

July 28, 2010

Dear PBC Sangha Members,

Warm greetings friends.
Best wishes to everyone.

Summer retreat is continuing very beautifully at Padma Samye Ling. It is truly wonderful to have the sangha gathered together with Venerable Khenpo Tsewang Dongyal Rinpoche.

Venerable Khenpo Tsewang Rinpoche has requested the PBC students and sanghas to include two new prayers in their personal and group practices in the following way:

1. Prayer to the Root Lama, Khenchen Palden Sherab Rinpoche

In opening prayers, after reciting the Seven line Prayer three times, and the Prayer to the Lamas of the Lineage (KUNZANG DORSEM GARAB SHRI SING...), please recite this Prayer to the Root Lama, Khenchen Palden Sherab Rinpoche in Tibetan, before continuing with the Prayer to the Root Lama (OGMIN CHOCHI YINGCHI PO DRANG NA...) as usual. When you then read the opening prayers in English, please follow this same sequence.

In this way, we honor and supplicate our root teacher, Venerable Khenchen Palden Sherab Rinpoche at the beginning of our practice.

2. Prayer for the Swift Reincarnation of Khenchen Palden Sherab Rinpoche

At the conclusion of practice, *before* reciting the dedication prayers, please begin with the Prayer for the Swift Reincarnation of Khenchen Palden Sherab Rinpoche, followed by the Long Life Prayers of H.H. the Dalai Lama, Khenpo Tsewang Rinpoche, and Lama Chimed Rinpoche. Next, recite the Dedication Prayers (SONAM DIYI TAMCHE ZIGPA NYI...) in Tibetan, then English as usual.

Khenpo Rinpoche said that this is the traditional sequence that Tibetan monasteries and nunneries follow at the conclusion of their meditation practices.

Please let your local sangha members know of these special prayers.

Thanks for your continued kindness and enthusiastic support.

With love,
dragpa

Padma Samye Ling