



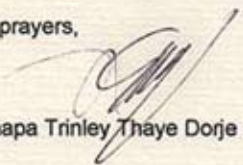
The 17th Karmapa Trinley Thaye Dorje

Dear Dharma Friends,

I would like to thank you all for the many wonderful and thoughtful wishes and greetings you have sent me for my birthday this year. Like anyone else, I appreciate the comforting support of friends and family.

Recently, as I am sure many of you are aware, there has been a wave of disasters across the globe. These disasters have caused pain and suffering to many beings in countless shapes and forms. That is why, this year, I request all of you to focus your efforts and attention towards practice and making prayers and wishes for those beings who have been dealt such unfortunate circumstances rather than placing any efforts towards celebrations or merrymaking on my behalf. The best offering I could ask for is this. In turn I will be joining you in the spirit of goodwill by dedicating myself to the same. I hope and pray, as I strongly believe, that our wishes for all beings suffering under unfavourable conditions will come true and relief and freedom from strife will prevail.

With prayers,


Karmapa Trinley Thaye Dorje