

Celebration of Auspicious Birth Anniversaries

- 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 commemorate the [*ordinal numbers*] year of the lives of [*full names and chapter names of those congratulated*] (*Announce them*).

We laud the many years of distinguished service of these [*total number*] members and most sincerely acknowledge our debt of gratitude to them for their accumulation of virtues as well as to celebrate their longevity.

Here, we pray that those who mark this anniversary will deepen their faith and revitalize their vows to practice compassion, and thereby continue to serve as model practitioners.

We reverently pray that the buddhas and bodhisattvas, the guardian and heavenly spirits allow us to receive the Three Treasures of Buddhism and know our vows. We also earnestly pray for protection in all things.

- Homage (*Recite the O-daimoku three times.*)
- Presentation of Commemorative Gifts

- Words of Congratulation
- Words of Gratitude
- Homage (*Recite the O-daimoku three times.*)

Note

The term “Auspicious Birth Anniversaries” refers to the commemoration of a person’s birth on the occasion of specific significant ages to celebrate their longevity. Those ages are the 60th, 70th, 77th, 80th, 88th, 90th, 99th, 100th, 108th, 111th, 120th birthdays. Insert the appropriate ordinal number in [*ordinal numbers*] above.