

On Practicing for the Deceased

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Right now you are all practicing for Melanie, thank you so much, everyone. One by one, line by line, we will all die. Therefore, in the future copy this: when your sangha brothers and sisters die, practice together like this. Not just for Melanie. This is the real meaning of sangha and supporting each other. In the future do more practice for more days and dedicate it to that person and to all sentient beings. This should be our tradition.

We have a sangha through His Holiness Dudjom Rinpoche's blessing and kindness. Likewise, through the blessing of our lineage gurus we have temples, shrine rooms, practice places. In the future, always view them not as something ordinary or funky but as something wonderful. I feel that is what they are.

You have temples! Therefore use them nicely. You do know how to use them. Because we have temples we can invite lamas, high or low. Right now we have Lingtrul Rinpoche and other lamas who can come, and you guys can practice and receive teachings there.

In the future, continue to use the temples for practice and take care of them well, the outer and inner buddhas. In the same way, take care of each other, your sangha brothers and sisters. Their bodies are the temple. Their consciousness, when liberated, is buddha!

Wonderful. Thank you.

-Gyatrul