Prayer to the Root Guru

Glorious, precious root guru—sit on the lotus on the crown of my head and, out of your great kindness, care for me: please bestow the siddhis of body, speech, and mind.

Long Life Prayer entitled Melody of the Unchanging Vajra for His Holiness Kyabgon Gongma Trichen, the Great Vajradhara, Ngawang Kunga Thekchen Palbar Trinley Samphel Wangyi Gyalpo

In immortal life's protective wheel, Seven-eyed one granting deathlessness, Great assemblage granting deathlessness, Grant attainment of immortal life!
Path divine of Padmasambhava,
Wisdom, love, and power’s radiant form,
Sakya’s blooms of insights and of words,
Master of the four worlds, please live long!

Ngawang Kunga, line of Khön divine,
Giving joy and benefit to all,
Owner of the great and secret path,
Wish-fulfilling great king, please live long!

Meditating, thinking, listening,
Placed upon a moral golden base,
Teach, debate, compose the Dharma’s words,
Royal sublime refuge, firm remain!

Second Buddha, teacher of Lamdre,
Valid path of Buddha taught through speech,
Teachings of the Sakya founders, five—
You who teach like Buddha, firm remain!
This long-life prayer was written by the Shakya bhikṣu, Ngawang Lodrö Rinchen, abbot of the glorious Nalendra monastery in Tibet.

The English text for the long-life prayer is based on Lama Ngawang Samten’s translation, which Stephen Ang rendered into a metered verse form to accord with the Tibetan tune. This English version was offered to His Holiness in deep gratitude for bestowing the Lamdre Tshogshe at Sakya College, India, in 1987. It is now recited by Sakya centers around the world. The words comprising His Holiness’s name are highlighted in blue in the text. The English text for the prayer to the root guru is based on a translation by Ven. Kassapo.

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