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#### Excellent Intention: A Simple Fasting (Nyungné) Ritual

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#### षूरुःर्थेःगीःमुःरःषा

Āryalokeśvarāya!

# मुंआन्द्रस्य प्राप्त स्वयः मुंभू स्वयः मुंभू स्वयः मुंभू स्वयः स

When those of limited intellect practise the fasting ritual out of devotion the room should be cleaned and offerings arranged. The practice can be done on the full moon, new moon or eighth day (of the lunar month). Taking the full moon day as an example, you would begin by washing at dawn on the fourteenth.

#### हेव श्री र्इट र अडूय वी

Then offer the mandala before an appropriate support:

# यानिःर्सेयाक्याचुनयानिरामेर्गनानग्रम।

sa shyi pö chü juk shing metok tram

The ground is purified with scented water and strewn with flowers.

# रे र्या मुरायते के ज्ञुषायकुत्राय वरी ।

rirab ling shyi nyidé gyenpa di

It is adorned with Sumeru, the king of mountains, the four quarters of the universe, and the sun and the moon;

### सरसः मुसः बिरः यः द्रियायः हे सुयः यः धेसा ।

sangye shying la mik té pulwa yi

Thinking of it as the blessed buddha-fields, I offer it.

### वर्चे गुरु इस नगलि राय र्चे दायर र्वेग

dro kün namdak shying la chöpar shok

By virtue of this offering, may all beings here and now attain the happiness of that pure land!

#### यदःयगः नतुदः यः दी

The seven branches:

## स्रमाप्तर्क्रायान्दरासर्केन् स्रीतान्त्रम् ।

chaktsalwa dang chö ching shakpa dang

I prostrate myself, make offerings, confess,

# हेशसुःधीः स्टानसुषाः विटाम्स्याः वादिनस्य ।

jesu yi rang kul shying solwa deb

Rejoice, request the teachings and implore you to remain.

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gewa chungzé dak gi chi sakpa

Whatever slight virtue I have here amassed,

### ষমম ভদ ইন্মম নম্ব ব্ৰদ ক্ৰুব ক্ৰৱ ৰ্ম নাই

tamché dzokpé changchub chenpor ngo

I dedicate entirely towards great, perfect awakening!

#### चिरःर्झ्स्यायेत्रायादी

Then take the bodhisattva vow:

### र्गोत्र अर्केग ग्रमुखय य नर्ग सुनश्यकी

könchok sum la dak kyab chi

I take refuge in the Three Jewels,

### श्रेगाया श्रीप्रमे से से से स्वाप्त में

dikpa mi gé sosor shak

Confess all my wrongdoing and non-virtuous actions,

### तर्वे नदे न्वे लाहेश्यी रहा ।

drowé gé la jé yi rang

Rejoice in the virtues of beings,

### য়ৼয়৽য়ৢয়৽ঢ়ৢৼ৽৻য়ৢয়৽ড়৾ঀ৽ড়৾য়৽য়ঀয়ৢৼ৽৸

sangye changchub yi kyi zung

And maintain the mind of awakening to buddhahood.

#### लेशक्र-गशुमा

Repeat this three times.

#### ने वशक्षां स्थान विवास ती क्षेत्र पर्यो है।

Then there are the preliminaries to taking the vow:

# है देर क्र्य की न्या पर्ट्य की श

jitar ngön gyi drachom gyi

Just as the arhats of former times,

### श्रेश्रश्चा विषयात्रात्रात्र्यम्

semchen nam la pen chir dang

To benefit ordinary beings,

### चिर-क्रिय-क्रूबा-इबबबा-हूंग्राबा-चित्र-धुर।

changchub chö nam dzok jé chir And to perfect enlightened qualities,

# गर्भे क्वेंद्रायह्दायादे पतिवाद्वा

sojong dzepa deshyindu

Would practise *sojong* (healing and purification),

### न्यन्याः भेरादिने खेषान्त्राः न्याः गुरा

dak ming di shyejawé kyang
Just so, I, the one whose name is \_\_\_\_,

# तुषायदी वया मञ्जूदा यदा मी छेवा ।

dü di né zung sang gi nyin Shall, from now until sunrise tomorrow,

# अप्तराचरातुःगर्शेः श्रुंतातुरा ।

mashar bar du sojong lang Take up the practice of *sojong*.

#### এব:শাশ্বুআ

Repeat this three times.

#### र्बे्ब यदी दर्देश यें प्वहेंद या दी

Taking the actual vow:

### देरव्यःश्र्यम्मार्चेद्रःश्रेःद्वःविद्या

deng né sokchö mija shying

From this moment on, I shall not take life,

### नह्रुव-५८-दिष्यग-५८-अ-भ्रीव-विवा

dzün dang trik dang ma jin len

Nor lie, have sexual intercourse, or take what is not given.

# क्रेमायते तमुद्राम्यम् करासुदाले ।

nyepé jungné chang pang shying

I shall give up alcohol, which is the source of all faults,

# দ্রী শ্বর মর্স্র বিদ্যুত্ত বিশ্বর বিশ

tri ten to dang dümin zé

Avoid high, luxurious seats, taking food at improper times,

# इ.र्ट्सेट.क्रेष्ट.क्रीय.वीर.स्टा ।

dri dang treng gyen lugar pang

Wearing perfumed scents or ornaments and singing or dancing.

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yenlak gyepé dompa la

Through relying on this eightfold vow,

# বहेब'ৰ্থ'ছম'ম'ৰ্ষ্ট্ব'মম'ৰ্কৃগ

ten né tarpa tobpar shok

May I attain liberation!

#### डेश'यद'गशुक्ष'यहेंद्

Repeat this three times.

#### दे'त्रार्यः में श्चे चेंद्रः पदुः गडिगः लायः पर्श्वेताः त्रा

Then visualize eleven-faced Avalokiteśvara at your crown and recite the following:

# क्क्षेत्रः मुक्ताः वर्षेत्रः भ्रुः वर्षेत्रः नगरा

kyön gyi ma gö kudok kar

Unspoilt by defects, your body is white,

## ह्र्यायायरयामुया गुर्यात्र्यायमुद्रा ।

dzoksang gyé kyi u la gyen

Your crown is adorned with the perfect buddha,

# व्यम्बर्धिय मुक्तार्वे व्याम्बर्धाः

tukjé chen gyi dro la zik

And with eyes of compassion you gaze on all beings—

# श्वित रसामाञ्चमसाया स्वमायर्क्तया वि

chenrezik la chaktsal lo

Avalokiteśvara, to you I pay homage!

# त्रियाः क्रेंट. प्रत्यूर ग्रुं क्रिंर. चयुः क्रियः स्ं क्रेंट।

chak tong khorlo gyurwé gyalpo tong

Your thousand arms are the thousand universal monarchs,

# श्वित सूर प्रमेण राववर रूपु सरम मुम सूर ।

chen tong kalpa zangpö sangye tong

Your thousand eyes the thousand buddhas of this fortunate age,

# ग्रान्याग्रान्यतुषाने त्याने क्षेत्राया

gang la gang dul dé la dé tönpa

You who teach each and every one of us according to our needs,

# यर्श्वरमःश्वेषःस्यामञ्जाषायः स्वाप्तर्यः त्र्

tsünpa chenrezik la chaktsal lo

Noble Avalokiteśvara, to you I pay homage!

#### बेश गट अट चहेंद सुग पर्कण

Recite this as many times as you can and offer prostrations.

# ซึ้าสาธิามุลิารู้

om mani peme hung Om mani padme hūm

चतुःपर्येथ्-त्रःविद्र्। ।

चतुःपर्येथ्-त्रःविद्र्यः।

चत्रःपर्येथ्-त्रःविद्र्यः।

व्यक्षःविद्र्यः।

व्यवद्र्यःविद्र्यः।

व्यवद्र्यःविद्र्यः।

व्यवद्र्यःविद्र्यः।

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व्यवद्र्यःविद्र्यः।

विद्र्यःविद्र्यः।

विद्र्

Imagine that as you recite this uninterruptedly rays of light stream from Noble Avalokiteśvara's heart and dissolve into you, purifying your harmful actions and obscurations. If you know them, it is best to recite the seven-branch prayer and the 'Po' praise,  $\frac{1}{2}$  but even if you do not, it is fine simply to recite the two stanzas beginning "Unspoilt by defects..." and offer prostrations as many times you can. The second day is similar to the first, except that you do not consume even the tiniest amount of food or drink, which, you should know, is why this is known as a 'fasting ritual'. At the conclusion, generate the intention of sharing the merit with all sentient beings.

लेश्रायतः द्वो र्श्वेत् यादे र्थात् स्वर्थ राष्ट्रेत् र्श्वेत् राष्ट्रेत् र्श्वेत् राष्ट्रेत् रश्चेत् राष्ट्र त्वेत्रायतः द्वो र्श्वेत् रायदे र्थात् राष्ट्रेत् रश्चेत् रश्चे

Thus, this was composed by the one who relies exclusively on faith for the sake of my past mothers, who are unable to practise the fasting ritual of Bhikṣuṇī Lakṣmī (Gelongma Palmo) exactly as stated in the texts and might even fail to understand the liturgy, and dispatched from Pema Ö Ling (The Sanctuary of Lotus Light). May it be of benefit to beings!

#### | Translated by Adam Pearcey, 2019.

1. ↑ i.e., Avalokiteśvarastotra by Lakṣmī, so called because almost every line in the Tibetan ends with the syllable 'po'.



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