The Quintessence of Faith
A Prayer for the Swift Return of Lama Tharchin Rinpoche

OM SOTI  É YING DANG MA MI SHIK DOR JEI SOK
É, basic space, the pure essence of indestructible vajra life force

T'HAB CHHOK JEY CHHAK MA GAK NYING JEI DANG
Supreme method, unceasing involvement, the radiance of compassion

ZUNG JUK HÉ RU KA PAL T'HÔ T'HRENG TSAL
Their unity, the glorious Heruka, Tötreng Tsal

TSA SUM GONG PA DÜ PA YING NAY KUL
We invoke the gathering of the wisdom mind of the Three Roots from basic space.

NGÖN TSHÉ GONG NAY LHAK SAM T'HU TEN PAI
In your previous life, you gave rise to the peerless awakened intention that the heights, strength, and stability

DRUB GYÜ PEMA KA RAI RING LUK CHHÉ
Of the great long-standing tradition of the practice lineage of Padmakara

MI NYAM PEL LA T'HUK KYÉ DA DRAL WA
not decline, but flourish.

NGAK CHHANG RIK PA DZIN PA ZHAY PAI ZHAL
You, mantra-holder, vidyadhara that expounds the teachings,

DRO DUL PA WO GANG KHYÖ TSHUR T'HONG NGOR
Tamer of beings, hero of all, please see it from our side.
ZUK KÜ KÖ PA DÜ DI KYÉ MA HÚ
We cry in pain that the gathered array of your rupakaya is gone.

ÖN TANG SHUK JYUNG NGÖN GOM T'HUK JEI TSAL
But through the spontaneity of your previous training, the expression of your responsiveness,

GAK MÉ TEN JYUNG T'HU DANG DAK CHAK DRO
The unceasing strength of interdependent arising,

DAY SUM YO MÉ DANG PAI AH DARSHAR
May the emanation of your moon-like face quickly appear

TRUL PAI DA ZHAL NYUR DU CHHAR WA NAY
In the clear mirror of our unwavering three types of faith.

TEN DRÖ GÖN PUNG DAM PAR JYÖN SOL DEB
We pray for your return, sublime, mighty protector of the teachings and beings.

LU MÉ KÖN CHHOK TSA SUM DEN T'HU DANG
By the truth and strength of the infallible Three Jewels and Three Roots,

DAK SOK TSÉ CHIK SOL WA TAB PAI DÖN
And the meaning of our single-pointed prayer,

GEK MÉ YI ZHIN DRUB DZÖ SA MA YA
May our wishes be fulfilled without obstacle. Samaya.
After my uncle, Lama Rinpoche Tsedrup Tharchin dissolved into peaceful basic space, when his retinue and students were gathered, I was verbally compelled so that everyone’s aspiration could be perfected in the expanse of unconditional wisdom. On the day of the drupchöd of Sri Vajrasattva’s mandala, the cremation ganachakra, with Samantabhadra’s offering clouds billowing excellence everywhere, Putra Akshara [Sanskrit for Angyur’s name] exhorted me, saying that for all faithful disciples, we need a prayer for the swift return. I bowed to the dust under the feet of the one who holds the name, Jetsun Lama Buddha [Chatral Sangye Dorje Rinpoche], then I, Abhaya [Sanskrit for Jigmé, meaning Loppon Jigmé Rinpoche], immediately wrote this. Sarwa Mangalam