



The Elixir of Immortality

**A Long Life Prayer for
His Eminence Jamgon Kongtrul Rinpoche, Lodrö Chökyi Nyima**

Om Svasti Siddham.

Noble Lama, you are the great treasury of the compassion and blessings
Of all the Buddhas and Bodhisattvas, the three sources and wisdom Dakinis.
May White Tara, the Wish-fulfilling Wheel, who imparts the splendour of immortality,
And the deities with the power of life,
Bring to fulfilment these virtuous prayers for your long life!

Simply to see you in the youthful resplendence of your major and minor marks of perfection liberates us.
Simply to hear your soothing, melodious voice, with its sixty qualities, liberates us.
Simply to think of you, sovereign of love and knowledge, and refuge of beings, liberates us.
May Amitayus, the Buddha of Limitless Life, create all that is auspicious for you!

While never moving from Dharmadhatu's expanse,
You remain the protector of all Buddhist teachings and their essence, the Practice Lineage.
Out of the breadth of your realisation of the ultimate and relative,
The thousand-fold radiance of your wisdom blazes.
Its luminous warmth, inconceivably deep and tranquil,
Completely burns away the thickness of the two obscurations,
And the brilliance of your inexhaustible, compassionate activity shines forth.
Supreme and precious sun who illuminates the practice instructions,
May you remain forever in your vajra form!

In the line of the Jewel Rosary for the transmission of meaning,
Of the impeccable Karma Kamsang teachings,
May you, the naturally present glory of the flawless expanse of totality,
Remain for a hundred aeons upon your Dharma throne!

Firmly rooted in the ground of your discipline, the three types of Buddhist training,
Is the wish-fulfilling tree of your mind of Awakening.
It is laden with the fruit of your Vajrayana practice.
On your throne for the teaching of the Three Yanas, may you remain long!

Your expedient and ultimate instructions, like cool, refreshing streams of nectar,
Extinguish the torment of all beings.
May you fill the three levels of existence with the brilliance of all the traditions,
And may you live long as the Lord of beings and the Buddhist doctrine!

The essence of the final cycle of the Buddha's teaching is profound and true.
Free from conceptual extremes, it is the great Middle Way.
It is not refuted by the three means of analysis, but is realised directly.
May you, the embodiment of this extraordinary truth, live long!

The essential truth does not reject projections of the conceptual mind.
The key point of naturalness is freedom from intellectual analysis of conditioned phenomena.
Intrinsic wisdom is effortless.
This is the great result, which you, the perfect embodiment of enlightened form and wisdom,
Directly reveal to your students, through your undiminishing, deep, vast radiance and melodious words.
Great embodiment of the right capacities to bring others to spiritual maturity and liberation,
May you remain forever for a hundred aeons on your vajra throne!

You are Ananda, Vairocana, Taranatha, Jamgon Lodrö Chökyi Senge, and others.
As the culmination of your previous aspirations, and your path as a Bodhisattva,
You are now the youthful epitome of them all, a sacred being.
May you, the essence of the three sources and deities with the power of life, live long!

May the thunder of Dharma resound throughout the three levels of existence!
May the ancient tradition of the ultimate meaning swirl powerfully like the Ganges River!
Through our noble intentions and words of aspirations, with the power of truth, like that of the sages,
May the brilliance of the fulfilment of these wishes bring liberation throughout all the worlds!

(This prayer of aspiration for the long life of Jamgon Lodrö Chökyi Nyima Tenpey Dronme, the fourth incarnation of Jamgon Kongtrul Lodrö Thaye, has been adapted from the "Prayer for the Swift Rebirth of H.E. the Third Jamgon Kongtrul Rinpoche" by His Holiness the Seventeenth Gyalwa Karmapa, Ogyen Trinley Dorje, at the request of Tenzin Dorjee, Jamgon Kongtrul Rinpoche's General Secretary. May all virtue and goodness blossom! Translated by Ingrid McLeod.)

