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Light Offering Prayer

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After lighting a candle or a butter lamp or any lights, the prayer should be recited in conjunction with the visualization.

May the light of the lamp be equal to the great three thousand worlds and their environment, May the wick of the lamp be equal to the King of Mountains – Mount Meru. May the butter be equal to the infinite Ocean. May there be billions of trillions of lamps in the presence of each and every Buddha.

May the light illuminate the darkness of ignorance of all sentient beings From the peak of samsara down to the most tortuous hell, Whereby they can see directly and clearly all the ten directions Buddhas and bodhisattvas and their pure lands.

OM VAJRA ALOKE AH HUNG EH MA HO

I offer these beautifully exulted clear and luminous lights

To the thousand Buddhas of the fortunate eon,

To all the buddhas and bodhisattvas of the infinite pure lands and of the ten directions,

To all the gurus, meditation deities, dakas, dakinis, dharma protectors and the assembly of deities of all mandalas.

Due to this, may my father, mother and all sentient beings in this life and in all their future lives, Be able to see directly the actual pure lands of the complete and perfect buddhas, May they unify with Buddha Amitabha in inseparable oneness, Please bless me and may my prayers be actualized as soon as possible Due to the power of the truth of the Triple Gem and the assembly of deities of the three roots.

TAYATHA PANTSA DRI AWA BUDDHA NAYA SOHA

The light transforms into single brilliant five-bright-color wisdom. On a lotus and moon disk the syllables OM and DHI appear. From them, one hundred and eight beautiful goddesses of light, Marmema, appear, Wearing beautiful garments and precious garlands. Every goddess holds lights in her hands and from them Emanate billions of trillions of infinite replicas of light-offering goddesses, Marmema. All of them make light offerings uninterruptedly to all the Buddhas in the buddha fields throughout the entire space, to the peaceful and wrathful deities. Thus due to the merits of having made such a light offering May all the benefactors, the deceased and migrating beings of the six realms benefit, May all their degenerated samaya and broken vows be restored, May all their superstitious obscurations be purified, May all their bad karma, negativities and obscurations be purified, May the three realms of samsara become empty immediately. Please grant control, power and realization.

