# ૭૭ | નિમળાવૃ ભેકુ તે માઠા જેવા નસુ નસુ ગયું ગાંચે ભારતે નસા નના ગાંચા ગાંચા છેની

#### A Prayer to Kindle the Three Kinds of Faith

#### Addressed to the Seventeen Great Paṇḍitas of Glorious Nālandā

by His Holiness the Fourteenth Dalai Lama

# ณฑ์ณพลาลลารุยุทุพะ Eพารรามสูง หลา

dro la pen shyé tukjé rab trun pé Perfectly arisen through the compassionate wish to benefit beings,

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pang tok kyobpa chok nyé lha yi lha And more exalted even than the gods, you have reached the supreme level of protection, abandonment and realization,

### हेवादमुरागहवाम्भिादमें हवकारदेवावही भये।

**ten jung tam gyi dro nam dren dzé pé** And guide beings to liberation through teachings on dependent origination—

#### 

**tub wang mawé nyimar gö chak tsal** Mighty Śākyamuni, sun among teachers, in devotion I pay homage to you!

## มูณ<sup>:</sup>พูล:รุฬิรง:รัสามยน:ยุณ:ริ.ชิรารัส |

gyal yum gong dön ta drel dé nyi dön You brilliantly clarified the meaning of reality itself, the ultimate intent of the Mother Prajñāpāramitā,

## ฿ฺิสาวอูราริฑฺพาสู์ณาสวาสังาฑุพณาผเวงา

ten jung rig tsul zabmö sal khépa With profound modes of logical reasoning based on dependent origination,

#### สูญารี่ เมื่อเรายุ เมื่อ เ

galwé lung shyin tek chok umé sol Founder of the Middle Way tradition of the supreme vehicle, prophesied by the Buddha himself—

# ๙ฏิราพธ์ราฏู สูาเลาพานาทพัณาาหริกพ |

je dzé lu drub shyab la solwa deb Noble master Nāgārjuna, to you I pray!

# ร้างสายาร์ามเกลาครายาราร์ามส์ท

**de sé tuwo kha shing drubpé chok** You were the foremost of his spiritual heirs, supremely learned and accomplished,

#### <u>ย</u>ิ'สุร<sup>-</sup>ฃุุ่ิ่ว'ผรมุราพีร์สิ'ฯ'มุธราพิส

chi nang drupta gyatsö pa tar sön A master of all the infinite schools of philosophy inside and outside your own tradition,

#### 

lu drub shyung dzin kun gyi tsuk nor pal And the glorious crowning jewel of all who follow Nāgārjuna's approach—

#### สูญาสุมาระสามาระการสุขาย ไ

**gyal sé pagpa lha la solwa deb** Bodhisattva Āryadeva, to you I pray!

# ณชพพง พณิ ๆ พี่ พามา หิสาวอูรา พยา ซูพา รัส เ

**pagpé gongpa ten jung tar tuk dön** You clarified the wisdom intent of the Āryas, the ultimate meaning of dependent origination,

## ารๆฟาพัรามีราฐราชสายิเลกาส์วิทฤรา

tak yö ming kyang tsam gyi zabmö den As well as the profound and crucial point concerning merely nominal and imputed existence,

#### ๚ฺ๙๛๛๕ๅ ฺฃูฉ๛๛๛๎๛๚๚๛๛๚๛๚๛

sal dzé drubpa chok gi sar shegpa And reached the level of supreme accomplishment—

#### <u>พรพา</u>ฏพารพูรพาฏิเลรพาณาทุจัณาราวรุรม

sangyé kyang kyi shyab la solwa deb Noble Buddhapālita, at your feet I pray!

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**denpé ngöpo kyé sog ta kak ching** Great paṇḍita, who founded the comprehensive system

# ซ์า ฺ๛ฺ๛ฺฮูลฺ ฺฐะ ฺซํู ฺ ๅัสฺ ฺ๛ฺลิๅ ฺ๛ฺ๛ิ

**tséma tün nang chi dén shyépa yi** In which extremes, such as the arising of true entities, are refuted,

# ଶ୍ୱସଂଷ୍ଟର୍ନ୍ ଅନ୍ମିର୍ଯ୍ୟ ଅନୁମୁ

**drupté sol tö yong dzog pandita** And valid logic and commonly perceived outer objects are accepted—

# สัมาร์นี้สามาตาสาวอุราณาที่สัญาราวรุโรล

**lopön lek dén je la solwa deb** Ācārya Bhāvaviveka, to you I pray!

# हेव'त्द्रेल'क्रेव'र्छन'त्दी'<sup>द्</sup>र्य'र्डब'र्छन'ग्रीश ।

**tendrel kyen nyi di pa tsam nyi kyi** You developed and elaborated upon the complete path of sūtra and mantra,

# สยนายิชิสามณานนามีระรัฐการมูามนายิญ

tanyi selwé nang tong umé tsul Skilfully teaching the profound and vast, the Middle Way tradition

#### ลา สูง เวริลง เลเนง เอริ ซุกุง เพิ่รง รักง เลกง เ

**zab gyé dom khé do ngag yong dzog lam** Of appearance and emptiness, in which the two extremes are dispelled through dependent origination and the mere fact of conditionality—

#### มูพาพย์ราสูานาญญพานราญผัญานาวรินพ |

**gyal dzé dawa drakpar solwa deb** Glorious Candrakīrti, to you I pray!

# รัพสรามรายูราลูรายังสานัตามม

ngo tsar mé jung nyingjé chenpö lam You skilfully revealed to the assembly of fortunate disciples

#### ลนารราฐาธินิาริทุณาสูญาสสามราทิญ

zab dang gyal ché rig tsul nam mang gi The most wondrous and amazing path of great compassion,

#### ฟูณ นละ พริณ อิน ซิน ซิน นาย์ เล่า เ

kal zang dul ché tsog la ton képa In so many ways and with reasoning both profound and vast—

## สูญาฐลาลิาาาหูามาทลัญาาาวุรุวาพ |

**gyal sé shyiwa lha solwa deb** Bodhisattva Śāntideva, to you I pray!

# ุ่มริซาอินานสมเวล์สามธิมารู้ระวิษี.พน.เพลา |

**dul ché kham shyin nyi tong umé lam** Founder of the tradition which skilfully combines Mādhyamika and Pramāna,

#### ส์ณาจรั้รารุรู ซีราริฑุฆาซู์ณาฉยิรามเหลาครา

sol tö u tsé rig tsul je khé shing Teaching the Middle Way path of twofold emptiness according to the capacity of disciples,

#### ๚ารณิาฏิ์รุฬาพูาฏิณารุฐสาลิณาผย์ราม

khawé jong su gyal ten pel dzépa And introducing the Buddha's teachings to the Land of Snows—

#### ผเผสาธิสาลิ นารส์ เนาทุจัณา นารริ นุพ

khenchen shyiwatso la solwa deb Great Khenpo Śāntarakṣita, to you I pray!

## สยุรายการสามระหาระเษาสาย

ta drel umé ta dang zhi lhak zung You brilliantly set out the stages of meditation according to both sūtra and mantra,

# สัสมาริสาสรั สูราคลิสารู ณิฑสารขาณาสุลๆ

**gom rim do gyü shyin du lek trel né** Combining the view of the Middle Way beyond extremes with the unity of śamatha and vipaśyanā,

#### ฑรสาษีรสารสูญาลรายสารสุดาลาราสารการ

kang jong rgyal ten khrul mé sal dzépa And clearly revealed the unmistaken teachings of the Buddha in the Land of Snows—

#### นราสติรรรส์ญาตุรสามาญพัญาราตรุรร

pémé ngang tsul shyab la solwa deb Noble Kamalaśīla, to you I pray!

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jampé je zung tek chen de nö kun Guided and cared for by Maitreya, you worked brilliantly to further all the Mahāyāna teachings,

# ณิฑฺพฺานฺารัฐิณฺาฒฺณฺพฺาฐิาธิสานฺฒาผู้สาตุรา

**lekpar pel khé gya chen lam tön shying** And skilfully set out the approach of vast conduct,

## สูญาราติ เมูราราติสาสสาริทา ที่ราสติ เชิง เป็น

gyalwé lung shyin nam rig shying té sol Founder of the tradition of Mind Only, prophesied by the Buddha—

#### ุลอิราพธ์ราชิ์พุพาพิราดุจพาณาพุพัณาจาลริจพ |

jé dzé tok mé shyab la solwa deb Noble master Asanga, to you I pray!

# ธัพ พรัสาษิ - กรูสาทธิพ ษิราษัณ - สุราสุพ

**chö ngön de dün nyi tong sol zung né** You upheld the tradition of the seven treatises of Abhidharma and twofold emptiness,

## ยิ เพริ์ สุมาร์ ๆ สูงา พยา พณา พยา ๆ

ché do nam rig drupta sal dzépa And clarified the philosophies of Vaibhāṣika, Sautrāntika and Vijñānavāda,

#### ฑูสามติสาทธิมามรายที่มามรายกามสามส์ เมล์ท

kunkhyen nyipar dragpé khépé chok Most excellent of scholars, renowned as a second all-knowing Buddha—

## ลู้จารนี้สารอิทาทธิสาดจางานาทส์ณาจาลริจพ

lopön yignyen shyab la solwa deb Ācārya Vasubandhu, to you I pray!

# <u>ุ</u>ยุฉานดิ<sup>.</sup>ฑฺลูราญฑฺณารุรัณาผู้ฉณาริฑฺณานานิณ

**tubpé shyung lug ngö tob rigpa yi** Master logician who granted the eyes of intelligent reasoning,

## <sup>8</sup>र्भेतः भ्रितः केन् र अदेः क्रें प्वमु र येगया थे तया ।

**ten chir tsémé go gya lek che né** By revealing hundreds of ways to arrive at valid cognition,

# สุณาร์ย์ราล์ามีพาซิอาณะราชรานา |

nam chö lo mig jin dzé tsémapa Illuminating the Buddha's teachings with incontrovertible logic—

## *้*ษ์ทุ<u>พ</u>.ฏิ.มีะ.รูรูร...

**chok kyi langpö shyab la solwa deb** Noble Dignāga, at your feet I pray!

# ยิ สราสีราสสิาฑุสรา พูสาณฑุสารทัรสาสิรา

chi nang tsémé né kun lek gong shing You understood entirely all areas of logic, both inside and outside your own tradition,

## ผรั้าฟ้ผพาสนาสูพานผาทูสาริทุฬานผาสุพ |

do sem zab gya lam kun rig lam né And, through the path of reasoning, brought a definitive knowledge of the profound and vast approaches of Sautrāntika and Mind Only,

## ริงาลิรามาริธีราชิงาส์งานรู้อานาร์มาลามแลงเกมา

**ngé ter mé jung chö tsul dom khépé** Skilfully conveying the marvellous approaches offered by the Dharma—

## 

chökyi dragpé shyab la solwa deb Glorious Dharmakīrti, at your feet I pray!

# ชิ์ขุพ.พาร์พู พธิรานพาร์ราศิราษิสาร์สุ |

tok mé ku che lé ong sher chin dön You set alight the Lamp which illuminates the text of the Ornament of Realization,

# พัรามิรามยณฐณรฐงณริเข้ณาลดิสารู |

yö mé ta drul umé sol shyin du And the meaning of transcendent wisdom passed down by Asanga and his brother,

## 

**gyén gyi shyung don nangwé dron me bar** In accordance with the Madhyamika tradition beyond all extremes of existing and not existing—

## 

pakpa drol dei shyab la solwa deb Ārya Vimuktisena, at your feet I pray!

# ๚ูลาร์สาวอิราณภูณาจริญราจผูสาชีจๆ

**yum dön je la gyalwé lung ten tob** As prophesied by the Buddha, you explained the Mother Prajñāpāramitā,

## มิ'ฯม'มที่สานีนิ'มส'รฑ'ธิ'าติส'รู

mipam gonpö mengag ji shyin du And, according to the instructions received from the protector Maitreya,

#### พูลาฑุญลาศิราษิสาฑุตุราลธิ์ฑาฑุณณาละรานนิ |

yum sum sher chin shyung chok sal dzépé Clarified the three 'Mothers', the supreme scriptures of transcendent wisdom—

## สู้จาร์นัสาพิราทิ จาสรานีราทส์ณาจาหรือพ

**lobpön sengé zangpor solwa deb** Ācārya Haribhadra, to you I pray!

# ๙รูณฺ๛๙ฐ๗ฺฐ๙๊รๅ๚๎๛๙รัสฺณฑ๚๛ฐ๙ฺส๚

dulwa bum dei gong dön lek dü né You brilliantly summarized the meaning of the vast Vinaya collection,

### 

tamché yö mé lug shyin so so tar According to the tradition of the Sarvāstivādins,

#### 

ma nor lek dom ten khé chok gyurpa And explained the Pratimokṣa superbly and without mistake—

#### พัส เรส เว้ร ซู๊เลจง เนาสุลัณา จาลริจง

yönten ö kyi shyab la solwa deb Supremely disciplined and learned Guṇaprabha, at your feet I pray!

# าลูาพุญลาพัสารสาส์ - เราสิ - เรา |

lab sum yönten norbü dzö la wang You gained the precious treasure-like qualities of the threefold training,

# 

**dül ten drimé ring du pelwé lé** And brilliantly explained the meaning of the extensive scriptures,

# मु केव गल्द रेंव भेगू भाष्य प्राय रहु भार हेव अर्के ग

gya chen shyung don lek trel dul dzin chok In order to preserve the flawless teachings of monastic discipline—

### ๚ฃูฃฺҡ<u></u>ราฃฺิเลาฆฺณฑฆัณฺา๛๛ๅ๛๛

shakya ö kyi shyab la solwa deb Supreme holder of the Vinaya, Śākyaprabha, at your feet I pray!

#### <u></u> สูา ฑสูร : ลา ซูล : นา ๆ เร สัญลาม เมื่อ :

tub sung zab gyé ka sol ma lüpa You imparted all the profound and vast teachings given by the Buddha,

### มูลาสูาฟุลายูาณลารูาวรัสสาสธรรโ

**kyé bu sum gyi lam du dom dzé de** By explaining the paths for beings of the three levels of spiritual capacity,

## गन्रार्थेन्याद्युनानस्रुवासेयानदेइवाउवाहे।

kang jong tubten pelwé drin chen je And caused the Buddha's teachings to flourish within the Land of Snows—

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**jowo atisha la solwa deb** Kind and precious Lord Atiśa, to you I pray!

# 

**de tar dzam ling gyen gyur khépé pul** Through these prayers of mine, made with a mind of vivid and unshakeable faith,

#### 

**ngo tsar lek shé jungné chok nam la** To these most brilliant of scholars, who, like ornaments, enhanced and beautified the world,

# 

mi ché dangwé yi kyi sol tab pé And were the supreme sources for so many wondrous and excellent teachings,

# ารุฑาฐาริสิส ธิร ที่ณารายิสายิง สีรพ |

dag gyü min ching drolwar jin gyi lob May my mind be blessed so that it is matured and brought to liberation!

# गविःधेःगवरूःर्द्धयःमनेवःगठिरूःर्नेवःविरूग्धा ।

**shyin yi né tsul den nyi dön shepé** May I be blessed so that I plant the foundation for the path to freedom:

### าวุริสาวสิมาวณ์ราวราวรุยาวิจาระวลสาวม

**den shyi khorwar jug dog ji shyin ngé** May I understand the fundamental nature of reality and the meaning of the two truths,

## 

tsémé drangpé kyab sum dépa ten Gain certainty about the four truths and how saṃsāra is perpetuated or discontinued,

#### 

tar lam tsawa tsuk par jin gyi lob And, through valid cognition, develop stable and lasting faith in the Three Jewels.

# श्चगागुव छेर लेते मर र रेव गछेर नते ।

**duk kun nyer shyi tarpa don nyerwé** May I be blessed so that I come to master uncontrived bodhichitta,

# 

**nge jung lo dang dro nam kyob döpé** Together with its roots: a mind of renunciation seeking the goal of perfect liberation,

# र्धेगश्रम्बरुग्गहुगश्रम्पते क्रुट हेते सम्ब ।

chok thé tukpé nying jéi tsawa chen In which all forms of suffering and their causes are thoroughly pacified,

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chö min chang sem jongpar jin gyi lob And a compassionate wish to protect all beings, as limitless as space itself.

# . भिरः हः के दा रोते गालुरः मी र्ने दा हरा राषा

shing ta chenpö shyung gi don nam la May I be blessed so that I arrive easily at a definitive understanding

# ชิ้พ จพม ผู้มามพาน รัณ ผู้สาม ราย

**tö sam gompé parol chinpa dang** Of all the profound points of the paths of the transcendent perfection vehicle

# รั : สิ. ยุ มางนู เลง เป็น เลง เ

**dorjé tegpé zab né lam kun la** And the vajrayāna, through studying, reflecting and meditating

# ઽૺૹ੶ਸ਼੶ਸ਼ઽૢૺ੶ਜ਼ੵਗ਼੶ਫ਼ૢ૾ઽ੶ਸ਼ਸ਼੶ਖ਼ੑੑੑੑਫ਼ਗ਼੶ਗ਼ੵੑੑੑੑੑੑੑੑੑਲ਼੶ਜ਼ੵੑੑੑਗ਼੶

ngépa de lak nyépar jin gyi lob Upon the meaning of the great pioneering masters' classic works.

# <u></u>କ୍ଷି'ଜିମ୍ଦ୍ରକୁ'ସ- ଅଧିସ' ଅଧି ନିଶ୍ୱ ।

kyé shying kyewar lab sum denpé ten In life after life, may I always find the perfect situation and take up the threefold training,

# ณิฑฺฬาฮ์ฉานคาาารัฐฉานสาญรารัฐทุฬานาลูส

lek tob shé dang drubpé lungtog ten May I work for the good of the teachings, just like the great pioneering masters of old,

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dzin ching pel la shing ta che nam dang And, through teaching as well as through practice,

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tsungpar ten la chawa chépar shok May I maintain and enhance the transmission and understanding of the Dharma.

# ଦ୍ୱଟ୍ଟୁଷ୍ଂ ଅଗ୍ର ନ୍ତୁ ହିଁଷ୍ୟ ସ୍ୟୁଷ୍ୟ ସ୍ଥ୍ୟୁସ ଅଧି |

dü de jun du tö sam shé drub kyi In every community may there be more and more great scholars and practitioners,

### <u>ฮ</u>ารพารูพาวรุณานักานสังน์รพายุรพานนิ

**chawé dü da lok tso yong pang pé** Who avoid entirely all unethical and mistaken forms of livelihood,

#### รุลานนิาลเนลาสูนารนารูาวนิณานานิล |

dampé khé drub rab tu pelwa yi And devote their time to study and reflection, teaching and meditation,

#### *तर्द्रवाः* सुनिः रूगकेतः हुगः हुः अर्देवः सुनः उम

dzamling sa chen tak tu dze gyur chik So that the whole world is enhanced and made beautiful to behold!

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**de tü do ngag yong dzog sa lam drö** Through the power of this, may I swiftly traverse all the paths and stages

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dön nyi lhundrub nam khyen gyalwa yi Of the complete approach combining sutra and mantra,

# ર્થે ત્યન્સુર ન છેન્ નુ કેવ શુર તે શ

**go pang nyurwa nyi du tob gyur né** To reach the level of an omniscient buddha spontaneously benefitting myself and others,

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nam kha ji si drowé dön che shok And may I continue to fulfil the wishes of beings for as long as space exists!

ઙે&યપાવદ્વીપવિદ્વા &ઽ&યર્તુ&પર્કે&ાયુદ્વપવદ્વ&યર્યુ&પવેશ્વર્યવદ્વયાપ્રસ્યાય સ્ટેપ્સ્ટ્રેપ્સ્ટ્રેપ્સ્ટ્રેયાયુદ્વપવદ્વપ્રયાય સ્ટેપ્સ્ટ્રેયાયુદ્વપવદ્વપ્રયાય સ્ટેપ્સ્ટ્રેયાયુદ્વપાવદ્વપ્રયાય સ્ટેપ્સ્ટ્રેયાયુદ્વપાય સ્ટ્રેયાયુદ્વપાય સ્ટેપ્સ્ટ્રેયાયુદ્વપાય સ્ટેયુપ્સ્ટ્રેયાયુદ્વપાય સ્ટેપ્સ્ટ્રેયુપ્સ્ટ્રેયાયુદ્વપાય સ્ટ્રેયાયુદ્વપાય સ્ટ્રેયાયુદ્વપાય સ્ટ્રેયાયુદ્વપાય સ્ટ્રેયાયુદ્વપાય સ્ટ્રેયાયુદ્વપાય સ્ટેયુપ્સ્ટ્રેયાયુદ્વપાય સ્ટ્રેયાયુદ્વપાય સ્ટ્રેયુપ્સ્ટ્રેયાયુદ્વપાય સ્ટ્રેયુપ્સ્ટ્રેયુપ્સ્ટ્રેયુપ્સ્ટ્રેયુપ્સ્ટ્રેયુપ્સ્ટ્રેયુપ્સ્ટ્રેયુપ્સ્ટ્રેયુપ્સ્ટ્રેયુપ્સ્ટ્રેયુપ્સ્ટ્રેયુપ્સ્ટ્રેયુપ્સ્ટ્રેયુપ્સ્ટ્રેયુપ્સ્ટ્રેયુ ๛ลพลาลูัลงานถิ่าฦฺดู๛ฺรูาจูลลงานาลวุาน๛าฦุลงานัวๅานลาลเกลงานถิ่าๅานตะวิวานาฦาฦาฦาฦาฦาฦาฦาฦาฦาฦาฦาฦา ระา พิเษิรารรานพาริารๆาฑิาสิพาพูาสู้จานสารัฐสาธิรา ริรารูพาละผาสูราชิสาลริสาส์สาร์ๆาระา เสนุณา ଌ୶୳ୣ୵ୖଽ୶ୖ୳୕୲୴୕୵ୄୢୄୢୠ୶୲ଌ୕ୄ୵୲୶ୖଌ୕୵ୄୢୖଌୡ୲ୖୄୄୠ୲୶ୄୖୄୖ୵ୢୢୣ୶୵୲୵ୄଽୖୡୖୡ୲ଽୡ୲୲୶୲ୖ୴୵୵ୡୢ୲୲୶୲ୖ୶ୡୖ୲ୄୢ୷୳୶୲ୡୄୖ୵୲୲୷୵ୖଽ୷୲୷୶୲ ୖୖୖୖୖୖ୕ଽ୶ୄୖୄୄ୴ୖୢଐୣ୶୶ୖ୶୳ୖ୶ଽ୕୳୶୶୩୶ୖ୶ଽ୕୵୳୳ୄଽ୵ୖୄଽୄୢୄ୷୴ଌ୕ୡ୲୳ଌୖ୕ୖ୶୲୳ଽ୵ଽୄ୲ୄୢଈ୲୴ଌ୕ୡ୲୴ଌୖଽ୵୶୶ୖ୶୶୲ଽ୳ୖୢୄ୴ୖୣ୴୲୶୲୵ଽୖ ฑุฬุราวศิรุฬาราวศุริณา สณฑานณิพิพาลธิ์ทาริเรทาณพิราสุขาทุฬานณิทศุภิณาสรานสาวกราวศราสิทานสิ่า ารั้งเมิลาพิราธิงาฏิเรรานาร์าเริ่าๆ ผเนงานาริเรทาทิเพิ่มหานารารู้โกาทริงาผเนลาฏิเภณาผสาวานกับรา Ę, สูโราราฐฉานสาฉยู่ญานารที่เฉลายูสาอิท

All the marvellous explanations of the profound and vast teachings excellently revealed by Lord Buddha which were composed by these scholars from the noble land of India can open the eyes of intelligence in anyone who has

discerning awareness. That these teachings are still being studied, reflected and meditated upon today, and have not diminished after almost 2550 years, is due to the kindness of these great scholars. I therefore composed this prayer to remember their kindness and, with unwavering faith, aspire to follow in their footsteps.

At this time, when the whole world has witnessed tremendous advancement in the fields of science and technology, but we are also greatly distracted by the hustle and bustle of our hectic lives, it is crucially important for all of us who follow the Buddha to develop faith based upon an understanding of the Buddha's Dharma teachings. Therefore we should investigate them, by analyzing and inquiring with an unbiased and inquisitive mind. If we are to develop this faith that is supported by understanding, the outstanding works of the profound and vast traditions composed by the masters universally renowned as the 'Six Ornaments and Two Supreme Ones', as well as others such as Buddhapālita and Ārya Vimuktisena are indispensable. With this in mind, I commissioned the painting of a thangka depicting seventeen of the most learned and accomplished masters of Nālandā, adding nine other masters from the profound and the vast lineages to the traditional thangka arrangement for the Six Ornaments and Two Supreme Ones. Together with this, I felt inspired to compose a prayer such as this, out of heartfelt devotion to these great learned masters, and several of my sincere Dharma friends also encouraged me. So it was that I, the buddhist monk Tenzin Gyatso, who has gained confident and uncontrived faith in the excellent works of these learned masters and who belongs amongst the lowest of those to have studied their masterful compositions, wrote this 'Prayer to Kindle the Three Kinds of Faith, Addressed to the Seventeen Great Paṇḍitas of Glorious Nalanda.'

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May it be virtuous!

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