Swift Rebirth Prayer for Katog Getse Rinpoche, Tenpai Gyaltsen
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khyentsé nupé kyilkhor yöng dzokpé
Supreme perfection of the mandala of knowledge, compassion, and power,
mawé nyima dön kun drubpa chok
Sun of Speech [Buddha Shakyamuni] who accomplishes all aims,
pandrub chudun khen lob chögyal sok
Seventeen Pandits and Mahasiddhas, Vajra Master and Abbott, Dharma King, and others,
kyé chok rim jön nam kyi gélek tsol
O superb incarnations who have appeared over time, please grant excellent virtue!
gyalwa kun gyi göngpa chikpé lam
The sole path of the transcendent state of all the Victors
rinchen semchok dampé til du züng
Is the supremely precious bodhicitta that you hold as your core practice.
tsüngmé dro dren katok gêtséwa
Unrivalled guide of beings, Katog Getse Tenpai Gyaltsen
tenpé gyaltsen zhedpa lhundrub shok
May your aims be spontaneously fulfilled!
tenpa rinchen lüng nang marmé dang
Now at this time, when the precious doctrine is like a candle in the wind
And the life essence of the spiritual and secular affairs of Tibet are compromised by corruption,

During this time of change and uncertainty, you, sublime lineage holder,

Have suddenly departed to rest in quiescence—alas!

Nevertheless, the enlightened deeds of the Buddhas and their heirs,

Like the oceans’ tides, are never postponed,

Taming beings through whatever means are necessary according to their aspirations and elements.

May your incomparable reincarnation swiftly arrive!

By the oceanic power of the Triple Gem and

Especially that of the protectors of all beings in Tibet—the Vajra Master, Abbott, and Dharma King—
Thus, several days ago while busy teaching dharma in Japan, I was informed by his disciples that the incarnation of Katog Getse Pandita, the Supreme Head of the Nyingma school, the well-known Getse Rinpoche Gyurmed Tenpai Gyaltsen had suddenly entered parinirvana. At the moment that I heard this I was overcome by sorrow at this great loss.

Generally, at this crucial time it is important for the doctrine and all living beings and especially for the spiritual and secular welfare of Tibet and the Tibetan people that those who are Doctrine Upholders remain firm and long-lived.

I first met Getse Rinpoche in the sacred place of Bodhgaya and from that time onward I felt close to him as though we were family. I always teased him calling him “the bodyguard Lama.” On the many subsequent occasions that we met one another, I felt relaxed and we spoke freely. During his life, he never postponed any beneficial activities that were directed towards spiritual and secular goals, nor did he vie for position or self-promote. Whenever I made any recommendations or requests of him he would try his best to accomplish that without a second thought.
Therefore it is actually my duty to make offerings for the process of his 49 day parinirvana ceremony so I immediately composed this swift rebirth prayer. 

Yesterday, upon returning to New Delhi from Japan, two representatives from the Nyingma Katog Zhechen Bero Monastery and the Nyingma Katog Adzom Odsal Do Ngag Chokhor Monastery came to see me and recounted to me the description of Getse Rinpoche’s passing into nirvana. When they gave me this report, they also inquired about and asked for advice concerning his future incarnation, and requested that I compose a swift rebirth prayer. I candidly shared with them whatever was on my mind. In particular, I encouraged them to not succumb to hopelessness but to make plans for the future. At the moment that I heard he had departed this world for the pure realms I made strong prayers and once arriving back home I have continued to offer special prayers.

All disciples who have a connection with Getse Rinpoche should unceasingly recite the Praise to the Names of Manjushri and the Seven Line Prayer to Padmasambhava in order that his sublime reincarnation reenters this world.

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