

## Prayer Service for Activities and Events

- Homage (*Recite the O-daimoku three times.*)
- Meditation on the Place of the Way
- Taking Refuge in the Three Treasures
- Invocation

We put our faith in

The Eternal Buddha Shakyamuni—Great Benevolent Teacher, World-Honored One;

The Tathagata Abundant Treasures, witness to the Lotus Sutra;

The separated embodiments of the Buddha in the ten directions in the past, present, and future;

The four great bodhisattvas: Superior Practice, Boundless Practice, Pure Practice, and Steadfast Practice;

The bodhisattva-mahasattvas: Manjushri, Universal Sage, Maitreya, and all other bodhisattva-mahasattvas;

Great Bodhisattva Nichiren, revered practitioner of the Lotus Sutra;

Founder Nikkyo, Great Teacher of the One Vehicle;

Cofounder Myoko, Bodhisattva of the Way of Compassion;

The guardian spirits of Rissho Kosei-kai;

And the countless heavenly spirits in the ten directions.

May you all be present among us and know our deep devotion.

Now, we solemnly conduct this prayer service for [*name of the specific activity or event*] of  
[*Dharma center name*].

We earnestly pray for guidance in all things through the merit we receive from reciting the Great Vehicle Sutra of the Lotus Flower of the Wondrous Dharma.

*(Strike the gong and recite the O-daimoku once.)*

- Opening Verse
- Sutra Recitation
- Universal Transfer of Merit
- Recitation of the O-daimoku
- Transfer of Merit

Having respectfully recited the Great Vehicle Sutra of the Lotus Flower of the Wondrous Dharma, may we transfer its merits to and thus reciprocate the boundless compassion of The Eternal Buddha Shakyamuni—Great Benevolent Teacher, World-Honored One; The Tathagata Abundant Treasures, witness to the Lotus Sutra; The separated embodiments of the Buddha in the ten directions in the past, present, and future; The four great bodhisattvas: Superior Practice, Boundless Practice, Pure Practice, and Steadfast Practice; The bodhisattva-mahasattvas: Manjushri, Universal Sage, Maitreya, and all other bodhisattva-mahasattvas; Great Bodhisattva Nichiren, revered practitioner of the Lotus Sutra; Founder Nikkyo, Great Teacher of the One Vehicle; Cofounder Myoko, Bodhisattva of the Way of Compassion; The guardian spirits of Rissho Kosei-kai; The guardian spirits of [*Dharma center name*]; The guardian spirits of member families of Rissho Kosei-kai; And the countless heavenly spirits in the ten directions.

*(Strike the gong once.)*

Now, on this occasion of the prayer service for [*name of the specific activity or event*] of [*Dharma center name*] all of us gathered here reverently recited the sutra together with hearts united as one.

The sutra says:

“This sutra can deliver all living beings from suffering and pain. And this sutra can confer great benefits upon all living beings and completely satisfy their aspirations.”

We earnestly pray that you extend your hands of compassion and sympathy through empathetic response with us, so that our aspirations may be realized with the help of sagely guidance and boundless protection.

- Homage (*Recite the O-daimoku three times.*)

### Notes

1. In the Invocation above, before “[*Dharma center name*]” in the sentence beginning with “Now, we solemnly conduct,” you may add “the [*chapter name*] Chapter of” or “the [*family name*] family, of the [*chapter name*] Chapter of.”
2. In the Invocation above, after “[*Dharma center name*]” in the sentence beginning with “Now, we solemnly conduct,” you may add to more details, for example, “[*Full name of the supplicant*] reverently prays for the great success of [*full formal name of the specific activity*] at [*place name and location*] on [*date or specific occasion*].”
3. As an alternative to reciting the entire Kyoten, appropriate chapters from the Kyoten can be recited. Additionally, appropriate chapters from the Threefold Lotus Sutra and/or dharanis from the Kyoten can be included.
4. In the Transfer of Merit above, before “[*Dharma center name*]” in the sentence beginning with “Now, on this occasion of,” you may add “the [*chapter name*] Chapter of” or “the [*family name*] family, of the [*chapter name*] Chapter of.”