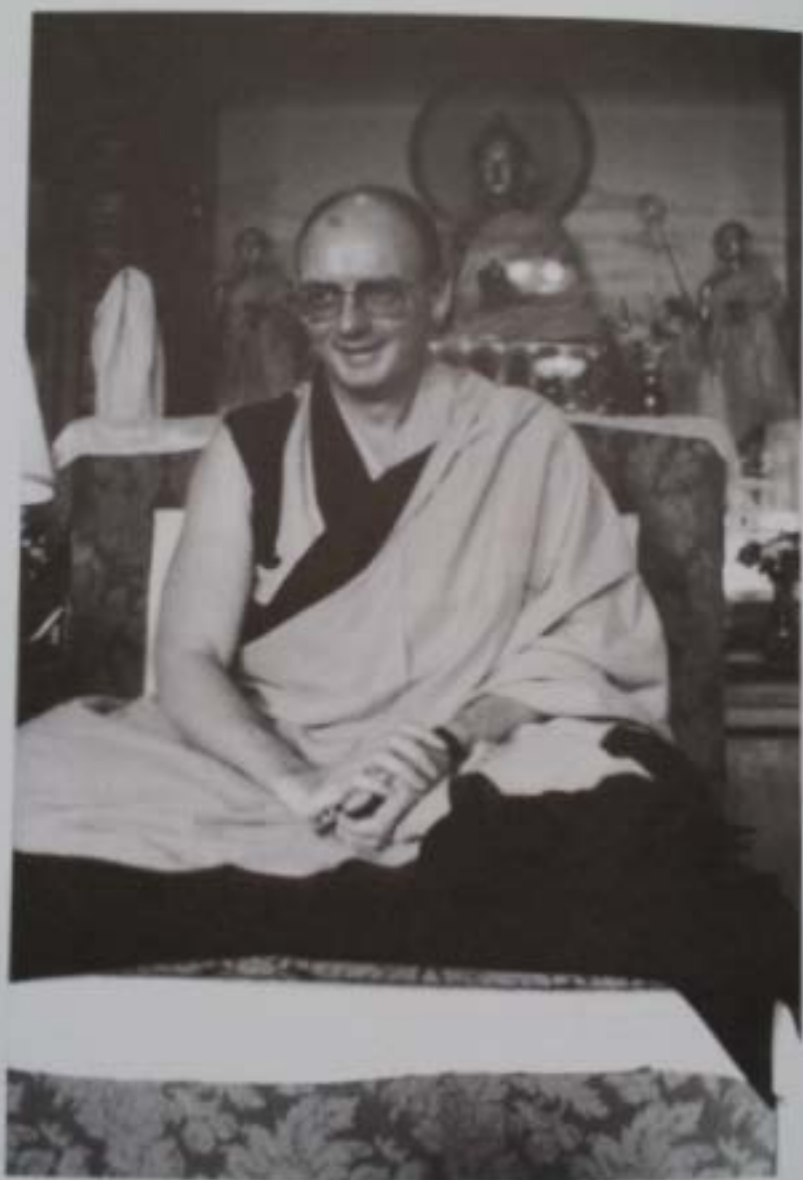


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Preface

This booklet contains two prayers for the long life of Venerable Gen Thubten Gyatso. The first, *Requesting Long Life, the Gateway to Receiving Blessings*, was composed in 1991 by Gen Thubten's root Guru, the incomparable Venerable Geshe Kelsang Gyatso Rinpoche, at the request of the students of Madhyamaka Centre. The second prayer was composed in 1993 by the Glorious Dharma Protector, Duldzin Dorje Shugdän.

*Requesting Long Life,
the Gateway to Receiving Blessings*

OM SÖTI

By relying upon you, the mara of the Lord of Death
is conquered,
The two collections of wisdom and merit are completed,
And the attainment of the deathless body of Union is
bestowed;

O Protector Amitayus, we request your auspiciousness.

O Conqueror Vajradhara, source of all attainments,
We request you, please bestow your blessings
So that the venerable Guru's life may remain firm
And his activities spread far and wide like the light
of the sun and the moon.

O Teacher Buddha Shakyamuni, Lord of the doctrine,
We request you, please bestow your blessings
So that the venerable Guru's life may remain firm
And his activities spread far and wide like the light
of the sun and the moon.

O Arya Avalokiteshvara, treasury of compassion,
We request you, please bestow your blessings
So that the venerable Guru's life may remain firm
And his activities spread far and wide like the light
of the sun and the moon.

O Protector Manjushri, supreme fountain of wisdom,
We request you, please bestow your blessings
So that the venerable Guru's life may remain firm
And his activities spread far and wide like the light
of the sun and the moon.

O Vajrapani, destroyer of all obstacles,
We request you, please bestow your blessings
So that the venerable Guru's life may remain firm
And his activities spread far and wide like the light
of the sun and the moon.

O Losang Dragpa, synthesis of all objects of refuge,
We request you, please bestow your blessings
So that the venerable Guru's life may remain firm
And his activities spread far and wide like the light
of the sun and the moon.

O Duldzin Chökyi Gyalpo, magical emanation of
Losang Dragpa,
We request you, please bestow your blessings
So that the venerable Guru's life may remain firm
And his activities spread far and wide like the light
of the sun and the moon.

Through the force of our single-pointed respectful
requests
To the supreme holy beings, the non-deceptive objects
of refuge,
May the venerable Guru Thubten Gyatso's life remain
firm,
And may all his activities flourish.

May all Dharma communities who uphold the doctrine
Of the second Buddha, Losang Dragpa,
And the Dharma practitioners who rely upon that
doctrine
Pacify all adverse conditions and fulfil all their wishes.

May sickness, famine, and conflict be eliminated
From every country in the world;
And through the doctrine of Buddha shining like a sun
May all living beings be led to the joy of the teachings.

*Prayer for the Long Life of the Venerable
Gen Thubten Gyatso*

May you live for a very long time as a disciple of the
Ocean of Good Fortune
So that with a powerful heart you may uphold the
doctrine of the excellent tradition
Of the second Buddha, Protector Manjushri
Je Tsongkhapa,
And protect it and increase it throughout the world.