

## Prayer Service for Specific Objects

- 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 to bless [*specific object*] 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
- Dharanis (*Chapters 26 and 28 from the Kyoten's appendix, five times each*)
- 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 to bless [*specific object*] of [*Dharma center name*], all of us gathered here have sincerely recited the sutra together and renewed our vow.

We earnestly pray that all karmic connections to this [*specific object*] may be auspicious and without hindrances, and that we may receive further merits for deepening our faith, sharing the Dharma, as well as cultivating bodhisattva practice.

- 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. If this service is conducted for a car, then in the Invocation above, after “[*Dharma center name*]” in the sentence beginning with “Now, we solemnly conduct,” additionally state the car’s make, model, license plate number, and so on when you state [*specific object*].
3. 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.”