Prayers for the Swift Return of Lama Zopa Rinpoche

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Artwork by Lama Zopa Rinpoche.

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—His Holiness the Dalai Lama

A Prayer for the Swift Return of Lama Zopa Rinpoche

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७७। वि.स्रेन् सूर्वायास्य प्रतास्य प्रतास्य । र्ना त्र्य स्वास्य स्वास्य स्वास्य स्वास्य । र्ना त्र्य स्वास्य स्वास्य स्वास्य स्वास्य । र्ने त्र्य स्वास्य स्वास्य स्वास्य स्वास्य ।

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.

सर्द्धन्यः से नृहे न द्वंत्रः स्वास्त्रः निष्यः व स्वास्त्रः स्वास्त्रः स्वास्त्रः स्वास्त्रः स्वास्त्रः स्वास वयः प्यतः स्वास्त्रः स्वास्त्रः

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

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.

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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

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!

डेश्रायायदे हे नश्रुद्धायदे म्हार्थ मार्थ मार्थ हे न्या हुन्य से हुन्य से न्या हुन्य से हुन्य हुन्य से हुन्य हुन्य से हुन्य हुन्य से हुन्य ह

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 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.

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A Swift Return Prayer to Lama Zopa Rinpoche

By Khenzur Jhado Rínpoche

য়ः चलः चक्रेयः सदुः देसलः २ : श्रीयः सूर्यः मृथ्यः । व्यश्यः स्वरः २ रः श्रीयः वह्र्यः सः क्रूयः ग्रीः हे। । अश्राः स्वरः स्वरः स्थाः वह्र्यः सः क्रूयः ग्रीः हे। । अश्राः स्वरः स्वरः स्थाः । ।

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.

द्यायः त्रुत्रः क्रेष्ठः स्थाः त्रुष्ठः त्र्युतः त्रुष्ठः । द्यायः त्रुत्रः क्षेष्ठः त्रुष्ठः त्रुष्ठः त्रुष्ठः । यक्दर्यासे न्यस्त्र प्रति क्षेत्र स्त्रीत् स्त्रीत्र स्त्रीत् ।

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.

क्र्नाक्ष्याच्युं स्थान्य स्यान्य स्थान्य स्थान्य स्थान्य स्थान्य स्थान्य स्थान्य स्थान्य स्य

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:

शु. १३-≈-२०२३ मुंबान्तरम् त्वेत्वाकात्वेता अक्ष्रकाश्चित्रम् मुंबाकात्वन्नम् मुंबान्तरम् स्वेत्रम् स्वेत्रम् स्वान्तरम् स्वेत्रम् स्वान्तरम् स्वेत्रम् स्वेत्रम् स्वेत्रम् स्वान्तरम् स्वेत्रम् स्वान्तरम् स्वेत्रम् स्वेत्यम् स्वेत्रम् स्वेत्रम्यस्वेत्रम् स्वेत्रम् स्वेत्रम् स्वेत्रम्

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 Lamenting Wail

A Supplication for the Swift Return of Kyabje Lama Zopa Rinpoche

By Rangjung Neljorma Khandro Tseringma

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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

Most gracious Root Guru,

Do not deprive us of your compassionate refuge—

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

Guru, embodiment of the buddhas of the three times, please bless me.

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 all-pervading great bliss, equipoise within the dhātu of unimpeded luminosity,

Yet the playful dance of your loving compassion emanates in myriad ways—

The time has come for the return

Of the swift appearance of your magical wisdom, the *rūpakāya*,

And for you to care for us once again with your affectionate

compassion!

यबेर्या भेगायबेर्या भेगार्केया भुदे प्रश्चेर्या दया यबेर्या। नभुवाक्षानभुवाक्षावर्के नदे देव दु नभुवा। श्रावतः श्रुट् । यः श्री वाश्रान्याः वेदः सः नत्याश्राः स्रा र्बे र्से ग्रायद्यात्ते सीट मी नमूत वर्षे त्या खुर-हेंग्रथ-नश्रुव-ध-श्रेष-धुर-धुर-वर्धेव-गर्थेष।।

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

Arise! Arise! Arise from the dharmakāva! I invoke you! I call upon you! I implore you on behalf of all beings! Do not rest in Khecara or other pure realms. Rather, to benefit the Buddha's teachings and all living beings, Swiftly return to this southern continent to spread the Buddhadharma of study and realization.

क्ष्यःचनाःवर्जेः नःवर्देवःध्रेनःधूनःवर्जेवःनार्थेत्य।। नन्नाः सेन्याः सेस्रयः उदः क्षेत्रः नुसः देः देनः दर्नेन्।। र्ट्सर्स्य सहयात्रसार्स्सर्गास्त्रसान्त्रेत्र मुक्तर्स्स्त्रसा

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 body, speech, and mind.

भ्रु, नाशुस्र क्रूंट्र नाश्चरा स्टर्ड् न्याशुस्र क्रूंट्र नाश्चरा स्टर्ड्न प्राप्त स्टर्ज्य स्टर्ज्य स्टर्ड्न प्राप्त स्टर्ज्य स्टर्च्य स्टर्ज्य स्टर्ज्य स्टर्ज्य स्टर्ज्य स्टर्ज्य स्टर्ज्य स्टर्ज

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 body, speech, mind, and spontaneous activity, Through our being confused and conceiving things in erroneous ways,

We confess within the luminous emptiness of your three kāyas.

য়ःश्चॅनःश्चेरःस्वेरःहेतःनगःनेशःर्नुगा सूरःहेरःश्वेरःहेतःनगःनेशःर्नुगा नगःनेशःगुदःश्चेःनगःनेशःर्नुगा

Ta shi kün gyi ta shi chhog Tong nyi nying jei ta shi shog La lob nyur jäl ta shi shog

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

दशूर:बेट:ळॅब:हेट:चट्रेव:ब्रूॅनब:ग्रेबा। वह्नवासेनायम् श्रीनासूनावर्षेत्र विवा 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!

<u> ५५.२स.चाङ्र.चदु.श्रीचद.उच्चू.रश्री</u> स्वानस्यासेवाः कुरुषे देने दिन इ.चश्रमक्षात्रात्रात्रात्रात्राच्चेयाध्रम् श्चर सेंदे देव इसम श्वन पर देवा

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.

द्रभेग्रथः तुःद्रभेग्रथः तुद्रःद्रभेग्रथः सुयः स्रथा। क्रॅंश हेन् निर्माणया में निर्माण

Mig ja mig je mig yül nam CHHÖ NYI DE SÄL LONG DU A

Perception, its object, and the perceiver all dissolve within the expanse, The blissful clarity of suchness, A.

Colophons

Original Colophon:

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

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