

This prayer was offered to the Drigung Kyabgon, Chetsang Rinpoche and Chungtsang Rinpoche, as part of their long life ceremony at the conclusion of the inauguration ceremonies for the Drikung Kagyu Institute in Dehra Dun, India in 1992. The prayer was written by a practitioner in San Francisco especially for the occasion.

**Prayer of Five Homages
A Long Life Prayer Offered to Their Holinesses
the Drigung Kyabgon**

May all be auspicious!

Going for refuge with intense devotion,
I bow down to the lotus feet of the Supreme Lama Vajradhara,
lama like a jewel,
source of the buddhas pervading all space.
I bow down to all that is worthy of honor.

Revered Teachers, gleaming with the five qualities
of the spontaneously arisen body of great bliss,
bejewelled victory banners raised above the hosts
of glorious children of the conquerors:
Lords of the Three Worlds, we offer you our prayer of gladness.

Homage, Precious Lama, light of the assembly,
shining center of the bright mandala,
the perfection of all lands far and near.
You reveal in your limitless presence
as countless buddhas brilliant with peace.

Homage, Precious Lama, hub of the wheel,
centered everywhere, nowhere bound,
remaining in the changeless now.
You are master of the eon's courses,
embodiment of timeless time.

Homage, Precious Lama, supreme spiritual guide,
appearance and mind abiding in unity
all teachers in one from beginningless time.
Blazing with the major and minor marks of a buddha
you inspire all beings to enlightenment and perfection.

At the western gate of the world mandala
rainbows dance and conches sound
over the great gate of emptiness
between the pillars of skillful means.

May your measureless compassion and wisdom spread their rays.

From the peak of the jewel mountain
crowned with the knowledge of vows unstained
ornamented with the treasure of virtue
and the dignity of freedom from Mara's darkness.

May the power of your aspirations fulfill the hopes of all beings.

From the verge of countless suns and worlds
alight with the clear beams of pure vision
radiant with the perfection of the two bodhicittas,
by the joy of mind resplendent with Mahamudra's fire
may you bring limitless benefits to all sentient beings.

With grace of lotus and fire of sword
you are the self-accomplished Vidyadhara
by whose kindness the three world are pacified.
Compassionate sun of the triple gem
may your ocean of perfect deeds swiftly bear fruit.

Precious teachers, may your life always be firm
and your sea of disciples live long and completely accomplish their practice.
Seated on the supreme unconquerable throne of the vajra
stay with us and teach, we pray, until samsara's end
That all sentient beings may be liberated by our efforts.

If through reciting this prayer of homage
any small merit may have amassed,
may it immediately be dedicated to the sacred majesty of the Dharma
and to the unending welfare of all beings everywhere.
May the aim of my prayer soon be accomplished!