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## INTRODUCTION

There are a number of branches of the Drukpa Kagyu, each having its own liturgies for doing the preliminary practices ${ }^{1}$. The Kham or East Tibetan tradition of the Drukpa Kagyu, headed by the Khamtrul Rinpoches, has a number of these liturgies. The one presented here, by the third Khamtrul Rinpoche, Kunga Tenzin, is the one most often used in that tradition. For example, it is the liturgy used at Tashi Jong in India, the present-day seat of Khamtrul Rinpoche.

The Khamtrul Rinpoches were the heads of the Drukpa Kagyu settlement in Kham, Eastern Tibet, called "Khampagar" meaning "the Kham Encampment". They stayed there until the Communist Chinese takeover in the 1950's after which they shifted to India where they settled in Himachal Pradesh in a small valley which they named "Tashi Jong".

Kunga Tenzin was a prolific author and was famous for the excellence of his writings.
${ }^{1}$ Tib. ngondro.

His liturgy for doing the preliminaries of Mahamudra is a standard, Mahamudra-style preliminaries liturgy in which there are four sets of one hundred thousand preliminaries to be done. The liturgy is longer than most Tibetan liturgies made for this purpose, but this is one of the unique aspects of the text and reflects the care that Kunga Tenzin consistently put into his work. The words "A Complete Path ..." in the title refer to the unusual level of completeness and hence length of the liturgy.

Altogether, the title means that this liturgy contains a particularly complete path for gaining entrance to the great ocean of the main practices of the Mahamudra system. Furthermore, this extensive liturgy for the preliminary practices of Mahamudra is augmented at its end with a brief listing of the main topics of the actual practice of Mahamudra.

The liturgy is extensive but also very beautifully arranged. For example, it contains the whole laying aside practice done in connection with the The Thirty-five Buddhas and the Sutra of the Three Heaps. There is also a magnificent guru yoga section for the Drukpa Kagyu. There is also a nice collection of dedication prayers at the end. Therefore, while the liturgy will naturally be of interest to all Drukpa Kagyu followers, it should also be of interest to anyone doing the preliminary practices.

The text of the liturgy was translated into English by myself at the request of Tsoknyi Rinpoche during a three-month session at Tsoknyi Rinpoche's Ngedon Osel Ling in Nepal, when a large group of Drukpa Kagyu lamas and rinpoches of
the East Tibetan tradition gathered together for a Drukpa Kagyu Dharma Festival. A corrected copy of the text from the Tashi Jong printery was provided by the Venerable Chogon Rinpoche. The blessings of the lineage were present and the translation went very nicely. It was generally felt that the poetic qualities of the Tibetan came out well into English, which was pleasing to all concerned. The translation was done with a mind towards accuracy but also toward the poetry of the original, so that the translation could be used as a liturgy.

## FURTHER STUDY

We usually provide extensive notes with books like this as an aid to studying the text. We have not done so for this book because the language of the text is straightforward and because anyone planning to use it will need to obtain clear instructions for the practice directly from a lineage holder.

For those who can read Tibetan, please note that there is a large, two-volume commentary on this liturgy that can be found in the Khampagar tradition. We have the Tibetan text of it available electronically, if you need it, though we have not translated it into English.

Padma Karpo Translation Committee has amassed a range of materials to help those who are studying this and related topics. Please see the chapter Supports for Study at the end of the book for the details.

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# MAHĀMUDRĀ SŪRAGATISYA <br> BHAVANAKRAMA RUCIGRAHA BAKSAṢANTI TAŞAGRANTHA MAULAM MŪLASŪTRA SAHĀGĀMBHIRĀRTHA SAGARAMARGA SŪRAYASTI 

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I prostrate to the Precious Kagyu.

The primordial buddha, dharmakaya Samantabhadra,
Possessor of the five certainties, sambhogakaya Vajradhara,
Shower of the twelve acts, supreme nirmanakaya, Lord of Sages,
Svabhavikakaya, glorious Lotus-born,

Assembly of pure masters in that lineage of none other than buddhahood,
And the one whose kindness is unequalled, the root guru-
To you in whom the three jewels and roots, the refuges, are complete,
Grant your blessings that the migrators limitless as space be completely liberated.

Anyone of fortunate birth who would like to accomplish the fruit of enlightenment in one life right on the ground of self-arising rigpa should engage in just this, the heart of the heart of all paths, the unsurpassed, profound, definitive meaning. The sessions and so on thereof, the stages of gaining experience, are six-fold: first, faith in the guru and dharma sets the foundation; the preliminaries of the ordinary type barness the intellect nicely; the extraordinary ones completely prepare the mind-stream; the main part perseveres at meditation on the absolute, mind itself; the conclusion extensively allocates virtue for perfect enlightenment; and between sessions, a continuous yoga is genuinely maintained. Abandoning all outer, inner, and bidden distractions at all times—that is with body, speech, and mind totally cut off-just these, as recitation and meditation rolled into one, are what is to be done.

First, setting the foundation with faith in the guru and dharma:
Precious, glorious root guru, Please be seated within the lotus at our hearts, And remaining there forever inseparable, Please bless us with your body, speech, and mind.

Pure masters of the unequalled Drukpa Kagyu lineage, Not an outer lineage of mere words and temporary experiences,
Your realization is the absolute lineage, amazing and wonderful;
You are to be relied upon with undivided, constant faith.

Superior to the long path of the provisional meaning, Lesser Vehicle,
Great Vehicle's supreme heart-juice, the profound meaning secret-mantra,
Actuality of the nature, the Mahamudra dharma, Hard to find in a thousand aeons, is here today entered with delight.

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Second, barnessing the intellect to dharma with the ordinary preliminaries has four parts. First, thinking about freedom and connection which are difficult to obtain:
In beginningless samsara, each of many lives has been burdensome,
Now this time, precious freedom and connection has been attained.
This is hard to attain due to causes and conditions, but is very useful;
Aspiring unerringly to the everlasting goal, I will engulf it in dharma.

Second, meditation on death and impermanence:
The world and its inhabitants are composite, impermanent things,
I myself will definitely die, though the time of death is not set,
At death, the appearances of this life will be of no aid, There's no time to spare! In this life I will arouse renunciation and effort!

Third, the accounting of karmic cause and effect:
Degradations ripen undesirably, they are the cause of all misfortune,
Virtuous actions fruit nicely, they are the basis of all that is good,
Trusting this, I will act according to the details of rejecting and accepting,
And by this method even that not specified will be turned into virtue.

Fourth, remembering the disadvantages of samsara:
The three bad migrations are extreme and intolerable suffering;
The three good migrations still have the suffering of change;
The suffering of samskaras is the basis of being bound in samsara-
Minds of terror and relinquishment are the way to mature the mind-stream.

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Third, completely preparing the mindstream with the extraordinary preliminaries has four parts. The first, making the mind a suitable vessel, going for refuge and arousing bodhichitta, when divided into sections has six parts. To begin with, refuge and bodhichitta in short form:
Until becoming enlightened, I take refuge,
In the buddha, the dharma, and the supreme assembly; By the merits which come from my virtuous activities, May I accomplish buddhahood in order to benefit migrators.

Say that three times.

Second, the meditation on the object of refuge, and so on:
Transcending the appearances of impure appearanceexistence,
In front of me from laM the golden ground is produced, Luminous and even, and with the marks of a buddha field. Vast as space, this realm spreads out in all directions. In the middle of it from baм is a white ocean of nectar, Calm and tranquil, and possessing the eight qualities.

From pam is a jewelled wish-granting tree that fulfills all needs.
It is lofty and beautiful, with branch-seats spreading in the four directions from the centre,
Where a gem throne has fine silks and ornaments laid across it.

A multi-coloured lotus, sun and a moon are piled up and on them,
The heart of refuge, the kind guru, the lord
Appears as Vajradhara in a body of wisdom.
Above his head, in space, all the lords of the Mahamudra lineage,
Are lined up in a vertical column and appear very clearly.
Around the periphery, Indians and Tibetans of all tenets without bias-
All the supreme beings-are assembled in great crowds;
In front, the yidam Chakrasamvara,
Is surrounded by oceans of the deity assemblies of the new and old tantras;
To the right, the Teacher, the King of the Shakyas,
Is surrounded by the buddhas of the ten directions and three times;
At the back, the dharmakaya great-mother Prajnaparamita,
Is surrounded by volumes of complete purity, the holy dharma;
To the left, the bodhisatva Avalokiteshvara,
Is surrounded by the excellent and lesser intelligent, liberating sanghas;
In between, the classes of viras, dakinis, dharmapalas, and
The assemblies of wealth devas, without omission, fill the space.

All of them are gazing at me with a pleased expression;
And are seated there radiant and luminous, in a blaze of great blessings.
Before them, myself and my father and mother of this life are the leaders,

Of a complete congregation of all the infinite sentient beings of the six classes.
What will just the words of the refuge supplication accomplish?
I will practise with undistracted three doors and onepointed aspiration!

Third, prostrations:
Not this one monk's [nun's, householder's] body of mine but emanations
Beyond enumeration, inconceivable in number yet clear, Together with the kind migrators, limitless as space, Prostrate reverently with body, speech, and mind.

All mothers, sentient beings limitless as space, take refuge in the guru, the buddha's dharmakaya;
All mothers, sentient beings limitless as space, take refuge in the guru, the sambhogakaya;
All mothers, sentient beings limitless as space, take refuge in the guru, the compassionately-acting nirmanakaya;
All mothers, sentient beings limitless as space, take refuge in the guru, the precious buddha.
When counting prostrations extensively, do the first "All mothers ..." for one bundred prostrations, the second for two hundred, the third for three hundred, and the fourth for four bundred so that you count one thousand. Or, when doing a condensed version such as with the four sessions put together, etcetera, each one can be offered one bundred at a time. Otherwise, when not offering prostrations, recite the four together in equal numbers, as required, and do it with interest so that it becomes authentic practice.

Fourth, supplications for the purpose of one's wishes, and so on:
Grant your blessings so that my and all sentient being's thoughts turn into dharma;
Grant your blessings so that dharma turns into the path;
Grant your blessings so that the path clarifies confusion;
Grant your blessings so that confusion dawns as wisdom.

We take refuge in the root guru together with the lineage gurus.
We take refuge in our vajra relatives together with other dharma associates.
We take refuge in the transient worlds, assemblies of the glorious guru.
We take refuge in the sentient inhabitants, assemblies of devas and devis.
We take refuge in appearance-existences, assemblies of the glorious guru.

Grant your blessings of personal liberation through realization.
Grant your blessings of other's liberation through compassionate activity.
Grant your blessings of skill in the means of dependent relationship.
Grant your blessings of benefitting whoever is encountered.
Grant your blessings that Mahamudra, the supreme siddhi, be obtained in this very life.

Fifth, taking hold of refuge and the attitude:
Gurus dwelling in the ten directions, And buddhas, great bodhisattvas, Yidams, and assemblies of viras and yoginis, All of you please consider me.

Beginning today, this protectorless being, Until attaining the heart of enlightenment, In order to protect himself and migrators, From the terrors of samsara:
Takes refuge in the Chief of Humans, The Master of the Three Kayas, the Bhagavat;
Takes refuge in release from passion, Nirvana, the dharma which is peace; Takes refuge in the non-regressing, The supreme assembly dwelling on the bhumis.

I take refuge in the supreme guru, Whose body is the nature of all the buddhas; I take refuge in the yidams of the mandalas, The yidam deities who bestow the siddhis; I take refuge in the assembly of dakas and dakinis, The viras and yoginis;
I take refuge in the innate mind which is Emptiness and compassion inseparable.

Whatever degradations I have done In the past by body, speech, and mind, Protectors, in your presence I admit and lay aside, In future, I will turn away from degradation.

From today I will be your subject.
I will train following your advice.
Since I will not stray from your command,
Please protect me completely regarding all those.

Having taken refuge with that:
Just as the protectors of the three times, Made a firm resolve for enlightenment, So I too will develop the supreme, Unsurpassable, mind for enlightenment.

Training in discipline,
Gathering virtuous dharmas, And working to benefit sentient beingsI will hold to these three disciplines firmly.

Now that I have developed the supreme, Unsurpassable mind for enlightenment, For the benefit of all sentient beings, I will hold to every one of my vows, I will take across those who have not crossed over, I will liberate those who have not been liberated, Will revive those who have not been revived, And will lead sentient beings to nirvana.
That was arousing the attitude.

Sixth, the condensing stage, the equipoise of taking absolute refuge:
The other objects of refuge dissolve into the foremost deity,
Condensing by stages in clockwise order:

The surrounding gurus-without-bias condense into the lineage gurus;
They melt into light upper to lower and condense into the guru;
The embodiment of all of them, the root guru, the lord of the families,
Dissolves into me making the vajras of body, speech, and mind,
And my body, speech, and mind totally inseparable in nature.
This self-arisen awareness wisdom is the supreme, absolute refuge.

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Second, the purification of obscurations, the meditation and recitation of Vajrasatva, has five parts. First, the generation liturgy, and so on:

On my crown from pam is a white lotus with eight petals; at its centre from a is a moon disk; on top from нй $M$ is a white vajra with five points; its centre is marked with $\bar{H} \bar{M}$; light radiating from it makes offerings to the noble ones and cleanses the degradations and obscurations of all sentient beings; the light condenses back here and dissolves into hụ̣̄. That manifests as the bhagavat, glorious Vajrasatva, with a white body, one face, and two arms, holding a vajra and bell, and embracing his female consort. Consort Vajratopa is white, holds a hooked knife and skull-cup, and embraces her male consort. Both are adorned with the
bone and precious ornaments. Seated with legs crossed in vajrasana, at the forehead is ом, at the throat $\bar{A} \underset{,}{ }$, and at the heart-centre нụ̣̄. From the нūm, light radiates and invites all the buddhas and bodhisattvas in the aspects of male and female Vajrasatvas. Јаب̣ нйм̣ вам̣ ноب̣. Bhagavat, please cleanse and purify all the accumulated stains of degradations, obscurations, faults, and downfalls of myself and all the other limitless sentient beings.

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Second, the recitation of the meditation to purify obscurations:
Guru Vajrasatva apparent yet empty with a rainbow vajrabody is the actual lord of the hundred families; at his heart centre is a moon; in the middle of that is a vajra; at its centre the seed syllable нйм̣; and the one hundred-syllable mantra encircles the rim. From that basis of body, mantragarland, vajra, and life force, the nature of the blessings of enlightened body, speech, and mind descends in a stream of amrita. It comes down from the place of their union. Going outside my body, it washes off all stains. Going inside through the Brahma aperture, it drives all sicknesses and afflictions from the lower gate in the form of insects. It expels all degradations, obscurations, faults, and downfalls as smoky and sooty fluids from all the hair-pores as black effluent. Washed, cleansed, and purified, my nature changes to great purity.

Having thought that, say:
OM VAJRASATVA SAMAYAMANUPALAYA / VAJRASATVA
TVENOPATIṢHŢHA DṚḌHO ME BHAVA / SUTOṢHYO ME BHAVA / ANURAKTO ME BHAVA / SUPOŞHYO ME BHAVA / SARVASIDDHI MEM PRAYACCHA / SARVA KARMASU CA ME CITTAM SHREYAM KURU HŪṂ / HA HA HA HA HOḤ / BHAGAVAN SARVATATHĀGATA VAJRA MĀ ME MUÑCA / VAJRĪ BHAVA MAHĀSAMAYASATVA ĀḤ /

Recite that however much you can.

Third, arousing certainty of the blessings of purity:
Having cleansed in that way, the body constituent has become pure like sparkling, transparent crystal. Every one of the degradations, obscurations, faults, and downfalls of the three doors together with their habitual tendencies have been completely cleansed. The body is filled with a stream of wisdom amrita, its nature the blessings of Guru Vajrasatva's three secret vajras. Channels, winds, and drops, and body, speech, mind constituents freed from obscurations have been transformed into the gleaming rainbow of enlightened body, speech, and mind wisdomvajras. om Vajrasatva hūm āh

Thus recite the essence.

Fourth, offering an acknowledgement and laying aside.
Protector, through ignorance and delusion, I have gone against and corrupted my samaya vows. Guru protector grant me refuge! O, Chief, great vajra holder, Possessor of great compassion, I take refuge in the chief of migrators.

I admit and lay aside all corruptions of the root and branch samayas of enlightened body, speech, and mind. Please cleanse and purify all the accumulated stains of degradations, obscurations, faults, and downfalls. Having thus supplicated, Vajrasatva grants the request and says, "Son [Daughter] of the family, all the degradations, obscurations, faults, and downfalls of your three doors are purified".

Fifth, condensing and dissolving to know absolute Vajrasatva, together with a dedication:

Finally, by the power of great devotion, guru Vajrasatva with consort also dissolves into me. His mind and my mind are non-dual and I will stay in equipoise, not referencing the three circles of degradations and obscurations to be purified, in the primordially pure, inner nature of things as they are, the expanse of the all-pervading primordial protector. May I and all migrators accomplish such fruition.

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Third, completing the accumulations, offering the mandala has three parts. First, the meditation of the object of offering, the accomplished mandala:
Before me, Mount Meru, in nature the four precious stones,
Has four sides and is adorned with the four tiers and the terraces,

Which are vast in area and higher than the peak of existence.

On top of it is a four-petalled lotus huge in circumference. At its centre is a throne and seat held up by lions and on top,
The root guru, Lord Vajradhara, is surrounded by An assembly of all the pure masters of the Mahamudra lineage,
And the gurus, without bias, of the long lineage;
On the east petal, on top of an elephant throne-seat,
Chakrasamvara with the assembly of yidams;
On the south petal, on top of a horse throne-seat,
The Lord of Sages with the assembly of buddhas of the three times;
On the west petal, on top of a peacock throne-seat,
The dharmakaya great mother with the assembly of forms of the holy dharma;
On the north petal, on top of a shang-shang throne-seat, Avalokiteshvara with the assembly of noble sangha;
And in the intermediate directions, the viras, dakinis, and dharmapalas,
Together with the assembly of wealth-devas; thus the refuges are complete and clear.
Furthermore, the conquerors and their sons, together with the peaceful and wrathful mandalas,
Dwelling in the fields in the cosmic ten directions become the object of the offering ceremony.

Second, offering the seven limbs, together with the mandala offering ceremony included therein, has seven parts.

First, prostrations:
To all the lions of men who have gone beyond In the three times, in the worlds of the ten directions, To all of them, each and every one, with lucid faith, I prostrate with body, speech, and mind.

With the force of aspiration for good action, While holding all the conquerors vividly in mind, With bodies as many as the atoms in the universe-with utter respectI prostrate completely to all the conquerors.

On each single atom, buddhas equal to all the atoms, Are seated in the midst of their buddha-sons, And in this way the dharmadhatus without exception, Are filled with conquerors-devotion to them arises!

Proclaiming oceans of their inexhaustible praise, In all the tunes of the oceans of differing melodies, The good qualities of all the conquerors are fully expressed, And I praise all of those who have gone to bliss.

The second part is further divided into the two parts of mandala and offering ceremony. It begins with the mandala which also has two parts: the first is the main part of offering the proper,
actual substance or, alternatively, using just the mudra and doing it mentally, in which case intent is chieffollowed by visualization which is clear, complete, and extensive:

OṂ VAJRA BHŪMI ĀḤ HŪṂ
The completely pure base, the powerful golden ground.
ọ̣ Vajra reṣhe āh hụ̄
The circular iron mountain wall surrounds it and in the middle—HŪM—is the king of the mountains, Sumeru.

In the east, Purvavideha, in the south, Jambudvipa, in the west, Aparagodaniya, in the north, Uttarakuru; in the east, Deha and Videha, in the south, Chamara and Aparachamara, in the west, Shatha and Uttaramantrina, in the north, Kurava and Kaurava.

The precious mountain, the wish-fulfilling tree, the wishfulfilling cow, the harvest that needs no toil; the precious wheel, the precious gem, the precious queen, the precious minister, the precious elephant, the precious supremehorse, the precious general, the vase of great treasure; the goddess of grace, the goddess of garlands, the goddess of song, the goddess of dance, the goddess of flowers, the goddess of incense, the goddess of lamps, the goddess of perfume; the sun, the moon, the precious umbrella, the banner of victory in every direction; in the middle all the wealth of gods and men without exception; pure and pleasing to the mind;

These and the bodies, enjoyments, and virtues accumulated by myself and others throughout the three times, together with oceans of realms of clouds of offering I offer with
devotion to the holy ones, the glorious gurus-the kind root guru together with the lineage gurus; to the assemblies of deities of the yidam mandalas; to the three precious jewels; to all the dakas and dakinis, dharmapalas, wealthdevas, and treasure-masters together with their retinues; and to all of the conquerors of the ten directions and three times together with their sons and students-to all without omission. Please accept it through your compassionate activity for the benefit of migrators. Having accepted it, please grant your blessings. GURU idam mandalakam niryatāyami

Second, prayers of aspiration:
By offering this good mandala which pleases, May obstacles not arise on the path to enlightenment;
May the wishes of the conquerors of the three times be fulfilled;
May I not be confused in existence nor diverted in peace;
And may I liberate all the migrators, limitless as space.

## Second, the limb of offering:

With the best of flowers and the best of garlands, With cymbals, ointments, and excellent umbrellas, With excellent lamps, and the best of incense, We make offerings to those conquerors.

With those and the best of clothes, excellent perfumes, And aromatic powders as high as Mount Sumeru, All of them arranged in the most excellent of ways, We make offerings to those conquerors.

With whatever offerings there are, unsurpassable and vast, Again, through devotion to all of those conquerors, And through the power of faith in good action, We prostrate and make offering to all the conquerors.

Third, the branch of laying aside of degrading deeds has both an extensive and a brief version. Of those, the first is recitation according to the sutra section's "The Three Heaps":
I and all sentient beings at all times take refuge in the guru; take refuge in the buddha; take refuge in the dharma; and take refuge in the sangha.
We prostrate to the bhagavat, tathagata, arhat, the samyaksambuddha Shakyamuni.
We prostrate to Utterly Destroying by Vajra Essence.
We prostrate to Jewel Radiating Light.
We prostrate to King who Rules the Nagas.
We prostrate to Leader of the Warriors.
We prostrate to Glorious Joy.
We prostrate to Jewel Fire.
We prostrate to Jewel Moonlight.
We prostrate to Seeing Brings Accomplishments.
We prostrate to Jewel Moon.
We prostrate to Stainless One.
We prostrate to Glorious Giver.
We prostrate to Pure One.
We prostrate to Bestowing by Purity.
We prostrate to Divine Waters.
We prostrate to Deity of Divine Waters.
We prostrate to Glorious Good.
We prostrate to Glorious Sandalwood.
We prostrate to Unlimited Splendour.

We prostrate to Light Glory.
We prostrate to Glorious Without Sorrow.
We prostrate to Son of No Craving.
We prostrate to Flower Glory.
We prostrate to the Tathagata who Understands Reality by
Playing in the Light of Purity.
We prostrate to the Tathagata who Understands Reality by
Playing in the Light of the Lotus.
We prostrate to Wealth Glory.
We prostrate to Glory of Mindfulness.
We prostrate to Name of Glory Very Widely Renowned.
We prostrate to King who holds the Banner of Victory over the Senses.
We prostrate to Glorious One who Completely Subjugates. We prostrate to Completely Conquering in All Battles.
We prostrate to Gone by Completely Subjugating.
We prostrate to Glorious One who Arranges Appearances for All.
We prostrate to Jewel Lotus who Suppresses All.
We prostrate to the tathagata, arhat, samyaksambuddha, Firmly Seated in the Lotus of Jewels, the King with Power over the Mountains.

Those and the other tathagata, arhat, samyaksambuddha bhagavats, whoever and as many there are in all the realms of worldly existence in the ten directions, all the buddha bhagavats who are living and prospering please consider me:

I and others, in all of our lives of cyclic existence, in this birth and the births which occur without beginning or end in cyclic existence: have done the karmas of degrading
deeds, have instigated the doing of them, and have rejoiced in the doing of them; and also have stolen from stupas, and stolen from the sangha, and stolen from the sangha of the ten directions, have instigated the stealing of such, and have rejoiced in the stealing of such; and also have done the karmas of the five no-intermediaries, have instigated the doing of such, and have rejoiced in the doing of such; and also have fully entered the paths of the karmas of the nonvirtues, have incited others to enter them, or have rejoiced in the entering of them. Obscured by those karmic obscurations, whatever there are, I and sentient beings go to the hells, and also go to birth in the animal realms, and also go to the place of the pretas, and also are born in border tribes, and also are born barbarian, and also are born with the long-life gods, and also end up with incomplete faculties, and also end up grasping at wrong views, and also end up without the felicity of a buddha's occurrence. The karmic obscurations which bring those about, whatever there are, all of them, in the presence of the buddha bhagavats, the ones who have wisdom, the ones who have the eye, the ones who are witness, the ones who know the measure, the all-knowing ones, the all-seeing ones, I hereby admit and lay aside. Nothing is concealed. Nothing is hidden. And, from this time on, I will sever such involvement and stay nicely within the vows.

All of you buddha bhagavats, please consider me. In all of my and others' lives of cyclic existence, in this birth and the births which occur without beginning or end in cyclic existence: whatever roots of virtue there are from being generous to others, including giving just one mouthful of food to a being born as an animal; and whatever roots of
virtue there are because I kept the disciplines; and whatever roots of virtue there are because I stayed in brahmacharya; and whatever roots of virtue there are because I fully ripened sentient beings; and whatever roots of virtue there are because I aroused the mind for supreme enlightenment; and whatever roots of virtue I have created for unsurpassable wisdom; all of these are collected and combined into one and, having massed them together, by completely dedicating them to the unsurpassed, and to the highest, and to that above even the highest, and to that surpassing even the unsurpassed, I hereby completely dedicate them to unsurpassable, perfect, complete enlightenment.

Just the past buddha bhagavats completely dedicated, just as the yet to come buddha bhagavats will completely dedicate, and just as the presently existing buddha bhagavats are completely dedicating, so I also completely dedicate. All degrading deeds are individually laid aside. All merit is rejoiced in. All the buddhas are urged and supplicated. May I obtain the holy, supreme, unsurpassable wisdom.

Conquerors, supreme among men, you who are present now,
You who have passed, and likewise who have not yet come, The praises of your good qualities are like a limitless ocean, In all of you, with palms joined together, I fully take refuge.

That and,
Karmas of body of the three types, Of speech of the four types, and

Of mind of the three types whatever there areThe ten non-virtues, I individually lay aside.

From beginninglessness until now, All of the ten non-virtues and five immediates, The degrading deeds of a mind controlled by the kleshas, I hereby lay aside.

As for the degradations of the five immediates, Which have been done by the force of not knowing, When such falls are laid aside by expressing these verses, They are quickly and without exception completely purified.

Second, in brief:
Under the power of passion, aggression, and delusion, And through body, and speech, and likewise mind, The degradations that I have done, whatever I have done, I individually lay aside, each and every one.

## Fourth, the limb of rejoicing:

Whatever the merit of all the conquerors of the ten directions,
The buddha-sons, the pratyekabuddhas, the returners, The non-returners, and all of the migrators, I rejoice in all that.

Fifth, the limb of urging them to turn the wheel of dharma: All those who are lights of the world the ten directions, Enlightened buddhas who have obtained unobstructedness,

We urge all of those protectors, To turn the unsurpassable wheel for everyone.

Sixth, the limb of supplicating not to pass into nirvana:
Those teachers who intend to show nirvana, We request you, with palms joined, To remain for as many kalpas as there are atoms in the universe,
For the peace and welfare of all migrators.

Seventh, the limb of dedicating to enlightenment:
By prostrating, offering, laying aside, Rejoicing, urging, and requesting, The trifle of merit which we have accumulated, We dedicate all for the sake of enlightenment.

Third, the stage of condensing, the absolute mandala:
The offering-field retinues dissolve into the pervading lord, the guru.
The guru dissolves into light and becomes one with me.
The offered, the offering, and the object of offering become equality-
This is the offering ceremony of self-liberated great bliss.


Fourth, that which brings us into blessings, guru-yoga, has five parts. First, generating myself as the deity and generating the root and lineage gurus:

In the empty state of not referencing self and other, appearance and existence,
My mind is without birth yet has the unobstructed life of rigpa.
In an instant, on top of a lotus, sun, and corpse, The bhagavati, prajna appears as Varahi, the mother.

The great bliss of that having the supreme of all aspects is her red body.
The oneness of all dharmas is her one face, wrathful yet smiling.
The two truths are her right hand slaying discursive thoughts with a hooked knife and,
Her left hand holding a scull-cup of blood, the play of undefiled great bliss.
In union with method, the heruka, she embraces a khatvanga.
The five kayas thoroughly perfected, she wears the dry skulls of the five families.
As the signs of the paramitas, she is adorned with the five mudras.
The samskaras completely purified, she is draped with a necklace of human heads.
The obscurations definitely abandoned, she is clad in the directions of space.
Filled with the factors of joy, she has the youth of a sixteen year-old.

The extremes of existence and peace abandoned, she dances the two-fold dance of one leg drawn up and one extended.
The darkness of samsara defeated, she poses splendidly amidst blazing luminosity.
The entity which appears clearly is the complete purity, that is to be understood,
And the pride of the primordially-pure deity is to be fully stabilized.

Unified appearance-emptiness, the wide expanse of selfarisen awareness,
She is wisdom clearly appearing as the kaya of great illusion.
Above her crown, in space, on top of a throne and seat,
The pure master unequalled in kindness, the guru, is present-
Glorious, all-pervading lord of the hundred families, Vajradhara.

The unchanging dharmakaya, his form is radiant, the colour of the sky.
Upaya and prajna unified, he holds a vajra and bell across his heart.
The single family of the great secret, his hair is bound up above.
A falling rain of whatever is desired, he is adorned with the precious things.
Protecting with compassionate activity, he wears the lower silken pants.
The equality of samsara and nirvana, his legs are crossed in vajra posture.

Free of obscuration, he is the Inexhaustible Wheel of Ornamentation.
The array of infinite buddha fields and realms are complete within his body,
And all these fields are extensively filled with his emanations.

Above his crown, the complete line of gurus of the Mahamudra lineage,
Are arranged in a vertical row up to Vajradhara at the top. They are seated in front of and facing me.
All of them appear clearly, manifesting joy and loving in nature.

## Second, offering a mandala:

To the assembly of gurus who have completely perfected the three kayas,
I make the outer, inner, secret, and the suchness offerings;
Completely accepting my body, enjoyments, and appearance and existence,
Please grant the supreme siddhi of the unsurpassable.

## Third, setting forth devotion:

The assembly of pure masters, the root and lineage gurus above my crown,
Are in fact the one buddha of omniscience which knows all aspects,
Whose mind and intention as vast as the dharmadhatu, Appears as individuals for the aspects, the beings to be tamed.

In this, the next, and all successive lives, Because there is no other refuge but you, I supplicate you with intense devotion and unrequited longing-
Protecting us with your compassionate activity, grant blessings and bestow siddhi.

Fourth, the actual supplication bas both a condensed and an extensive version. The first part is further divided into six parts, and starts with the supplication of the lineage gurus:
Vajra-holder, lord of the hundred families,
The sesame-seed pounder, Yashobhadra,
Chokyi Lodro, and Thopaga, Grant that I see the inner essence.

Bhikshu Jivanta, Phagmo drupa, Padma Dorje, Tsangpa Gyare, The ones named On, Zhonnu, and Nyima Grant that I see the inner essence.

Sengge sherab, Pokyapa, The Thirteenth, Kunga, Dorje Rinchen, Lodro, and Khyentse Togden Grant that I see the inner essence.

Lo chog, Namkha'i Naljorpa, Gyal wa'i Wang, Drukpa Je, Chokyi Dragpa, father and son, Grant that I see the inner essence.

Omniscient Padma Karpo, Thu tob, Ngawang Zangpo, Pagsam Wang, Mipham Lodro, Lord of Yogins, Grant that I see the inner essence.

The one called Kunga, Dharmeshva, Yarphel wangpo, Geleg Zhay, Kunga Tendzin, Lord Defeater of Maras, Grant that I see the inner essence.

Dechen Dorje, Manjushri, Chokyi Nyima, the one named Kunzig, Jampel Dorje, Yeshe Drub, Grant that I see the inner essence.

Drubgyu Nyima, the kind Lord, Supreme guide Dharmasara, Shaydrup Chokyi Nyinje, Grant that I see the inner essence.

Yongdzin who knows all phenomena, The sixth one the great Tenpa'i Nyima, Pervasive lord, the root guru, Grant that I see the inner essence.

Second, the lineage gurus melt into light:
Having supplicated the lineage gurus in that way, By the power of my devotion and the refuges' great love, In order to bless me they melt into light, In descending order and condense into the root guru.

Third, supplicating the root guru:
Lord, yogin who has realized self-arisen awareness, For you whatever dawns on the path is freed from establishing-negating, rejecting-accepting, I supplicate you, may I recognize my own nature, Father, grant your blessings that I be like you.

Lord, yogin who has perfected devotion, For you, all sights and sounds dawn as the holy guru, I supplicate you, may I purify my own appearances, Father, grant your blessings that I be like you.

Lord, yogin who has realized equalization of taste, The great daka who has defeated the circumstances of the four maras,
I supplicate you, may I be free from hope and fear, Father, grant your blessings that I be like you.

Lord, yogin who is without beginning or end, The glorious, original buddha, the primordial protector, I supplicate you, may I be the great spontaneity, Father, grant your blessings that I be like you.

Lord, yogin who works for the benefit of others, You rescue from the deep pit, the three realms of samsara, I supplicate you, may I accomplish the purposes of migrators,
Father, grant your blessings that I be like you.

Fourth, supplication to remain firm:
Lord, you perform the enlightened activity of all the conquerors,
Precious one, you are the unrivalled refuge,
Father, you are the best to remember, guru, protector of beings,
Look on me, your devoted child, with your compassion.

The ground, unfabricated and innate, the dharmakaya,
The path, stoppageless and self-appearing, the sambhogakaya,
In fact, non-dual and unified, the nirmanakaya, You are inseparable from my mind itself yet, You appear for the impure ones to be tamed! May this very kāya which tames those to be tamed, Remain firm on this ground for hundreds of kalpas, And remain a constant nectar for my insatiable eyes!

Fifth, receiving the blessing abhisheka:
The blessings of your body enter my body-
May the illusory vajra body be obtained.
The blessings of your speech enter my speech-
May the great Manjughosha be accomplished.
The blessings of your mind enter my mind-
May immutable great bliss be obtained.

Sixth, a prayer of aspiration to merge inseparable:
Having become one-ness with you, Just like water poured into water, May I become a tenth bhumi protector.

Second, the extensive version of the supplication has six parts.
First, supplication of the lineage gurus:
NAMO MAHĀMUDRĀYA
In sacred Akanishtha, in the palace of dharma,
Where the fruit of the three kayas ripens,
I supplicate dharmakaya Vajradhara-
Grant your blessing that mind-itself, coemergence, be selfrecognized and,
That in not accepting or rejecting whatever arises on the path,
Appearance and existence may dawn as the three kayas.

In the east, in the Monastery of Jewels in Zahor,
Where a rain of blessings descends,
I supplicate Tilli Prajnabhadra-
Grant your blessing that mind-itself, coemergence, be selfrecognized and,
That in not accepting or rejecting whatever arises on the path,
Appearance and existence may dawn as the three kayas.

In the west, in the monastery of Ravishing Flowers,
Where amrita of siddhi is produced,
I supplicate the learned Mahapandita Naropa-
Grant your blessing that mind-itself, coemergence, be selfrecognized and,
That in not accepting or rejecting whatever arises on the path,
Appearance and existence may dawn as the three kayas.

In the south, in the monastery of Trowolung, Where lakes of oral instructions swirl, I supplicate the Translator Marpa Lotsawa-
Grant your blessing that mind-itself, coemergence, be selfrecognized and,
That in not accepting or rejecting whatever arises on the path,
Appearance and existence may dawn as the three kayas.

In the north, in the Lachi range of snow mountains, Where the snow mountain of the practice lineage was formed,
I supplicate lord Milarepa-
Grant your blessing that mind-itself, coemergence, be selfrecognized and,
That in not accepting or rejecting whatever arises on the path,
Appearance and existence may dawn as the three kayas.

In the east, in the monastery of Daklha Gampo,
Where the kingly mountain of the Kagyu was consolidated,
I supplicate the Dharma king, the physician from Dagpo-
Grant your blessing that mind-itself, coemergence, be selfrecognized and,
That in not accepting or rejecting whatever arises on the path,
Appearance and existence may dawn as the three kayas.
In the glorious forest hermitage of Phagdru, Where royal rule governs the three realms, I supplicate the sugata Khampa Dorgyal-

Grant your blessing that mind-itself, coemergence, be selfrecognized and,
That in not accepting or rejecting whatever arises on the path,
Appearance and existence may dawn as the three kayas.

In the monastery of Naphu Cholung,
Where the realization of things as they are is sustained,
Siddha Lingchen Repa-
Grant your blessing that mind-itself, coemergence, be selfrecognized and,
That in not accepting or rejecting whatever arises on the path,
Appearance and existence may dawn as the three kayas.

At the two seats Druk and Ralung,
Where the essence of teaching and practice is obtained,
I supplicate the protector of beings, Tsangpa Gyare-
Grant your blessing that mind-itself, coemergence, be selfrecognized and,
That in not accepting or rejecting whatever arises on the path,
Appearance and existence may dawn as the three kayas.

In the snowy Tiger Mountain range,
Where the conduct is equalizing the taste of the eight dharmas,
I supplicate Sanggyas Onchen Repa-
Grant your blessing that mind-itself, coemergence, be selfrecognized and,

That in not accepting or rejecting whatever arises on the path,
Appearance and existence may dawn as the three kayas.

At the four seats of Densa,
Where spontaneity is maintained in its place,
I supplicate the Dharma Lord Zhonnu Sengge-
Grant your blessing that mind-itself, coemergence, be selfrecognized and,
That in not accepting or rejecting whatever arises on the path,
Appearance and existence may dawn as the three kayas.

In the palace of Yang Gon Gyalwa,
Where the Chakravartin turns the wheel of great bliss,
I supplicate bodhisatva Nyima Sengge-
Grant your blessing that mind-itself, coemergence, be selfrecognized and,
That in not accepting or rejecting whatever arises on the path,
Appearance and existence may dawn as the three kayas.

In the monastery of Bardrok Dorling, Where birthlessness is launched to soar in the sky, I supplicate Dharma king Dorje Lingpa-
Grant your blessing that mind-itself, coemergence, be selfrecognized and,
That in not accepting or rejecting whatever arises on the path,
Appearance and existence may dawn as the three kayas.

In the mansion of Pokyapa,
Where the doors of the profound and vast dharmas are opened,
I supplicate the famed great Pokyapa-
Grant your blessing that mind-itself, coemergence, be selfrecognized and,
That in not accepting or rejecting whatever arises on the path,
Appearance and existence may dawn as the three kayas.

On the spacious throne, the Kagyu seat, Where the Great Vehicle teaching flourishes,
I supplicate the great, kind thirteenth-
Grant your blessing that mind-itself, coemergence, be selfrecognized and,
That in not accepting or rejecting whatever arises on the path,
Appearance and existence may dawn as the three kayas.

In the cave of great bliss, spacious and profound,
Where by ripening and freeing fortunate ones are satisfied, I supplicate Jamyang Kunga Sengge-
Grant your blessing that mind-itself, coemergence, be selfrecognized and,
That in not accepting or rejecting whatever arises on the path,
Appearance and existence may dawn as the three kayas.
In the spacious grove of arousing benefit for others, Where the flowers of the three trainings are cultivated, I supplicate the kind Vajraratna-

Grant your blessing that mind-itself, coemergence, be selfrecognized and,
That in not accepting or rejecting whatever arises on the path,
Appearance and existence may dawn as the three kayas.

In the grove of profundity and clarity,
Where the experience of non-confusion dawns,
I supplicate Jamyang Lodro Sengge-
Grant your blessing that mind-itself, coemergence, be selfrecognized and,
That in not accepting or rejecting whatever arises on the path,
Appearance and existence may dawn as the three kayas.

In Gangzang in the middle of the land of snows, Where there is self-luminosity of things as they are,
I supplicate the incomparable Khyentse Togden-
Grant your blessing that mind-itself, coemergence, be selfrecognized and,
That in not accepting or rejecting whatever arises on the path,
Appearance and existence may dawn as the three kayas.

In the palace of self-arisen co-emergence,
Where the conduct is the equal taste of samsara and nirvana,
I supplicate Jamyang Yeshe Rinchen-
Grant your blessing that mind-itself, coemergence, be selfrecognized and,

That in not accepting or rejecting whatever arises on the path,
Appearance and existence may dawn as the three kayas.

In the spacious buddha-field of equality,
Where the desires of myself and others are fulfilled,
I supplicate mahasiddha Lodro Chogden-
Grant your blessing that mind-itself, coemergence, be selfrecognized and,
That in not accepting or rejecting whatever arises on the path,
Appearance and existence may dawn as the three kayas.

In the palace of self-arisen awareness wisdom,
Where the mind-streams of fortunate ones are liberated,
I supplicate kind Sherab Zangpo-
Grant your blessing that mind-itself, coemergence, be selfrecognized and,
That in not accepting or rejecting whatever arises on the path,
Appearance and existence may dawn as the three kayas.

In the palace of the completely pure nature, Where the crops of the two knowledges grow,
I supplicate the one who has destroyed illusion, Namkha'i Naljor-
Grant your blessing that mind-itself, coemergence, be selfrecognized and,
That in not accepting or rejecting whatever arises on the path,
Appearance and existence may dawn as the three kayas.

In the spacious sky free from directions, Where sights and sounds are the play of dharmakaya, I supplicate incomparable Gyalwang ChojeGrant your blessing that mind-itself, coemergence, be selfrecognized and,
That in not accepting or rejecting whatever arises on the path,
Appearance and existence may dawn as the three kayas.
In the palace of emptiness and compassion, Where the treasure of mind itself is revealed, I supplicate Ngawang Chokyi Gyalpo-
Grant your blessing that mind-itself, coemergence, be selfrecognized and,
That in not accepting or rejecting whatever arises on the path,
Appearance and existence may dawn as the three kayas.

In the palace of co-emergence, profound and spacious, Where the wisdom of bliss and emptiness occurs, I supplicate Jamyang Chokyi Dragpa-
Grant your blessing that mind-itself, coemergence, be selfrecognized and,
That in not accepting or rejecting whatever arises on the path,
Appearance and existence may dawn as the three kayas.
In the monastery of Dechen Drukgyal,
Where one can receive the essence of profound meaning, I supplicate the one who has abandoned everything, Sherab Gyatso-

Grant your blessing that mind-itself, coemergence, be selfrecognized and,
That in not accepting or rejecting whatever arises on the path,
Appearance and existence may dawn as the three kayas.

In the palace of buddha-activity which pervades space, Where immeasurable compassionate activity is pervasive, I supplicate all-knowing Ngawang Norbu-
Grant your blessing that mind-itself, coemergence, be selfrecognized and,
That in not accepting or rejecting whatever arises on the path,
Appearance and existence may dawn as the three kayas.

In the palace of dharma, wherever he stays, Where a rain of Great Vehicle dharma descends, I supplicate the pure master, Chokyi Gonpo-
Grant your blessing that mind-itself, coemergence, be selfrecognized and,
That in not accepting or rejecting whatever arises on the path,
Appearance and existence may dawn as the three kayas.

In the palace of the three kayas manifest,
Where enlightenment is bestowed on those who desire liberation,
I supplicate Yongdzin Ngagwang Zangpo-
Grant your blessing that mind-itself, coemergence, be selfrecognized and,

That in not accepting or rejecting whatever arises on the path,
Appearance and existence may dawn as the three kayas.

On the top of the tall victory banner, the Kagyu lineage, Where seeing and hearing liberates the mind-streams of others,
I supplicate Gyalwang Pagsam Wangpo-
Grant your blessing that mind-itself, coemergence, be selfrecognized and,
That in not accepting or rejecting whatever arises on the path,
Appearance and existence may dawn as the three kayas.

In the fine repose of having accomplished no definite dwelling,
Where the summer-lake of experience-realization swells,
I supplicate the pure master Mipham Lodro-
Grant your blessing that mind-itself, coemergence, be selfrecognized and,
That in not accepting or rejecting whatever arises on the path,
Appearance and existence may dawn as the three kayas.

In the palace of the indestructible vajra,
Where the tradition of devotion is upheld,
I supplicate you, lord of yogins Karma Tenphel-
Grant your blessing that mind-itself, coemergence, be selfrecognized and,
That in not accepting or rejecting whatever arises on the path,
Appearance and existence may dawn as the three kayas.

In the palace of great bliss, the four kayas, Where the actual secret of anuttara is exposed, I supplicate Yongdzin Kunga Lhundrup-
Grant your blessing that mind-itself, coemergence, be selfrecognized and,
That in not accepting or rejecting whatever arises on the path,
Appearance and existence may dawn as the three kayas.

In the spacious expanse, the self-liberation of fortunate ones,
Where the command tradition of blessings is discovered, I supplicate Mipham Chokyi Wangchuk-
Grant your blessing that mind-itself, coemergence, be selfrecognized and,
That in not accepting or rejecting whatever arises on the path,
Appearance and existence may dawn as the three kayas.

In the palace of vajra-ness which pervades space,
Where many wishes of virtue and goodness occur,
I supplicate Mipham Yarphel Wangpo-
Grant your blessing that mind-itself, coemergence, be selfrecognized and,
That in not accepting or rejecting whatever arises on the path,
Appearance and existence may dawn as the three kayas.
In the pure realm of rescuing others from the pit of samsara,
Where the buddha-activity which benefits others expands, I supplicate Ngawang Chogyal Palzang-

Grant your blessing that mind-itself, coemergence, be selfrecognized and,
That in not accepting or rejecting whatever arises on the path,
Appearance and existence may dawn as the three kayas.

In the buddha-field of universal purity,
Where the impartial teachings of the buddha increase,
I supplicate Ngawang Kunga Tendzin-
Grant your blessing that mind-itself, coemergence, be selfrecognized and,
That in not accepting or rejecting whatever arises on the path,
Appearance and existence may dawn as the three kayas.

In the palace of limitless benefit for others, Where there is the ability, activity, and power of all the conquerors,
I supplicate Jamgon Gyepa'i Wangchuk-
Grant your blessing that mind-itself, coemergence, be selfrecognized and,
That in not accepting or rejecting whatever arises on the path,
Appearance and existence may dawn as the three kayas.

In the palace of possessing the five wisdoms,
Where there has been liberation from the fetters of elaboration and signs,
I supplicate Lhenkye Dechen Dorje-
Grant your blessing that mind-itself, coemergence, be selfrecognized and,

That in not accepting or rejecting whatever arises on the path,
Appearance and existence may dawn as the three kayas.

In the vajra palace which is indestructible,
Where the Chakravartin turns the wheel of all the families,
I supplicate the lord over them all Jampel Pawo-
Grant your blessing that mind-itself, coemergence, be selfrecognized and,
That in not accepting or rejecting whatever arises on the path,
Appearance and existence may dawn as the three kayas.

In space of kindness beyond repayment, Where the superlative wish increases other's benefit, I supplicate Tendzin Chokyi Nyima-
Grant your blessing that mind-itself, coemergence, be selfrecognized and,
That in not accepting or rejecting whatever arises on the path,
Appearance and existence may dawn as the three kayas.

In the buddha-field of bliss of no certain dwelling-place, Where prayers of aspiration for other's benefit are produced,
I supplicate the Lord of Conquerors, Chokyi Nangwa-
Grant your blessing that mind-itself, coemergence, be selfrecognized and,
That in not accepting or rejecting whatever arises on the path,
Appearance and existence may dawn as the three kayas.

In the palace of unification which is all-encompassing, Where the brilliance of power blazes,
I supplicate Mipham Jampel Dorje-
Grant your blessing that mind-itself, coemergence, be selfrecognized and,
That in not accepting or rejecting whatever arises on the path,
Appearance and existence may dawn as the three kayas.

At rest in the equality of samsara and nirvana, Where self-arisen wisdom is realized, I supplicate glorious Choying Lhundrup-
Grant your blessing that mind-itself, coemergence, be selfrecognized and,
That in not accepting or rejecting whatever arises on the path,
Appearance and existence may dawn as the three kayas.

In the space of all-pervading equanimity,
Where rain-clouds of bodhichitta move about,
I supplicate the pure master Drubgyu Nyima-
Grant your blessing that mind-itself, coemergence, be selfrecognized and,
That in not accepting or rejecting whatever arises on the path,
Appearance and existence may dawn as the three kayas.

In the buddha field of the unchanging three faiths,
Where one is accepted by all the buddhas,
I supplicate Ngedon Tenpa'i Nyinje-
Grant your blessing that mind-itself, coemergence, be selfrecognized and,

That in not accepting or rejecting whatever arises on the path,
Appearance and existence may dawn as the three kayas.

In the palace of the full accumulations of abandonment and realization,
Where the qualities of freeing and ripening expand,
I supplicate you of Shaydrup Chokyi Nyinje-
Grant your blessing that mind-itself, coemergence, be selfrecognized and,
That in not accepting or rejecting whatever arises on the path,
Appearance and existence may dawn as the three kayas.

In the spacious expanse of having liberated self by realization,
Where the activities of great compassion ripen other's mind-streams,
I supplicate the one named Kunzig Yongdzin-
Grant your blessing that mind-itself, coemergence, be selfrecognized and,
That in not accepting or rejecting whatever arises on the path,
Appearance and existence may dawn as the three kayas.

In the space of emptiness having the supreme of all aspects,
Where unchanging great bliss is discovered,
I supplicate glorious Tenpa'i Nyima-
Grant your blessing that mind-itself, coemergence, be selfrecognized and,

That in not accepting or rejecting whatever arises on the path,
Appearance and existence may dawn as the three kayas.

On top of the sun and moon seat above the crown of my head,
Where in one life, buddhahood is bestowed,
I supplicate the kind, root guru-
Grant your blessing that mind-itself, coemergence, be selfrecognized and,
That in not accepting or rejecting whatever arises on the path,
Appearance and existence may dawn as the three kayas.

Second, the lineage gurus melt into light:
Having supplicated the lineage gurus in that way,
By the power of my devotion and the refuges' great love, In order to bless me they melt into light, In descending order and condense into the root guru.

## Third, supplicating the root guru:

The mothers, all sentient beings limitless as space, Take refuge in the guru who is the precious buddha, Take refuge in the lord of dharma who is the precious buddha.

The kind, root guru who is supreme,
The yidam deity-assemblies who bestow siddhi,
And the supreme place of refuge, the three jewels-
We prostrate to you reverently and with lucid faith take refuge in you.

We take refuge in the guru who is the precious buddha, We take refuge in the lord of dharma who is the precious buddha.

Vajradhara and so on-the Kagyu gurus-and you, guru, Your minds are inseparable in the equality of luminosity, And one taste in the state of dharmakayaPrecious guru who subsumes all of the Kagyu gurus, We take refuge in the guru who is the precious buddha, We take refuge in the lord of dharma who is the precious buddha.

The various assemblies of peaceful, wrathful, male and female deity mandalas,
Appearing like that in accordance with the different inclinations,
To bestow the supreme and ordinary siddhis-
Precious guru who subsumes all yidams, We take refuge in the guru who is the precious buddha, We take refuge in the lord of dharma who is the precious buddha.

The essence of all the buddhas of the ten directions, The treasury of all dharmas profound and limitless, The assembly of buddhas' sons, the noble ones nicely subsumed-
Precious guru who subsumes the three jewels, We take refuge in the guru who is the precious buddha, We take refuge in the lord of dharma who is the precious buddha.

Glorious guru, even by just remembering you,
Conditions, hindrances, and discord in every direction, Are, by the force of your blessing, not abandoned but purified in their own place-
Precious guru who is the king of dharmapalas, We take refuge in the guru who is the precious buddha, We take refuge in the lord of dharma who is the precious buddha.

Now and at all times in the future,
Refuge and protector since there is no other hope but you,
Devotion to the guru is the only method-
Precious guru who is the king of the one method,
We take refuge in the guru who is the precious buddha, We take refuge in the lord of dharma who is the precious buddha.
Precious, kind root guru,
Please be seated within the lotus at our hearts, And remaining there forever inseparable,
Please grant the blessings of your body, speech, and mind.
We take refuge in the guru who is the precious buddha,
We take refuge in the lord of dharma who is the precious buddha.

With your unfathomable, great compassionate activity, Permanently and inseparably accept me, Then care for me nicely with your great kindnessPlease bestow the siddhi of Mahamudra.
We take refuge in the guru who is the precious buddha, We take refuge in the lord of dharma who is the precious buddha.

I and other disciples together in the lineage, All of us children of the lineage who supplicate, Guru, please grant your blessings so that we may observe Your life example and accomplish the two purposes. We take refuge in the guru who is the precious buddha, We take refuge in the lord of dharma who is the precious buddha.

In the entire succession of my lives, may I never be Separated from the glorious guru for even an instant and so
Through devotion receive your two feet on the crown of my head.
Having fulfilled your wishes by accomplishing what you have said,
May I complete the virtues of the paths and bhumis, And quickly attain the state of Vajradhara.
We take refuge in the guru who is the precious buddha, We take refuge in the lord of dharma who is the precious buddha.

May wrong views not arise even for an instant, Regarding the life example of the glorious guru, And by the devotion of seeing whatever he does as just right,
May the blessings of the guru enter my mind.
We take refuge in the guru who is the precious buddha, We take refuge in the lord of dharma who is the precious buddha.

With my three doors of great devotion, I supplicate the root guru who subsumes all of the buddhas,

Grant your blessings that primordial actuality is selfrecognized,
And that life is equivalent to accomplishment.
We take refuge in the guru who is the precious buddha, We take refuge in the lord of dharma who is the precious buddha.

Fourth, supplication to remain firm:
Guru, I supplicate for your good health,
I supplicate for your very long and excellent life,
I supplicate for the flourishing and expanding of your buddha activity,
Grant your blessings that I not be separated from you, guru.

Fifth, receiving the four abhishekas:
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The kaya of the guru with the perfect marks,
Enters the bindu of body at the crown,
And the joyful water of the vase empowerment,
Cleanses the obscurations of the waking state.

The speech of all the sambhogakaya, Enters the bindu of speech at the throat, And the joyful water of the supreme, secret empowerment, Incinerates the habits of the dream state.

The glorious guru's dharmakaya,
Enters the bindu of mind at the heart centre, And the sun of prajna-jnana, Dispels the darkness of deep sleep.

The protectors' co-emergent kaya, Enters the bindu of wisdom at the navel, And the fourth abhisheka, Blesses me into the immutable attainment.

Sixth, a prayer of aspiration to merge inseparable:
By the body, speech, mind, and wisdom, Of myself and sentient beings, Joining with the four vajras in that way, May we become lords of the four kayas.

Fifth, the aspiration for arousing certainty in the ultimate guru yoga:
May we perfect our own minds as the guru's dharmakayaWe make supreme supplications for this self-recognition. All appearance and existence is the play of the guru, May this be accomplished as the ultimate three kayas of the guru.

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Fourth, the main part, persevering at meditation on the absolute, mind itself, has three parts.

First, the points of body and speech:
Maintaining the external basis of meditation has seven points of the body:
The legs are crossed in the lattice-like posture ${ }^{1}$;
The hands are held at the navel in the mudra of equipoise ${ }^{2}$;

The spine is straightened like stacked gold coins with central hole ${ }^{3}$;
The shoulders, like the wings of a vulture, are spread broad ${ }^{4}$;
The neck is pulled in like an iron hook ${ }^{5}$;
The teeth and lips are apart ${ }^{6}$; and the gaze rests in its own place ${ }^{7}$.
Cutting off the activity of speech, stay in self-settled isolation. ${ }^{2}$

Second, the point of mind, ground and path together with recognition:
One's mind, primordially pure, has the maker of samsara and nirvana.
Resting within this itself, without fabrication, is the equipoise.
Not being distracted is the path of all the buddhas.
There is no other way to meditate; decide on this.
Self-arising awareness, free from recognition, is emptiness;
Emptiness's self-radiance, its life, is the appearing of discursive thoughts;
Non-dual, beyond intellect, this is the space of coemergence.
Actuality is to be known directly, just as it is.

[^0]Third, aspiring to a completed path, the fruition:
May I graduate from experience ${ }^{1}$; have realization become manifest ${ }^{2}$;
Complete appearances as the life of awareness ${ }^{3}$; be carried to the place of exhaustion of dharmata ${ }^{4}$;
Accomplish the fruition of the four kayas in this life; And become the Inexhaustible Wheel that leads all beings. ${ }^{3}$

Fifth, the conclusion, extensively allocating virtue for perfect enlightenment, has three parts. First, dedication:
By this merit may I quickly
Become a glorious guru,
Then lead each and every being
To that stage.

What the conquerors who crossed in the three times All dedicated to is praised as best, Thus, all these roots of virtue of mine also Are totally dedicated for the cause of good action.

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## Second, prayers of aspiration:

May wrong views not arise even for an instant Regarding the life example of the glorious guru, And by the devotion of seeing whatever he does as just right
May the blessings of the guru enter my mind.

Through all my births may I not be separated from
The authentic guru and so enjoy the splendour of dharma.
Perfecting the virtues of the paths and bhumis,
May I quickly attain the state of Vajradhara.

By the blessings of the truth of
The compassionate activity of the unsurpassed guru, the conquerors,
Their sons, the pratyekabuddhas, and the arhats,
May these excellent prayers of aspiration be accomplished.

By the blessings of the buddha who has discovered the three kayas,
By the blessings of the dharmata whose truth is unchanging,
And by the blessings of the sangha whose aspirations are unwavering,
May these prayers of aspiration be accomplished just as they have been dedicated.

Third, expressing auspiciousness:
Just as a king's ruler rides at the crest of his standard, So you are the crown ornament of the supreme deities,

May the supreme auspiciousness of the unequalled guru, Who bestows the supreme siddhi on practitioners be present.

Great Vajradhara, Tilli, Naro, Marpa, Mila, Gampo, Thatzapa, Naphupa, and so on, glorious Drukpa-
May the auspiciousness of the root and lineage gurus be present.

Form containing all of the buddhas, The very essence of Vajra-holder, The roots of the three jewels-
May the auspiciousness of the gurus be present.
May the auspiciousness of the Kagyu gurus be present, May the auspiciousness of the yidam deity-assemblies be present,
May the auspiciousness of the viras and dakinis be present,
May the auspiciousness of the dharmapalas and protectors be present,
May the auspiciousness of the wealth devas and treasure masters be present,
May the auspiciousness of the protectors on the side of white be present.

May there be goodness during the day, goodness during the night,
And goodness in the middle of the day as well;
May there always be goodness, night and day,
May the auspiciousness of the three jewels be present!

> Freedom from the eighty-four thousand classes of obstructing spirits,
> Freedom from unfavourable and harmful circumstances, Connection with what is favourable and everything excellent,
> By that auspiciousness may goodness here and now be present.

> Merit firm as a mountain, Lineage holders clear as the sun and moon, Fame pervasive as space, By that auspiciousness may goodness here and now be present.

Able to live one hundred years and see one hundred autumns,
Long life, no sickness, and happiness complete,
Definite establishment in the supreme yana,
By that auspiciousness may goodness here and now be present.

Being generous, guarding discipline, Practising patience, having perseverance, Resting equipoised, and realizing actuality, By that auspiciousness may goodness here and now be present.

In ground Mahamudra nothing changes, May the auspiciousness of the unchanging kaya be present.

Generally, may there be auspiciousness for the six migrators,
In particular, may there be auspiciousness for those assembled here.

In path Mahamudra there is no obstruction,
May the auspiciousness of the unobstructed speech be present.
Generally, may there be auspiciousness for the six migrators,
In particular, may there be auspiciousness for those assembled here.

In fruition Mahamudra there is no confusion,
May the auspiciousness of the unconfused mind be present.
Generally, may there be auspiciousness for the six
migrators,
In particular, may there be auspiciousness for those assembled here.

Without the blemish of exertion and effort,
Like the wish-fulfilling jewel and tree, Which fulfills the hopes of sentient beings, May the auspiciousness of wishes being accomplished be present.

By the truth of the three jewels, and by the great spiritual power of the fully completed two accumulations made by
the blessings of all the buddhas and bodhisatvas, and by the dharmadhatu's complete purity and inconceivable strength, may these be accomplished just as they have been made.

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Sixth, in between sessions, a continuous yoga is to be genuinely maintained:

At all times without one instant of confusion, May all circumstances, good and bad, every one, With alertness, without grasping, be carried onto the path through equalizing the taste, And may I attain stability in all-pervading great bliss.

That was the Mabamudra preliminaries' extensive text for recitation together with a list of the topics of the main part. Regarding this sort of recitation for the four sessions, in the earlier days of our tradition, the meanings of meditation contained in the ordinary and extra-ordinary preliminaries together with the main part were not written down in the form of manuals composed for recitation and meditation. That being the case, I have been thinking for a long time now that it was necessary to write something of this sort, in order to ripen followers and benefit all of those in our group who have been giving explanations and instructions to others widely in this area. So, this composition of Kunga Tendzin was written down by the omniscient, good man of dharma, the holy guru, Mipham Konchog Palzang. By the force of this accumulation of virtue and the force of the good actions done throughout the three times of
samsara and nirvana, may this precious teaching of the beart, the profound meaning, expand throughout all directions and times and may every migrator who journeys in the realms by entering bere quickly perfect the paths and bhumis and attain the boly, vajra state.

## SUPPORTS FOR STUDY

I have been encouraged over the years by all of my teachers to pass on the knowledge I have accumulated in a lifetime dedicated to study and practice, primarily in the Tibetan tradition of Buddhism. On the one hand, they have encouraged me to teach. On the other, they are concerned that, while many general books on Buddhism have been and are being published, there are few books that present the actual texts of the tradition. Therefore they, together with a number of major figures in the Buddhist book publishing world, have also encouraged me to translate and publish high quality translations of individual texts of the tradition.

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- Gampopa's Mabāmudrā, The Five-Part Mabāmudrā of the Kagyus by Tony Duff
- The Bodyless Dakini Dharma, The Dakini Hearing Lineage of the Kagyus by Tony Duff

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for Tibetan Buddhist centres throughout the world, including in Tibet itself. It is available through the PKTC web-site.

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Tony Duff has spent a lifetime pursuing the Buddha's teaching and transmitting it to others. In the early 1970's, during his post-graduate studies in molecular biology, he went to Asia and met the Buddhist teachings of various South-east Asian countries. He met Tibetan Buddhism in Nepal and has followed it since. After his trip he abandoned worldly life and was the first monk ordained in his home country of Australia. Together with several others, he founded the monastery called Chenrezig Institute for Wisdom Culture where he studied and practised the Gelugpa teachings for several years under the guidance of Lama Yeshe, Lama Zopa, Geshe Lodan, and Zasep Tulku. After that, he offered back his ordination and left for the USA to study the Kagyu teachings with the incomparable Chogyam Trungpa Rinpoche. Tony was very active in the community and went through all possible levels of training that were available during his twelve year stay. He was also a core member of the Nalanda Translation Committee. After Chogyam Trungpa died, Tony went to live in Nepal where he worked as the personal translator for Tsoknyi Rinpoche and also translated for several other well-known teachers. He also founded and directed the largest Tibetan text preservation project in Asia, the Drukpa Kagyu Heritage Project, which he oversaw for eight years. He also established the Padma Karpo Translation Committee which has produced many fine translations and made many resources for translators such as the highly acclaimed Illuminator Tibetan-English Dictionary. After the year 2000, Tony focussed primarily on obtaining Dzogchen teachings from the best teachers available, especially within Tibet, and translating and teaching them. He has received much approval from many teachers and has been given the titles "lotsawa" and "lama" and been strongly encouraged by them to teach Westerners. One way he does that is by producing these fine translations.

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[^0]:    ${ }^{2}$ The numbers above are not footnote indicators but are numbers in the text itself, enumerating the seven points of posture.

[^1]:    ${ }^{3}$ The numbers here are numbers in the text indicating the four main steps of realization on the path of Mahāmudrā. The Drukpa Kagyu practises Mahāmudrā according to the system of the Four Yogas of Mahāmudrā, so these correspond to the realization of the Four Yogas of Mahāmudrā.

