

Prayer for the Quick Return of Kyabjé Lati Rinpoché

O peerless savior and supreme Teacher, Shuddhodhana's son,¹
O the seventeen masters and adepts, Nagarjuna and Asanga, and so on,
O Dipamkara² as well as sovereign father Tsongkhapa,
Gloriously appear here today to grant auspiciousness.

On the great path leading to the heart of *Enlightenment*,³
You've traversed by means of the perfect threefold *discipline*,
And have *enhanced* ever higher the realizations of enlightened *qualities* –
O glorious Guru, we offer our supplications at your feet.

Pray return gloriously to propagate the teaching of Lobsang,⁴
By tying well the sash of monastic disciplinary precepts,
And, generating the altruistic intention to free all beings,
Engage in the tantric yogas of the *two stages*.

Think of the unbearable pain of the sentient beings
Who're enveloped in the forces of five degenerations;
And to open wide the lotus grove of the Buddha's teaching,
May your reincarnation appear soon as a source of merit for us.

The students of Lati Labrang, the entire assembly of Ganden Shartse Monastery, Trijang Labrang, Zong Labrang, Lochen Labrang, the entire assembly of Spiti Key Monastery and Spiti Drakar Monastery, Gaden Shartse Dro-Phen Ling Center-Singapore, Gaden Shartse Phende Lekshe Ling Center-Malaysia, Gaden Shartse Buddhist Center-Taiwan, Gaden Shartse Thubten Dhargye Ling Center-USA, Ganden Shartse Education Committee, Gaden Shartse Phukhang Khangtsen, and Gaden Shartse Thepo Khangtsen approached me with a request to compose a prayer for the quick return of the late Lati Rinpoche. As I have had close association with this authentic spiritual teacher for over fifty years and have enjoyed a bond of pure faith and commitment, I have written this aspiration prayer. May the aims of this aspiration be fulfilled as prayed for.

This was composed by the Buddhist monk, the Dalai Lama, Tenzin Gyatso, on the 5th day of the 3rd month in the seventeenth Rabjung cycle of the Tibetan calendar, namely, on 19, April, 2010.

Translated by Thupten Jinpa, a humble student of the late Kyabje Lati Rinpoché. May the sun of H.E Lati Rinpoché's reincarnation shine soon.

¹ This is an epithet of the Buddha, whose father was Shuddhodhana. All annotations are from the translator.

² This is a reference to master Atisha who is known also as Dipamkara Shrijnana.

³ The italicized words, "enlightenment," "discipline," "enhanced," and "qualities," are, respectively the translations of the Tibetan terms *Jangchup Tshultrim Chophel*, the name of H.E. Kyabje Lati Rinpoche. Rinpoche's name is interwoven in the lines of this stanza.

⁴ This is a reference to the great Tsongkhapa, whose personal name is Lobsang Drakpa.