Lama Zopa,
Has departed in order to rouse to the Dharma
Disciples who cling to permanence.

Ka dam la mäi nam thar Dag gir zhe päi kye chhog Nyin tshän drel nä tän dror Män päi dzä je chhen po

Supreme being,

You took upon yourself the Kadam teachers' way of life And were bound to it night and day, Greatly benefiting the teachings and transmigratory beings.

La ma thub tän zö pa Tän päi dar shing chhen po Go ser go nag kye güi Dren chhog bä päi näi jor Great mast of the teachings, Supreme guide for east and west, Hidden yogi, Lama Thubten Zopa.

Gong sa gyäl wäi wang po U yi chö pän zhe nä Ka sung chi drub nang khän Da me la ma zö pa

Unrivalled Lama Zopa, You took His Holiness, the Sovereign, Lord of the Victorious Ones,

As your crown,
And followed all his instructions.

Bö sog chi ger du mar Long chö bum pa chhe nä Ngäl wäi dung wa sel wäi Jin dag la ma zö pa

Benefactor Lama Zopa,
For the many public and personal needs of Tibetans and others,
You opened the vase of resources
And cleared away the suffering of hardship.

Ma me dü dro gön me Jam päi thug kyi dzin nä Gön dang pung nyen dam pa Lo chhen la ma zö pa

One of great mind, Lama Zopa, You held helpless and voiceless animals With a mind of loving kindness, And were their holy savior and protector. 22

Tong nyi nying jei shog tsöl Kye dzog tsho mo gäl wa Kyil khor gya tshöi dag nyi Drub thob la ma zö pa

Siddha Lama Zopa,
Lord of the ocean of maṇḍalas,
With the wings of emptiness and compassion
You crossed the waters of the generation and completion
stages.

Bà pài nàl jor chhen po Ge dàn tàn pài dzà gyàn Nge dön gyàl sà chhen po La ma thub tàn 70 pa

Lama Thubten Zopa,
Great hidden yogi,
Ornament of the activities of the Geden teachings,
In truth, a great son of the victorious ones.

Sang wa ye she thug kar Pä nyi dän gyi teng nä Dag sog nyig mäi dro war Khyö kyi gong pa tä nä

Having thought of me
And other transmigratory beings of the degenerate age
From your seat of lotus and sun
At the heart of Sangwa Yeshe,¹

¹ Tib. gsang ba ye shes. This $d\bar{a}kin\bar{\iota}$ is the principal deity of a cycle of treasure teachings associated with the Lelung incarnation lineage. The teachings were hidden by Padmasambhava, discovered by Mingling Choje Terdag Lingpa, and transmitted to the Fifth Lelung Rinpoche.

Nyi ma bum gyi zi jin Wang trül sam phel nor bu Dä päi chhu bur mig la Ma thog nyur war zhä ang

May the jewel that fulfills all wishes, Emanating again with the brilliance of ten thousand suns, Smile swiftly and without obstacles To our eyes filled with tears of faith.

Colophons

Original Colophon:

This was written spontaneously by Lelung while remembering the life and activities of the great being, the great unequalled lamp of the teachings, the supreme Lama Thubten Zopa Rinpoche, at the time when he departed for the sake of others. April 13, 2023.

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च्याः श्रेन्याः स्वेत्रः स्वा चन्ताः श्रेन्याः स्वेत्रः स्वेत्रः व्या चन्ताः श्रेन्याः स्वेत्रः स्वेत्रः व्या चन्त्रः स्वेत्रः स्वेत्रः स्वेत्रः स्वा च्याः स्वेत्रः स्वेत्रः स्वेत्रः स्वा

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If it is necessary to dispose of printed Dharma materials, they should be burned rather than thrown in the trash. When burning Dharma texts, visualize that the letters transform into an A (σ) and the A absorbs into your heart. Imagine burning blank paper. As the paper burns, recite OM ĀḤ HŪM or the *Heart Sūtra*, while meditating on emptiness.

Lama Zopa Rinpoche recommends that images of holy beings, deities, and holy objects not be burned. Ideally, if undamaged, they should be put in a stūpa. Otherwise, put them high up in a tree inside a well-sealed structure, something like a bird house, so that the images are protected from the weather and do not end up on the ground.



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