

I shall lead all sentient beings limitless as space to the state of the all-pervasive lord Vajrasattva. For this sake I shall receive the profound empowerment and thereafter engage in practice. Thinking in this way, give rise to Bodhichitta, the mind set on awakening, and listen carefully.

The origin of all mantras, tantras, and mandalas is the lord who pervades all buddha families, the enlightened Transcendent Conqueror Glorious Vajrasattva. Merely hearing his name purifies negative karma, evil deeds, and breaches and violations of samaya. The fully ripened samsara and in particular the three lower realms will be emptied. In the tantra called "The Suchness that Embraces all Conquerors" it says: "All negative deeds such as the five acts without interval, criticizing a Buddha, disparaging the holy Dharma, and all other negative deeds are purified by the highest form of all buddhas, Vajrasattva. If you remember Vajrasattva, you will accomplish all wishes in this life and the supreme spiritual attainment—the accomplishment of Vajrasattva and thus the accomplishment of all buddhas."

Thus in order to attain accomplishments, there is the practice of the 100 families, the five families, the single hero, etc., including their mandalas and limitless other elaborate and concise sadhanas. The root or essential practice of all these sadhanas is "The Great Secret Practice of the Single Family." Whoever meditates on this practice meditates on the mandalas of all buddhas. The same is true for the ripening empowerment. In the tantra of the Secret Essence it says, "On the sun and the moon of the ultimate expanse of space, meditate on the king of primordial wisdom in union with his consort. This equals meditation on the limitless mandalas of all the buddhas."

Of the many sadhanas of Kama, Terma, and pure vision teachings, this sadhana derives from a short transmission lineage, endowed with extraordinary blessings, where the warm breath of the dakinis has not yet vanished, and in particular it is endowed with the most profound treasure teachings intended for our time. It was revealed by the great master Orgyen Chogyur Dechen Lingpa, east of the holy place Dewakoti, in the secret cave of the Guru, in the right shoulder of the rock of Tsandrali that has the form of Vajrakilaya, in the year of the sheep, on the 10th day of the monkey month.

Of the cycle of the Three Secret Drops, this is the empowerment of Vajrasattva, whereby the four empowerments are conferred with the vase.

*Repeat:*

Oh Lama Vajrasattva, please protect me from the suffering of the lowest pits of hell. I confess all negative deeds and in your presence I feel deep remorse. From now on, I promise not to engage in negative deeds again. Protector, please purify me! I shall engage in the practice of Vajrasattva for the benefit of all beings, and shall thus transform into the noble body, speech, and wisdom mind. For this sake I shall attain the unsurpassed state of awakening.

*Repeat:*

In order to liberate all sentient beings from suffering, until attaining enlightenment I bow down to and take refuge in the lama, Vajrasattva, the Three Jewels, and the yidams and dakinis.

*Repeat:*

Just as the buddhas have done, so shall I perfectly accomplish the ultimate purpose of all sentient beings. I shall release those not released. I shall liberate those not liberated. I shall relieve the suffering of all beings and shall bring them to the state beyond misery. May all beings be free from suffering, and may they be happy. May they attain the happiness of the noble ones and may the rest in equanimity.

*Repeat:*

All the Buddhas and Bodhisattvas of the ten directions, please come here! Please be seated in the expanse of the unchanging sphere. From within primordial purity, I bow down. I offer you the natural display of all phenomena as an ocean of offering clouds. I confess all negative deeds committed with unawareness. I rejoice in the union of awareness and space. Please turn the wheel of all-embracing emptiness, free from extremes. At all times, please never rest in nirvana. I dedicate this non-conceptual merit for all infinite beings, limitless as space. May all beings swiftly attain the state of Vajrasattva.

Vase Empowerment:

The first stream of nectar fills your body from the crown down to the throat. Thus the stains of the body of karmic ripening are purified, and the blessings of enlightened body enter the stream of your being. Externally you become endowed with the fortune to accomplish the unchanging major marks, and internally your body becomes endowed with the fortune to attain the appearing yet empty vajra body.

The second stream of nectar fills your body from the throat down to the heart. Thus the stains of the movements of speech are purified, and the blessings of enlightened speech enter the stream of your being. Externally you become endowed with the fortune to attain the melodious sound of the excellent Mahayana teachings, and internally your speech becomes endowed with the fortune to accomplish the heard yet empty primordial sound.

The third stream of nectar fills the rest of your entire body from the heart downward. Thus the stains of the deluded thoughts of the mind are purified, and the blessings of enlightened mind enter the stream of your beings. Externally you become endowed with the fortune to gain the radiance of unified bliss and emptiness. and internally you become endowed with the fortune to realize the wisdom mind of primordial purity that frees whatever arises.

In the end the empowerment deities and the Bhagavan Vajrasattva melt into light and dissolve into you. Thus Vajrasattva's enlightened body, speech, and mind and your own body, speech, and mind merge inseparably and assume the nature of the three vajras. The stains of grasping at the three doors as different are purified, and the blessings of

primordial wisdom enter the stream of your being. Externally you become endowed with the fortune to accomplish the two buddha bodies of form, and internally you become endowed with the fortune to actualize the three buddha embodiments.

I will do all that you command.

From this day onward, take me under your care. As I am offering myself to you, accept me as your disciple and even accept my body.