

H.E. Kensur Rinpoche Konchok Tsering



This prayer was composed by the erudite scholar and Buddhist master, H.E. Kensur Rinpoche Konchok Tsering. Kensur Rinpoche is the Abbot-Emeritus of Gaden Shartse and is well known for his mastery of Buddhist study and teaching.

Kensur Rinpoche was born in 1934 in Markham, Tibet. At the age of 13, he became ordained as a monk in his own hometown monastery. Upon turning 17, he went to Gaden Shartse Monastery in Lhasa, and studied there until the Chinese Occupation in 1959, when Kensur Rinpoche then moved to India.

In 1980, Kensur Rinpoche received his Geshe Larampa title, and thereafter joined the Gyuto Tantric College in 1985 to study. In 1989, he was appointed as one of the official teachers in Gaden Shartse Monastery.

In 1996, Kensur Rinpoche was appointed Abbot of Gaden Shartse Monastery. He continued to serve as abbot for the next 5 years, until 2001.

Having begun his education decades ago in old Tibet, Kensur Rinpoche is a highly revered teacher of both Sutra and Tantra, holding a life-long devotion and commitment to the way of the Dharma.

Kensur Rinpoche is one of the old masters who brought the teachings and practice from Tibet to India in the 1960s, and as a former abbot, was instrumental in reestablishing the grandeur of Gaden Shartse Monastery in its new home in South India. To this day, Kensur Rinpoche still continues to teach, creating a whole new generation of highly qualified, committed practitioners and teachers. One of his students include Zong Choktrul Rinpoche.

The Long Life Prayer Treasure of Immortality

O Buddha Amitayus, Ushnisha Vijaya, Arya Tara,
And all Yidam Deities who grant longevity,
We beg of you: Please grant us blessings:
May the lives of the great holy beings be stable,
May their enlightening activities flourish widely,
May the Protector of Degenerate Age Beings who is endowed with infinite qualities,
Exquisitely adorned with the six perfections and four means of gathering disciples,
And overflowing with perfection of patience in particular,
Tsem Tulku Rinpoche, Tenzin ZÖpa YÖnten Gyatso
Peerless Protector of Living Beings and The Teachings, may You live long!
For practitioners of the East, wherever there is darkness of ignorance,
You induce bright clear faith in fortunate ones with your wondrous Form.
You reveal the path to living beings with your profound clear Speech
And your great Love and Compassion enfolds all Beings equally,
Great Captain of Beings, may you live long!
Your stainless Body of white lotus,
Your melodious Speech of divine harps,
Your Mind, knowing Dharma and Beings' interests and propensities,
May you remain stably with us, indestructible, for a hundred eons!
In summary, Kind Lord, Blazing Lamp of Dharma,
Great Ocean of Sutra and Tantra,
May your life be fully stable in nature of the Vajra!
May your activities nourish and heal all Beings!
By blessings of the Three Jewels and Oceans of Jinas,

The power of Truth of ultimate Dharmata-Reality
And our sincere determination to benefit all Beings
May this prayer be completely and easily fulfilled!

May the Venerable Guru's life be stable.

May positive actions spread throughout space,

May the lamp of Je Tsongkhapa's Teachings

Always remain clearing away the darkness for beings!

In accordance with the urging with offering by Pukhang Lozang Yeshe that a long life prayer such as this was needed for the Incomparable Tsem Tulku Tenzin Zöpa Yönten Gyatso Pelzangpo, this prayer for his long life with prayers to the Three jewels and Ocean of Jinas was made by Abbot Emeritus Dorjechang Jetsun Tsering Pelzangpo.

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