Prayer of Truthful Words to Pacify the Fear of War
by Thangtong Gyalpo

Oṃ maṇi padme hūṃ

Jamchen gyalwa pakchok chenrezik
Victorious Maitreya, sublime and noble Avalokiteśvara,

Trogyal tamdrin Jetsün drolma sok
Ferocious king Hayagriva, Jetsün Tārā, and the rest –

Tsen tsam töpé jikpa kün selwé
Buddhas, the mere sound of whose names dispels all fear;

Kyabné tukjé daknyi gong su sol
Compassionate sources of refuge, pray grant me heed.

Tsöden nyikma nga dö semchen nam
In this time when individuals experience an oceanic surge

Lé ngen trakdok tso chen dolwa lé
Of negative karma and jealousy – the age of fivefold decadence and strife –

Tabtsö dukngal drakpō narwa na
As intense suffering, fighting and quarrelling oppress us,
Yeshe tukjé shyuk kyi kempar dzö
Pray burn it all in the fires of your compassionate wisdom.

Shyetang mehung barwé drowa la
Shower the nectar of love

Jampé dütsi char chen pab né kyung
Upon those who fan the flames of hatred.

Pentsün pama tabü dushe kyi
Bless them to recognize each another as parents,

Dekyi tashi pelwar jingyi lob
And thereby usher in auspiciousness and happiness.

Gang gi gyü la shyukpé kechik gi
May the mischievous elemental spirits

Iona lhamin shyindu gyur jepé
That enter the minds of beings

Jungpo dukpé tsok nam tarché né
And instantaneously transform their hosts into warring titans,

Chinché chok dir gyuwar magyur chik
Never hold sway in this region again.

Yulngor shiwé semchen tamché kyung
May all who have died in battles, fighting and wars,
Immediately give up their indulgence in destructive action, cause and effect,
And, having taken birth in the pure realm of Sukhāvatī,
Lead all to that same buddha realm.

May all beings have long, healthy lives,
Be free of quarrels and strife, live according to the ten virtues,
And experience timely rains and bountiful harvests;
And may the auspiciousness of the environment and beings increase exponentially.

May these pure, vast prayers be accomplished
Through the compassion of the Guru, Yidam, and Three Rare and Sublime Ones;
Suchness, which by its very nature is utterly pure;
And the appearance of things, the undeceiving nature of cause and effect.

When war raged in Minyak, Kham, and it looked as if there was no end in sight, for no one was able to pacify the warring factions, the great yogin Thangtong Gyalpo arrived. He generated bodhicitta, and by merely reciting these verses and scattering flowers, quelled the anger and jealousy in the minds of the warring factions so that the conflict came to an end. All came to have bountiful harvests and enjoy prosperity, auspiciousness and peace.


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