



भेन्चेन फुन्चोक धार्ग्येलिङ गुम्बा
BENCHEN PHUNTSOK DARGYELING MONASTERY
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Your Holiness,

The 17th Gyalwang Karmapa Ogyen Drodul Trinley Dorje—
The Crown Jewel of the Karma Kagyu Practice Lineage!

We—the Benchen Monastic Community led by Sangye Nyenpa Rinpoche and Yangsi Tenga Rinpoche, who live at ease in the cooling compassionate shade of Your Holiness—offer our unwavering devotion and utmost respect. Although, at the absolute level, you became awakened countless aeons ago, you chose to turn your loving attention to all beings without bias, sowing the seeds of liberation in the minds of all who see, hear, recall, or come into contact with you. For which we remain indebted.

During the recent virtual talk series on *The Four Dharmas of Gampopa*, you moved us to tears of joy and gratitude as you expressed 'a firm resolve to live long life for the benefit of beings and teachings'. As fearless as a lion's roar, your powerful proclamation resonated with all your followers across the world like the celestial music of *gandharva*. Like a peacock dancing in delight and a cuckoo yearning for rains, such joyous faith completely captivated our hearts. It's these words of assurance that brought blessed relief and ushered us into renewed hope and aspirations. And once again, we offer our immense gratitude and appreciation from the depth of our heart.

Your magnificent aspiration for the benefit of the teachings and beings is such that even an offering of the billion-fold universe filled with gold would not suffice to repay even an iota of it. Still, reminding ourselves of your immense kindness, we reaffirm our commitment to act in accordance with your invaluable guidance. May you be pleased with our humble offering!

The temporary and ultimate happiness of all beings and for the teachings to flourish even unto the ends of time are determined by the actual presence of your enlightened form that manifests in the shared perception of your followers. You are the eyes and the heart of the Karma Kagyu lineage in particular. Therefore, we pray that your life remain secure, within the nature of indestructible qualities, until the very end of existence. May you epitomize the liberating lives of all the previous Karmapas and become the beacon of Buddha's teaching that shines to the whole world.

Grant your blessings that we may never be parted from your aspiration and please ensure that this comes to pass! With devoted homage through body, speech and mind, and with unbearably intense and fervent longing, we pray!

Respectfully,

Your Holiness' most obedient and humble followers,

Benchen Monastic Community

