

Prayer for a Safe Birth

- 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, the [*family name*] family, of the [*chapter name*] Chapter, [*Dharma center name*], conducts this ceremony to ask for a safe birth.

These good sons and good daughters have gathered here to pay homage as members of Rissho Kosei-kai who aspire to awakening and have renewed their vows to diligently seek the Way.

We reverently pray for the boundless protection of all buddhas and honored ones as well as the guardian spirits and ancestors of the [*family name*] family.

- Homage (*Recite the O-daimoku three times.*)
- Presentation of a Memento for a Safe Birth (*The recitation leader presents the memento placed in the altar to the representative of the family.*)
- Closing Remarks
- Words of Celebration
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