

Newborn's First Visit to a Dharma Center

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

On this auspicious day, we sincerely celebrate the first visit to the Dharma center by [*given name or Dharma name*], the child of the [*family name*] family, of the [*chapter name*] Chapter, [*Dharma center name*].

[*Name*], who for the first time has come to pray at a Dharma center, having received the rare gift of life as a human being and the uncommon opportunity of encountering the Dharma. [*Appropriate pronoun*] is a child of the Buddha who came into this world with precious karmic connections and an important calling.

All of us in attendance here acknowledge our debt of gratitude to the Dharma and take this ceremony as an opportunity to vow to further advance our diligent practice in seeking the Way.

We earnestly pray that with your boundless protection, this child of the Buddha, [*full name*], may grow up in good health, and that all of us here may fulfill the vows that we have made.

- Homage (*Recite the O-daimoku three times.*)
- Presentation of Prayer Beads

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

Note

As for the Presentation of Prayer Beads above, the recitation leader presents the prayer beads that had been placed on the altar to the infant or the parents.