

Opening the Wisdom-Eyes (Kaigen) Ceremony for Posthumous Names

- 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.

As Dharma teachers of [*Dharma center name*], all of us sincerely recite the sutra together.

Here, we dedicate:

[*Posthumous name(s)*] (*Read it [them] out twice.*)

We earnestly pray for guidance in opening the wisdom eyes of this inscription of the posthumous name[s].

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

- Opening Verse
- Sutra Recitation (*Chapter 20 from the Threefold Lotus Sutra*)
- 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, having sincerely recited the sutra as Dharma teachers, all of us respectfully express our gratitude for the Buddha's arrangement of this ceremony for opening the wisdom eyes of this inscription of the posthumous name[s].

We reverently pray that you extend your hands of compassion, sympathy, liberation, and protection for those who have now received their posthumous names [*the person who has now received his/her posthumous name*].

We also earnestly ask that they meet the Founder and the Cofounder in the presence of the Eternal Buddha Shakyamuni and hear the Wondrous Dharma of the true teaching of the One Vehicle so that they [*he/she*] may quickly accomplish the great fruit of Supreme Perfect Awakening.

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