

**Prayer for the Long Life of His Holiness the Sakya Trizin,
Ngawang Kunga Thegchen Palbar Trinlay Samphel Wanggi Gyalpo**
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In immortal life's protective wheel
Seven-eyed One granting deathlessness
Great assemblage granting deathlessness
Grant attainment of immortal life

Path divine of Padmasambhava
Wisdom, love and power's radiant form
Sakya's blooms of insights and of words
Master of the four worlds, long remain

Ngawang Kunga, line of Khon, divine
Granting benefits and joy to all
Owner of the great and secret path
Wishfulfilling great King, please live long

Meditating thinking, listening
Placed upon a moral golden base
Teach, debate, compose, the Dharma's words
Royal sublime refuge, firm remain

Second Buddha, Teacher of Lam Dre
Teachings of the Sakya Founders, Five
Valid path of Buddha taught thru' speech
You who teach like Buddha, please live long

Having come, you beautify this world
Holding Sakya's power temporal
Radiating Sakya's Dharma works
Vajra like three secrets, long remain

Triple Gem and Teacher, kind and true
Yidam and Protector's, full of might
Profound and unchanging sublime Truth
By these powers, our hopes (will) be fulfilled

Concluding Prayers to the Long Life Prayer

By the blessing of the Triple Gem
By the power of the virtuous ones
Dharma holders, line of Manjushri
Live long, may your deeds like Buddha's grow

Praying for our Teacher's perfect health
Praying for our Teacher's ageless life
Praying that their works will grow and spread
Not to part from them Oh! Bless me please

May they have vast merits, mountain like
May they hold the teachings, stellar like
May their fame and glory spread thru' space
Thru' their good-works gain we, happiness

This version of His Holiness Sakya Trizin's long life prayer was translated by Lama Ngawang Samten and put into verse in accordance to the Tibetan chanting metrical form of the prayer by Stephen Ang. This work was offered to His Holiness Sakya Trizin on 22 June 1987 in deep gratitude for the bestowing of the Lam Dre Tshok Shed teachings (by His Holiness) at Sakya College, Rajpur. It was formally chanted during the final assembly after the long life puja offering to His Holiness at the conclusion of the Lam Dre teachings on 3 July 1987. Revisions are most welcome but care must be taken when replacing any of the English words so as maintain the metrical chanting accents. Through the merit accumulated, may all sentient beings have long life without any hindrance and ultimately gain Enlightenment.