



Prayer for the Swift Return of His Eminence Choden Rinpoche

Composed by His Holiness the Dalai Lama

Peerless expounder, pinnacle of the Shakyas,
who guides beings through teaching dependent origination;
the seventeen panditas, victorious Losang, and the rest:
Father and son, along with the lineage, please bestow
excellent virtue.

Holder and master of victorious Losang's teachings
[Losang Gyalten],
Which are entirely unmistakable, pure by the three analyses¹;
Fearless, powerful [Jigdre Wangchuk] protector of beings:
I make requests to the incomparable, glorious lama.

In this degenerate time, when the victor's teachings are
utterly disparaged,
While with great courage, through many hardships,
Spreading the precious teachings in all directions,
This departure of the holy form body for peace—oh my!

In the midst of this atmosphere of great loss
for the teachings and beings, and in particular for the inhab-
itants of the Snow Land,
Please do not waver from [your promise made at] the time
of your holy mind generation
And swiftly return once again, as a new emanation, a splen-
dor for the teachings and beings.

Through the blessings of the Three Jewels and the ocean of victors,
And the power of truth of the unchanging nature of cause and effect
May our aims, just as we wish, without exception
Be accomplished easily without obstruction.

¹ Not contradicted by direct perception, not contradicted by the power of reason, and free of internal contradictions.

Colophon: In light of the mutual appeal of Choden Labrang, Sera Jey Lhopa Khangtsen, and the Rongpo district settlement #7 ½—those at home and abroad, ordained and lay—and the students of Awakening Vajra Dharma Center, that we need a swift return prayer for Sera Jey Lhopa Choden Rinpoche, Losang Gyalten Jigdre Wangchuk, holder of the treasury of general and particular teachings, who has gone to peace, I, the Shakya Bhiksu and expounder of Dharma, Dalai Lama Tenzin Gyatso,

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