

The Practice of White Tara – The Wishfulfilling Wheel called ‘Heap of Immortal Essence’, by Kyabje Pabonkha Rinpoche

One begins the practice by first taking refuge and generating Bodhicitta.

I go for refuge until I am enlightened, to the Buddha, the Dharma, and the supreme assembly. By the virtuous merit that I create by practicing giving and other perfections, may I attain the state of a Buddha, in order to benefit all sentient beings (3 times)

OM SVABAVA SHUDDHA SARVA DHARMA SVABHAVA
SHUDDOHO HAM

Everything becomes empty.

From within the emptiness on top of moon disc on a white lotus, my own mind is represented by the syllable TAM.

The utpala lotus with the TAM then transforms into myself as the embodiment of long life granting Goddess – White Tara.

With one face and two hands, (my) right hand is in the mudra of supreme generosity. (my) left hand is holding the stem of an utpala lotus and (I) have seven eyes; a youthful body adorned with the major and minor marks and a moon disc as a backrest.

The three points are marked by the three syllables.

From the seed syllable (TAM) light rays radiate inviting the wisdom Goddess (White Tara) and empowering deities.

(White Tara) merges into me becoming non-dual and through the initiation of the empowering deities, my crown is adorned with Amitayus.

From the (syllable) Tam at my heart, light-rays emanate extracting all life and essence of all good qualities of samsara and nirvana which dissolve into my heart.

OM TARA TUTTARE TURE MAMA AYUH PUNEY JNANA
PUSHTHIM KURU SOHA (21 times)

OM TARA TUTTARE TURE SOHA (as many times as possible)

Recite either the vowel and consonant mantra or the hundred syllable mantra.

OM A AA I II U UU RI RII LI LII E AI O AU AM AH SVAHA
OM KA KHA GA GHA NGA
TSA TSHA DZA DZHA NYA
TA THA DA DHA NA
TA THA DA DHA NA
PA PHA BA BHA MA
YA RA LA VA
SA SHA SA HA KSHA SVAHA

OM PADMASATTVA SAMAYA MANUPALAYA
PADMASATTVA DENOPA TITHA DIDO MAY BHAWA
SUTOKAYO MAY BHAWA
SUPOKAYO MAY BHAWA
ANURAKTO MAY BHAWA
SARVA SIDDI MAY PAR YA TSA
SARVA KARMA SU TSA MAY
TSITAM SHRIYAM KURU HUNG
HA HA HA HA HOH BHAGAWAN
SARVA TATHAGATA
PADMA MA MAY MU TSA
PADMA BHAWA MAHASAMAYA SATO HUNG PAY

One completes the practice with the dedication:

If I see the signs of untimely death, let me straight away clearly see the form of Mother Tara, the wish fulfilling wheel, and, crushing the might of the Lord of Death, quickly become a deathless vajradhara.

By this virtue may I quickly realize Guru-Buddhahood, and transfer each sentient being into that enlightened state!

May the precious Bodhi-mind, where it is unborn, arise; may that born have no decline, but develop more and more.

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May all holy teachers live long lives and guide us until samsara ends.