

Vajradhara Lineage Prayer

Great Vajradhara, Tilopa, Naropa,
Marpa, Mila, Lord of the Dharma—Gampopa,
Knower of the three times—omniscient Karmapa,
Holders of the four elder and eight later lineages—
The Drigung, Taklung, Tsalpa, glorious Drukpa, and the rest,
Masters of the profound path of Mahamudra,
The Dakpo Kagyu, the unequaled protectors of beings,
I supplicate you, Kagyu gurus;
I hold your lineage—bless me to follow your example.

Revulsion is the legs of meditation, it is taught.
To this meditator who is without craving for food and wealth
and who cuts all ties to this life,
Grant your blessing to be free of attachment to gain and fame.

Devotion is the head of meditation, it is taught.
To this meditator who continually prays to the guru

Who opens the door to the treasury of oral instructions,
Grant your blessing that uncontrived devotion may arise.

Non-distraction is the body of meditation, it is taught.
To this meditator who rests directly, without altering
The fresh essence of whatever thought that arises,
Grant your blessing that meditation be free from intellect.

The essence of thought is dharmakaya, it is taught.
It is no thing, yet arises as everything.
To this meditator who appears in this unceasing play,
Grant your blessing to realize the inseparability of samsara and nirvana.
Never parting from the true guru in all my lives,
May I enjoy the splendor of the Dharma,
Perfect the qualities of the levels and paths,
And swiftly attain the state of Vajradhara.¹

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