

Gaden Shartse Norling Monastery

I the Gaden Shartse Khenpo Jangchup Choeden composed this prayer for quick return named: *Calling in deep agony after getting lost in wilderness*, on request from Lati Ladang the students of His Holiness Kyabje Lati Rinpoche. His Holiness Kyabje Lati Rinpoche peacefully passed away on 12th April 2010 in Dharamsala and after that the Lati Ladang and various other organizations together requested His Holiness Dalai Lama to write a Prayer for quick return of Rinpoche. Though the Prayer from His Holiness is not received yet, it is expected to arrive in coming days.

To serve the immediate need of a prayer to recite and make it easy to the venerable monks, devotees and disciples to do a focused dedication, the Lati Ladang requested me to compose this Prayer. I found it very hard to say no, upon that personally I greatly benefited from His Holiness Lati Rinpoche's wisdom since my childhood to now. Being one of his close disciples I thought by writing this prayer I may never offend anyone and sat down happily to write this with strong and focused dedication. Composing was completed on 17th April 2010 and I pray may all the wishes expressed in this prayer be fulfilled in result of the merit I have collected by writing this prayer.

The prayer by His Holiness was received later and distributed for recitation today on 21 April 2010. The same day I translated this prayer in English to make it available to all non Tibetan students of Rinpoche spread all over the world. While doing the translation I took liberty to move away from original Tibetan poetry and focused mainly to accommodate the essential meanings of the Prayer rather than accommodating the complexities of Tibetan poetry.

**Calling in deep agony after getting lost in wilderness,
a prayer for quick return.**

Buddha, the one who has perfected realizations and abandonment,
Sublime Dharma, the supreme refuge the path and resultant cessation,
Community of Aryas, one characterized by complete liberty and wisdom,
O great ocean of Triple gem, please bestow your blessings now.

Holding the treasure of great jewel of Bodhi (*1Jangchub*),
And living in the ocean of three types of morality (*2Tsultrim*),
You spread (*4Phel*) the Dharma (*3Cho*) and happiness of beings,
O most Venerable Guru, I request to you.

O lord, isn't your passing away like sunset in the ocean,
Giving up of all the great promises that you made,
In front of the Buddhas and Bodhisatvas,
To take the burden to benefit beings and serve the Dharma.

Nevertheless, the power of dependent origination is beyond imagination and expression,
We the holy disciples of you, left behind in wilderness without a savior.
Now in deep agony, call you and request.

Please return quickly as an emanation like bright moon,
Endowed with the wisdom earned from learning, vast as space,
Illuminating three worlds by the knowledge earned from contemplation,
And the meditative concentration complete with all the features.

Please return quickly as an incomparable great scholar,
Capable to care for fortunate ones by teaching,
Disprove the group of wrong Sayers by debate,
And to spread the Buddha Dharma by writing books.

Please return quickly as a valiant great savior,
Scholarly by learning great fields of knowledge,
Venerable by being rich in three moral practices,
And kind by caring for all beings through Bodhicitta.

By the blessings of the truth of Buddhas and Bodhisattvas,
The truth of un-deceivable dependent arising,
And the truth of pure motivating spirit of me,
May all essential points of this prayer be fulfilled.

**Composing and phonetics rendering by Gaden Shartse Khenpo Jangchup Choeden*