

Prayer Service for Recovery from Illness/Injury or Successful Surgery

- 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 [given name], aged [number], of the [family name], member of the [chapter name] Chapter, [Dharma center name], so that [appropriate pronoun] may [recover from illness/injury or have a successful surgery].

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 the [*family name*] family; 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 [*given name*] of the [*family name*] family, member of the [*chapter name*] Chapter, [*Dharma center name*], so that [*appropriate pronoun*] may [*recover from illness/injury or have a successful surgery*], all of us gathered here have reverently recited the sutra together with hearts united as one.

The merit power of the Wondrous Sutra of the Dharma Flower “enables living beings to take leave of all suffering and all pain and disease, and to completely undo the fetters of birth and death.”

We earnestly pray that you extend your hands of compassion and sympathy through empathetic response with us, so that [*full name*] may [*recover from illness/injury or have a successful surgery*] and quickly return to good health with the help of sagely guidance and boundless protection.

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Note

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.