

Prayer for Rebirth in Dewachen, the Pure Realm of Buddha Amitabha
by Lord Jigten Sumgön

Above and to the west is the pure Buddha realm of Dewachen.
I prostrate to the supreme Buddha
and to the countless bodhisattvas, fully accomplished in aspiration,
who dwell there.

[That land has a] limitless, level, jeweled ground
with oceans, mountains, valleys, and continents not different [in good qualities]:
radiant, joyful, and pleasant.
May we be born in that pure buddha-realm.

It is made of various jewels and adorned with trees
And with river valleys filled with perfumed water and jeweled lotuses.
It has pleasant scents and is rich with flowers and fruit.
May we be born in that supreme, glorious realm.

Bird-emanations proclaim the sound of Dharma there.
A rain of flowers falls, moved by the pleasant wind.
The landscape is smooth, vivid, and attractive.
May we be born in that fortunate realm.

From those trees, river valleys, and lotuses, enjoyable forms,
sounds, smells, tastes, and tactile sensations arise like a cloud of offerings.
From these, joy and bliss increase.
May we be born in that wish-fulfilling realm.

Everything radiates various lights.
There is the body of the Buddha, fully adorned with the major and minor marks.ⁱ
He gives profound teachings that fill the whole of space.
May we be born in that pure Dharma realm.

Not even the words lower realms, jealous gods, or unfavorable conditions
can be heard there.
There are no women there, nor births from wombs.ⁱⁱ
There is not even the slightest conflicting emotion, suffering, or karma.
May we be born in that faultless realm.

Though [beings there] have the names of gods and men, their bodies are not different.
They are of golden color and are adorned with the major and minor marks.
Their five clairvoyancesⁱⁱⁱ and five eyes^{iv} are unobstructed.
May we be born in that land of fully perfected beings.

They are free from attachment to place, possessions, and even their bodies,

and whatever they wish arises without effort.
All enjoy the profound Dharma of the Supreme Vehicle.
May we be born in that realm of the complete Mahayana.

Through miraculous power, they can go to limitless buddha-fields.
An ocean of clouds of offerings manifests in their hands.
They make offerings to all the buddhas and ripen and liberate all beings.
May we be born in that supreme realm of nirmanakayas.

There are sixteen hundred supreme bodhi trees
called Fully Appearing Precious Lotus.
They are adorned with many garlands of flowers and fruit.
By seeing them, may we achieve all good qualities.

The precious ground is strewn with many flowers.
In its center are the stems of blossoming lotuses.
They are fresh, bright, and radiant.
May we see that supreme lotus realm.

Upon that [ground] sits the Lord Buddha Amitabha and, to his right,
the bodhisattva Chenrezig.
To his left is the bodhisattva Vajrapani,
and around them are countless bodhisattvas,
May we see that [buddha-field].

He has limitless light, limitless dignity,
limitless life, and a limitless sangha.
He is surrounded by splendor and by many bodhisattvas.
May we be born in that realm of the supreme Buddha.

On being born in that supreme lotus realm,
may we have the eyes of a god, the ears of a god,
recollection of our previous lives, and supreme intellect.
May we achieve that supreme, miraculous power.

On seeing that fully perfected Buddha,
the Lord of the World,
may we receive his profound Dharma with devotion
and perfect the ten bhumis in an instant.

On receiving the prophecy of the Sugata Amitabha,
may we make offerings to millions of buddhas.
By traveling to many buddha-fields through miraculous power,
may we make offerings to all the buddhas and ripen and liberate all beings.

That world has inconceivable great bliss.

The beings [there] have inconceivable great bliss.
The Buddha and his children have inconceivable manifestations.
May we be born in that inconceivable supreme realm.

At the time of death,
may we visualize the Buddha Amitabha and his retinue with great devotion.
May we die without forgetting them even for a moment.
May we spontaneously take birth in Dewachen.

By the assembly of greatly blissful dakas and dakinis,
may we be well received with various clouds of offerings
of parasols, victory banners, canopies, and the sounds of music.
May we be born in that heavenly abode.

The bodhisattva Bhikshu Dharmakara
possessed mindfulness, intellect, realization,
great wisdom, and joyful effort.
May we accomplish what he did.

By the great truth of the Three Jewels,
by the pure blessings of the expanse of Dharma,
by the power of the cause of virtue, which is without deceit,
by the aspiration of the altruistic Bodhicitta,
and by the power of the virtue that has been accumulated
and that which remains to be accumulated,
may we definitely accomplish these aspirations.

I supplicate the Buddha Amitabha.
Noble Chenrezig, hold me with your great compassion.
Bodhisattva Vajrapani, grant your blessings.
Lead us to that realm with your wisdom-light.
Lead us to that realm with the light of your compassion.
Lead us to that realm by the power of your activities.

To the west
is the Buddha-Field of Amitabha.
Whoever holds his name [in their hearts]
can be born in that supreme realm.

As a lotus is not stained by mud,
may the three realms not be stained by faults.
From the lotus of existence,
may we be born in Dewachen.

Translated from the Tibetan by Khenchen Konchok Gyaltsen Rinpoche.

Notes

ⁱ The physical qualities of a Buddha.

ⁱⁱ This doesn't mean that there are no female forms in Dewachen; there are many goddesses and dakinis in that realm. Since all beings in Dewachen are born miraculously in lotuses, there is no need of womb birth.

ⁱⁱⁱ The eyes of a god, the ears of a god, the power to know others' minds, the power to comprehend miracles, and the power of seeing past deeds.

^{iv} Flesh eyes, the eyes of a god, the eyes of wisdom, the eyes of Dharma, and the eyes of a Buddha.