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Opening Prayers

Taking Refuge and Generating Bodhicitta

र्वे अस्यः मियः क्र्यः दरः क्रूचीयः ग्रीः सक्र्याः इसयः य

sangye chö dang tsok kyi chok nam la

In the Buddha, Dharma and the Supreme Assembly

बरक्ष्य.चर.रे.चरेया.बु.श्चिचया.यी.सक्

changchub bardu dak ni kyab su chi

I take refuge until I attain enlightenment.

વર્રવા. ત્રી બ. સ્ટ્રીફ પૂર્વા બ. વજી અ. તરું. વર્ષ્ય સ્થય જી અ

dak gi jin sok gyipé sönam kyi

Through the merit of practising generosity and the rest,

ત્ર્મું ના ત્વય ક્રીય અન્ય ક્રીય તર્ચી વાત્તર ખૂર્ય

dro la pen chir sangye drubpar shok

May I attain Buddhahood for the benefit of all beings!

(three times)

भ क्रासेर नवेरे क्रें क्रासेर नवेरे क्रें

Training the Mind in the Four Immeasurables

By the power and the truth of this practice

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semchen tamché dewa dang dewé gyu dang denpar gyur chik

May all sentient beings enjoy happiness, and the causes of happiness,

*ૹ૾૾*વી.चर्द्रन.ટીટ.र्जेची.चर्द्रन.कु.क्री.टि.चं.त.चर.कीर.क्र्यो

dukngal dang dukngal gyi gyu dang dralwar gyur chik Be free from suffering, and the causes of suffering,

સુના નસ્ય એનું મહે નને ન_ે ન નુસ માન નુક સે સ્યાન માશુ મહેન

dukngal mepé dewa dampa dang midralwar gyur chik May they never be separated from the great happiness devoid of suffering,

કુનો કુ.કુન.જમીએ.ર્જન.મીકુઅ.રેન.સંત્ર.સતુ.સપેન.સ્ટ્રેસએ.જૂર્ન.જુરો.સ.ત.નીશ્યો.સર.સંજીક.

nyering chakdang nyi dang dralwé tangnyom tsemepa la nepar gyur chik

And may they dwell in the great equanimity that is free from attachment and aversion.

७७। रिस्तमः भुयः पूर्यः हर्षः चन्नरः सूरवेयः चः सर्वः नर्यः स्त्रेरः स्

The Praise to Mañjuśrī: Glorious Wisdom's Excellent Qualities

क्रानरभरत् । मुहूर्नन्तु हहरनु सम्हु हो ।

In the language of India: śrī jñāna guņa bhadra nāma stuti

र्चरश्नरति ।रन्नम्भन्नेयःसूर्यःधरन्यःनुयःचन्त्रं नर्स्यः ।

In the language of Tibet: dpal ye shes yon tan bzang po zhes bya ba'i bstod pa

त्रकृताक्रेषात्रराज्यसम्मानतुः विस्याताक्षयात्रकृतात्र्

Homage to the Lord Mańjughoșa!

म् स्ट्रासर्वेद्रस्ट्रिस्कृत्यस्य परि त्वर्त्रायास्य पर्क्यार्ये

lama dang gönpo jetsün jampé yang la chaktsal lo Homage to the Lama and Jetsün Lord Mańjughoṣa!

चरनु मुंच्या मुन्या है स्वर्थ है स्वर्थ है स्वर्थ स्वर्य स्वर्थ स्वर्य स्वर्थ स्वर्य स्वर्थ स्वर्य स्वय स्वय स्वर्य स्वयं स्वर्य स्वर्य स्वर्य स्वर्य स्वर्य स्वर्य स्वर्य

gang gi lodrö drib nyi trindral nyi tar namdak rabsalwé Your wisdom is brilliant and pure like the sun, free from the clouds of the two obscurations.

દુએન્ટ્રિયોમક્તવાયુષાના કુના બહુર છું ટી છે. કૈના અગાર ઉંના અન્યત્વકૂર્યો

jinyé dön kün jishyin zik chir nyi kyi tukkar lekbam dzin You perceive the whole of reality, exactly as it is, and so hold the book of Transcendental Wisdom at your heart.

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gangdak sipé tsönrar marik mün tum dukngal gyi zirwé You look upon all beings imprisoned within samsara, enshrouded by the thick darkness of ignorance and tormented by suffering,

उर्च् क्रूचीयात्रीक्षात्रात्त्रीत्रीकृतात्रिरात्रकृत्यात्र्यात्रीत्रात्त्रीत्रात्र्यात्रीत्रा

dro tsok kün la bu chik tar tsé yenlak drukchü yangden sung

With the love of a mother for her only child. Your enlightened *speech*, endowed with sixty melodious tones,

કુરો | હર્વીયા.કેર.જુર.સૂંચાય.યુર્ય સૂરઅ.યોડુરી સૂર.જ્ય જી.કૈયાય.સૂંચાય.હ્યું જાજાદૂર.

druk tar cher drok nyönmong nyi long lé kyi chak drok droldzé ching

Like the thundering roar of a dragon, awakens us from the sleep of destructive emotions and frees us from the chains of karma.

सन्त्री संश्लेष अप्तर्भेती नर्जन की ती हु स्थेरे ती हूरे सहूर राम ज्ञी नर्जना

marik münsel dukngal nyugu jinyé chödzé raldri nam Dispelling the darkness of ignorance, you wield the sword of wisdom to cut through all our suffering.

done day china sa chii tar son vonten lii dzok avalse tum

döné dak ching sa chü tar sön yönten lü dzok gyalsé tuwö ku

Pure from the very beginning, you have reached the end of the ten bhūmis and perfected all enlightened qualities. Foremost of the Buddha's heirs,

ત્રેટી | -&:ત્ત્રી-4&: -L: -4&: નાકુપ્ર-19-4. ક્રિયું ક્ષેત્રેને ખુખ, તરફ્સ નવું -રિક્યન ત

chu trak chu dang chunyi gyen tré dak lö münsel jampé yang la dü

Your *body* is adorned with the hundred and twelve marks of enlightenment. To Mañjughoşa, the 'Gentle-voiced', I prostrate, and pray: dispel the darkness from my mind!



om ra pa tsa na dhih

न नहें त्यु र छोड़ र छोड़ सखेर र न र रें र बेर छोड़ा

tseden khyé kyi khyen rab özer gyi With all of your kindness and love, let your wisdom's shining light

नर्याञ्च्युः योष्ट्रः स्रयाः स्वरः सः स्वः स्वरः स्वरः

dak lö timuk münpa rabsal né

Clear the darkness of my ignorance, once and for all.

चगाय-दर-चन्नुब-चर्डूल-बाबुद-सुबाल-हूँबाल-स-धी

ka dang tenchö shyung luk tokpa yi

Grant me, I pray, the intelligence, the brilliance

र्झे में अर्सेनअन्दरेश्वर न स्वयन् वार्यया

lodrö pobpé nangwa tsal du sol

To understand the scriptures—the words of the Buddha and works of the masters.

चारक्र.चन्नुःचरःवर्रेटःचवस्य

gang tsé tawar döpa am

And whenever I wish to look upon you,

इट:ब्र्<u>-</u>पद्:प्र-पर्देन्द्र:प्य-।

chungzé driwar dö na yang

Or ask of you anything at all,

सर्ग्य-म् तरस्य-विस्याखेन् ग्रेन्सी

gönpo jamyang khyé nyi ni Lord and protector, Manjuśrī,

गोगात्रास्त्रात्रात्र्यं

gek mepa yang tongwar shok

Let me see you without any hindrance!1

Anyone, who recites this aloud once, seven times, twenty-one times, one hundred times or one thousand or more times a day with a completely pure motivation will gradually purify the obscurations, and will gain immeasurable qualities, such as remembering one's studies with confidence and unfailing retention, and the power and strength of wisdom through which one can defeat opponents in debate.

Anyone who offers praise in this way three times a day will gain the qualities just mentioned and will develop wisdom and compassion, gradually progressing along the paths and stages, gaining ever greater qualities before swiftly reaching the citadel of omniscience and becoming a great guide to liberate all beings from samsara.

त्यमणे नेपर्णेबहुब्यक्त संबेष द्वायमे प्रत्येत्र हेर्द्यक्र क्रिक्स क्रायक्त पर्देश पर्वे ।
This completes the praise entitled 'The Splendour of Wisdom's Excellent

Qualities' composed by Vajraśastra. It was translated by Ngok Lotsawa.

Short Bodhisattva Vow Ritual

All you buddhas who dwell in the ten directions All you great bodhisattvas on the ten levels, All you great teachers, the vajra-holders, turn your mind towards me, I pray!

Taking Refuge

Until I realize the essence of enlightenment, I take refuge in the buddhas,

And likewise in the Dharma, and the assembly of bodhisattvas.

from the Bodhicaryāvatāra, II.26

Taking both the aspirational and practical Bodhichitta vow

Just as the sugatas of former times aroused the bodhicitta And established themselves by stages in the training of a bodhisattva,

Just so, for the benefit of beings I will arouse bodhicitta And likewise I will train progressively in those disciplines.

from the Bodhicaryāvatāra, III.23-24

Rejoicing in the merit and dedication

Today, my birth has been fruitful, I have well obtained a human existence.

Today I am born into the family of the Buddhas, I have become a son or daughter of the buddhas.

from the Bodhicaryāvatāra, III.26

From now on, at all costs, I will perform the actions befitting to my family.

I will not be a stain on this faultless noble family.

from the Bodhicaryāvatāra, III.27

Just like a blind person happening upon a priceless jewel in a heap of rubbish,

So, through some fortunate coincidence, the bodhicitta has been born in me.

from the Bodhicaryāvatāra, III.28

Today, in the presence of all the protectors, I invite all beings to the state of sugata,

And, meanwhile, to happiness and bliss: Gods, asuras and others—rejoice!

from the Bodhicaryāvatāra, III.34

O sublime and precious bodhicitta, may it arise in those in whom it has not arisen;

May it never decline where it has arisen, but go on increasing further and further!

May they not be separated from bodhicitta, but be always inclined to enlightened action.

May they be cared for by the buddhas, and may they abandon harmful action.

May the bodhisattvas' good wishes for benefitting beings be fulfilled.

Whatever the protectors have intended for them, may sentient beings receive it.

May all sentient beings be happy. May all the lower realms be forever empty.

May the aspirations of all the bodhisattvas of the various bhūmis be fulfilled!

Short Mandala Offering

न यनानुःसूयक्याविष्ययन्त्रीतः स्त्रेत्वान्यास

sa shyi pö chü juk shing métok tram

The ground is purified with scented water and strewn with flowers.

रे.रच.मीर.चबे.ग्रे.मु.स.चकुर.स.वरी

rirap ling shyi nyi dé gyenpa di

It is adorned with Sumeru, the king of mountains, the four quarters of the universe, and the sun and the moon;

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sangyé shying du mik té pulwa yi

Thinking of it as the blessed buddha-fields, I offer it.

उर्ज् भीश्रक्तर्याः बुरः मर्जुरासरः जूर्य

dro kun namdak shying la chöpar shok

By virtue of this offering, may all beings here and now attain the happiness of that pure land!

tram guru ratna mandala pudza megha samudra saparana samayé ah hung

Requesting the Teachings

त्रं युम्पःश्यःम्याःग्रीःनयमःसःदरः।

semchen nam kyi sampa dang

I implore you: according to the temperament

भू लु भ्रेचन हु से नर

lo yi jedrak jitawar

And mental capacity of sentient beings,

के.कुर.बेब.क्र्र.बेब.स.ली

chechung tünmong tekpa yi

Please turn the wheel of Dharma

र्क्र्यक्तियां वर्षेत्र त्या वर्षेत्र

chö kyi khorlo kor du sol

Of all the vehicles — lesser, greater, and general.

Closing Prayers

The Dedication of Merit

वर्स्ट्रक्स्यायदेन्ध्याम्बस्याक्ट्रवावेवायास्यदेन्।

sönam di yi tamché zikpa nyi

Through this merit, may all beings attain the omniscient state of enlightenment,

र्व्यत्रमानुन्यास्य द्वास्य स्थान्य स्थान्य स्थान

tob né nyepé dra nam pamjé shing

And conquer the enemy of faults and delusion,

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kyé ga na chi balong trukpa yi

May they all be liberated from this ocean of samsara

स्री-तर् अष्ट्र जन्म तर्मे तर्मे मनर स्र्वेग

sipé tso lé drowa drolwar shok

And from its pounding waves of birth, old age, sickness and death!

Dedication from 'Samantabhadra's Aspiration to Good Actions'

न यहमारेसकारेसकाम्याहर्षेत्रमान्त्रीयान्तरा

jampal pawö jitar khyenpa dang Just as the bodhisattva Mañjuśrī attained omniscience

गुर्नाहु स्वर स्थाने प्यर ने स्वर्त्ते हैं।

kuntuzangpö deyang deshyin té And Samantabhadra too,

<u>ું.</u>ર્યા.પ્રે.ક્રીકુંત્ર.જે.તર્યા.સૂંય.કુર.ો

dedak kün gyi jesu dak lob ching

All these merits now I dedicate

र्या.च.पर्.र्या.चस्त्रश्रह्म.च.धं.चर्ड्रा

gewa didak tamché rabtu ngo

To train and follow in their footsteps!

र्यानारीक्रानायुनायास्युःक्रियास्यक्षयाक्रराज्ञीया

dü sum shekpé gyalwa tamché kyi

As all the victorious buddhas of past, present and future

नर्भे न नार भार्म्का हु नर्भन तर देवा

ngowa gangla chok tu ngakpa dé Praise dedication as supreme,

चर्चा.ची.रचो.चतुःश्चचत्रदेशीयज्ञरः।

dak gi gewé tsawa di kün kyang

So now I too dedicate all these sources of merit of mine,

चबर.स्.म्र्रीर.झुर.रच.धे.चर्स्र.चर.चक्री

zangpo chö chir rabtu ngowar gyi

For all beings to perfect 'Good Actions'.2

These two famous verses come from Samantabhadra's Aspiration to Good Actions—the King of Aspiration Prayers, the Ārya Bhadracarya Praṇidhāna Rāja, which is the final part of the Gandavyūha Sūtra, the last section of the Avatamsaka Sūtra.

Tenpé pal gyur

न नक्षेत्र.सकु.दसकाक्षिर.सं.क्षु.खनका.सट.संस्य

tenpé pal gyur lamé shyabpé ten

May the life of the lama, the glory of the teaching, be secure!

નક્ષેષ.તુદ્ધ.ક્ષેત.રીત.ય.ક્ષેર.ભૂરત.ત.ઉવ

tendzin kyebü sateng yong la khyab

May the whole world be filled with holders of the teaching!

चर्छेब.स.इ.स्त्रुच्चेब.सर्या.सर्य.घर.उत्तृर.स.क्या

tenpé jindak ngatang jorpa gyé

May the wealth and power of the patrons of the teaching increase!

नक्षेत्रस्तस्य द्रस्याद्यस्य स्तर् स्या स्वेतर्

tenpa yün ring nepé tashi shok

And may all be auspicious, so that the teaching remains for ages to come!

र् रेयाननयाक्तित्रीयूनायर्ननयार्नेयानीयीकायरयाक्नीया

The Prayer in Six Vajra Lines

a revelation of Chokgyur Dechen Lingpa

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dü sum sangye guru rinpoche

Embodiment of buddhas of past, present and future, Guru Rinpoche;

रेंद्र्यःचीयःग्रेश्चरयोःचरुःचःक्रुशःस्त्रुःबेचयाः

ngödrub kün dak dewa chenpö shyab

Master of all siddhis, Guru of Great Bliss;

*चरःक्रदःगीर्यःश्रेयःचर्द्दःवर्द्यःच्याः*स्क्रियः

barché kün sel düdul drakpo tsal

Dispeller of all obstacles, Wrathful Subjugator of Maras;

वार्यन्यः वर्नेवयः र्यः द्वीक्षः द्वीयः वर्ष्यः वर्षेत्रः

solwa deb so jingyi lab tu sol

To you I pray: inspire me with your blessing,

श्चेत्रदःयायदःयदेःयदःकदःवेःयःददः

chi nang sangwé barché shyiwa dang

So that outer, inner and secret obstacles are dispelled

ન્યન્યત્વઃક્ષેય. ગ્રીય. તની ન.ત્ય. ગ્રીય. ગ્રીય. મૃત્યાઃ

sampa lhün gyi drubpar jingyi lob

And all my aspirations are spontaneously fulfilled.

સર્-કેર્ય્યસુત્રી ॥ યબશ્રીયર્ટ્ય-સર્-ટ્રેય-ક્વળજી વાષ્ટ્ર્ય-ત્રુંત્રબ-ક્ટુંકે ક્રિયક્વન્ય-ધુવિધ કૃત્યનોથે જીળાવ પૂર્વિને વાકૃત 'કુળ-તાષ્ટ્રે-કૃષ્ય-કૃષ્ટ્ય-કિંગ-તાનું કૃષ્ય ગ્રું-ત્યન્ય-પ્ર-કૃષ્ય તાકૃષ્ય-દ્વા તું નાનબ-કંપ-દ્વાનું સુવ કૃષ્ય

Discovered by the great terma-revealer Chokgyur Dechen Lingpa, from the right-hand side of the Sengchen Namdrak rock on Mount Rinchen Tsekpa, 'The Pile of Jewels'. Because the blessing of this prayer, one intended for this present time, is so immense, it should be treasured by all as their daily practice.

The Vajra Guru Mantra

क्रेज्यः हुँ न<u>र्</u> गुरुन्द्र भेड्डे हुँ है

om ah hung benza guru pema siddhi hung

Prayer for the Tradition of Guru Padmasambhaya

by Jñāna (Kyabjé Dudjom Rinpoche)

न सिक्यः सूनः कूर्यः चीर्यसः मूनः स्वीयः कृ

khen lob chö sum ringluk ché

May the living tradition of Guru Padmasambhava, Bodhisattva Santarakṣita and the Dharma-king Trisong Detsen,

वर्ष्म.मूर.अ.च|र्यभाविच.सर.वस्त्रम

dzamling sa sum khyabpar pel

Spread throughout the world in all directions!

उम्(क्रिटाअक्ट्या.याजीस.जैट.च.टटा

dro gyü chok sum nangwa dang

May the Buddha, Dharma and Sangha be present in the minds of all,

भुरच्यार्थ्य वीर्यभार्य्य अस्त्रिय

mindral dü sum gelek shok

Inseparably, at all times, bringing peace, happiness and well-being!



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