

# Chakzampa Thangtong Gyalpo

Architect, Philosopher and Iron Chain Bridge Builder



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*To His Majesty, the Druk Gyalpo of the Royal Kingdom of Bhutan,  
the Bhutanese people and the Incarnation Line of Chakzampa  
Thangtong Gyalpo.*

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ཚུ་མ་འོང་མ་ལས་བཟ།

**Appease the spirits before they turn foes Build a  
bridge before the river swells**

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