Seven-Line Prayer to Padmasambhava

Excerpt from *Lama Sangdü*, a terma revelation of Guru Chöwang

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In the northwest of the land of Oḍḍiyāna,
In the center of a blooming lotus flower,
Is the one with supreme, wondrous siddhi:
The renowned lotus-born Padmakara,
Surrounded by a vast retinue of dakinis.
Following in your footsteps, I pray:
Please come and bestow your blessings!
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Om ah hung benza guru pema siddhi hung
Om āḥ hūṃ vajra guru padma siddhi hūṃ
Accomplishing the Lama through the Seven-Line Prayer—
A Special Teaching from the Lama Sangdü

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Homage to the yidam deity!

Fortunate sons and daughters of the future, when you turn to me, the Guru of Orgyen, for refuge, go to an isolated place and arouse deep feelings of melancholy at impermanence and disgust with samsāra arise—this is vital. Then, rely on me completely with heart and soul. Reflect how every kind of refuge and all your hopes are fulfilled and complete within me, the Guru of Orgyen. Whether in happiness or in sorrow, have total trust and confidence in me. No need to make offerings or praise; set aside all accumulating; simply let devotion flood your body, speech, and mind, and pray—pray with these seven lines:

Hung, or gyen yul gyi nub jang tsam
Hūṃ! In the northwest of the land of Oddiyāna,

Pad ma ge sar dol po la
In the center of a blooming lotus flower,

Ya tsen chok gi ngo drub nyê
Is the one with supreme, wondrous siddhi:

Pad ma jung né zhé su drak
The renowned lotus-born Padmākara,

Khor du kha dro mang pō kor
Surrounded by a vast retinue of dakiniṣ.

Khyé kyi je su dak drub kyi
Following in your footsteps, I pray:
Please come and bestow your blessings!

Guru Padma Siddhi Hum

Pray in this way, over and over again.

Create a feeling of longing so intense that tears spring from your eyes. If the rapture of devotion overwhelsms you, breathe out strongly and then leave everything as it is. Clear and awake, focused and undistracted, look within. For children of mine who pray like this, it goes without saying that they will have my protection, for they will be the sons and daughters of the buddhas of past, present, and future. They will receive complete empowerment into the awareness of their own enlightened mind. Their samādhi will be so powerful and stable that wisdom will naturally blossom.

This great blessing, which arises of its own accord, will ripen on you and dispel all the suffering of others. When your mind is transformed, others’ perceptions will simultaneously change, you will accomplish enlightened activity, and all noble qualities will be complete within you. May the sons and daughters of my heart meet with this extraordinary skillful means, one which ripens and liberates into the dharmakāya realization of my enlightened being. A practice with a uniquely powerful blessing, the Seven-Line Prayer is exceptionally profound; so let this instruction be an extremely secret treasure of my enlightened mind. May it meet with one who possesses a mind of wisdom and is endowed with great compassion, called Chökyi Wangchuk (Lord of Dharma).