The Chariot of Liberation—The Accumulation of 500,000 Recitations

These are instructions on how to practice the outer preliminaries and inner preliminaries of The Chariot of Liberation revealed by Dudjom Lingpa.

Outer Preliminaries

Khenpo Sherab Sangpo suggests that his students meditate twenty minutes at the beginning of each meditation session on the four thoughts that turn the mind toward the Dharma:

1. Meditation on Meaningful Human Birth
2. Meditation on Death and Impermanence
3. Meditation on the Suffering of Samsara
4. Meditation on the Ripening of Virtuous and Negative Deeds

To practice the Outer Preliminaries, recite the text:

Namo
You are the glorious embodiment of the wisdom, love, and power […]

1. Pause five minutes to contemplate: this meaningful human birth.
2. Pause five minutes to contemplate: remember death and impermanence.
3. Pause five minutes to contemplate: the nature of the three realms of cyclic existence is one of suffering.
4. Pause five minutes to contemplate: the ripening of virtuous and negative deeds is inevitable.

Complete this section by reciting: Please grant your blessings my supremely kind master.

Inner Preliminaries

After meditating on the outer preliminaries for twenty minutes, students recite the text of the five inner preliminaries and accumulate the 500,000 recitations of:

1. Meditation on Refuge—100,000
2. Meditation on Bodhicitta—100,000
3. Meditation on Vajrasattva—100,000
4. Meditation on Mandala—100,000
5. Meditation on Guru Yoga—100,000
Meditation on Refuge

To accumulate refuge, recite these verses 100,000 times:

Namo
Until we have reached the very heart of enlightenment,
I and all the infinite number of beings—my mothers and fathers,
Go for refuge to the guru and the Three Jewels.
May we not be parted from you for a moment.
Please accept us with your love.

Meditation on Bodhicitta

To accumulate bodhicitta, recite these verses 100,000 times:

Protector and your heirs, please think of me.
With the four immeasurables, I will work for the welfare of beings.
By maintaining bodhicitta and training in the six paramitas,
May I attain the spontaneously accomplished two-fold benefit.

Meditation on Vajrasattva

To accumulate Vajrasattva, recite the 100-syllable mantra 100,000 times either in Sanskrit or in Tibetan:

Sanskrit version:

om vajrasattva samayam anupālaya vajrasattva tvenopatiṣṭha drḍho me bhava sutoṣyo me bhava supoṣyo me bhava anurakto me bhava sarvasiddhiṁ me prayaccha sarvakarmasu ca me citta śreyah kuru hūṁ ha ha ha hoḥ bhagavan sarvatathāgata vajra mā me muṣca vajrī bhava mahāsamayasattva āḥ

Tibetan version:

om benzasato samaya manupalaya benzasato tenopa titra dridho mé bhawa sutokayo mé bhawa supokayo mé bhawa anurakto mé bhawa sarwa siddhi mé trayatsa sarwa karma su tsa mé tsittam shreyah kuru hung ha ha ha hoḥ bhagawan sarwa tatagata benzar ma mé muntsa benzibhawa maha samaya sato ah
Meditation on Mandala

Watch the video on how to practice mandala offering on our website: https://www.bodhicittasangha.org/preliminary-practices/

To accumulate the mandala offering, offer grain or gemstones on your mandala plate as you recite these verses:

The boundless splendor of the billionfold Saha Universe,
Along with my own body, wealth, merit, and virtue—
To perfect the two accumulations, I offer all of this
As a beautiful mandala to the Three Jewels.

Meditation on Guru Yoga

To accumulate Guru Yoga, recite the vajra guru mantra 100,000 times either in Sanskrit or in Tibetan:

Tibetan version:
om ah hung benzar guru pema siddhi hung

Sanskrit version:
oṃ ṛḥ huṃ vajra guru padma siddhi huṃ