

Calling the Glorious Karmapa Rigpe Dorje Longingly From Afar

Know me, guru.

You embody the activity of all who have triumphed:
The world's sole protector, the white lotus holder.
Protect us disciples from human deceit.
Universal and self-risen lord, Rigpe Dorje,
I ask you, I beg you, Gyalwang Karmapa;
With longing I call you, great Rigdrol Yeshe,
Please bless us by granting the power of your mind.

When Dharma, corrupted in five ways, had waned in
The Land of Snows, then to rekindle its embers,
With strong bodhichitta you donned the great armor
And spread Buddha's teachings all over this earth.
I ask you, I beg you, Gyalwang Karmapa;
With longing I call you, great Rigpe Dorje.
Please bless us to reach the state of lasting joy.

“Since qualities all come from truly pure discipline,
Revere the Vinaya of genuine Dharma.”
You lovingly repeat this profound advice,
Yet we are unable to practice like that.
Please look with compassion, Gyalwang Karmapa.
With longing I call you, great Rigpe Dorje.
Please bless us with stainless, unwavering discipline.

“The torch that clears darkness is wisdom from listening.
By teaching and listening to scripture and science,
Sustain all the teachings,” you tell us with love,
But we are unable to study like that.
Please look with compassion, Gyalwang Karmapa,
With longing I call you, great Rigpe Dorje.
Please bless us with wisdom from study and thinking

“The uncommon middle way empty of other
Is the third wheel's true and definitive meaning,
So hold this position,” you tell us with love.
And yet all we do is repeat others' words.
Please look with compassion, Gyalwang Karmapa.
With longing I call you, great Rigpe Dorje.
Please bless us to realize the definitive view.

“Lord Marpa and Ngokpa's instructions—the lineage
Of tantras, creation, completion, six yogas—
Are doors that are swung open wide,” you exhort us,
But still we go looking for rhinestones, not diamonds.

Please look with compassion, Gyalwang Karmapa.
With longing I call you, great Rigpe Dorje.
Please bless us with power to practice these teachings.

“If you can practice the main points of the instructions
Of the Kamtsang lineage of practice, there’s no need
To hope to be a Vajra Holder next lifetime,”
You inspire us, and yet we still wallow in laziness.
Please look with compassion, Gyalwang Karmapa,
With longing I call you, great Rigpe Dorje.
Please bless us to achieve buddhahood in one lifetime.

You built a new seat and by spreading the Dharma
Anew, you raised out of their ashes the teachings.
You had this resolve and took up this activity,
And yet we have failed to continue your work.
Please look with compassion, Gyalwang Karmapa,
With longing I call you, great Rigpe Dorje.
Please bless us to benefit beings and the teachings.

At times when we strayed out of careless confusion,
With love and compassion you never forsook us.
To drive out our faults and develop our good traits
You strove with inseparable insight and peace,
With wisdom and means, both by day and by night,
No matter how difficult, you were so kind as
To care for us lovingly; now I recall this.
Please look with compassion, Gyalwang Karmapa.
With longing I call you, great Rigpe Dorje.
Please bless us to mix minds with you, indivisibly.

Now that I have prayed with the power of great longing,
Like lion cubs, or the Garuda’s new hatchling,
“The students of students will surpass their teachers”—
Bless us that the meaning of the vajra transmissions
Our siddha ancestors gave ripens our beings.

After Drubpon Dilyak Rinpoche earnestly asked me to write a Calling the Lama from Afar prayer for the Great Sixteenth Karmapa and accompanied his request with gifts, I who bear the name Thrangu, while beginning to teach The Treasury of Abhidharma at the holy site of Namu Buddha, remembered the Vajra Speech the Protector gave out of consideration of the great purposes for both beings and the teachings, and then wrote this supplication. Sarva mangalam