

Special Words to Transfer Merit for Specific-Year Memorial Service (2)

Now, on this occasion of the specific-year memorial service for the *[family name]* family, we have sincerely recited the sutra with the family members of the departed and all the people gathered here.

The brilliant light on the altar, colorful flowers, cup of tea, incense, and each of the foods and drinks are all offered with our prayer so that the departed may be at peace.

Although this world in which we live is separated from that of the deceased, we continue to be diligent in religious practice together with *[appropriate pronoun]*, embraced by the great compassion of the Eternal Buddha.

Now, the most significant gift that we can offer to the deceased in the spiritual world is the promise we make on the occasion of this memorial service. We will strive in religious practice to be one step closer to the boundless heart and mind of our teacher, Shakyamuni Buddha. Further, we will ceaselessly accumulate merits through our practice and transfer them to the deceased and many ancestors.

Here, on the *[ordinal number]* memorial service for *[Posthumous name / Secular name]* (*Recite it twice*), we would like *[appropriate pronoun]* to receive this gift that we sincerely offer. In the embrace of the Eternal Buddha, all the buddhas and honored ones, and guided by the teachings of Founder Nikkyo, Great Teacher of the One Vehicle, and Cofounder Myoko, Bodhisattva of the Way of Compassion, may *[appropriate pronoun]* respectfully listen to the Wondrous Dharma and take a place on the jeweled cart of the One-Vehicle truth, so that *[appropriate pronoun]* quickly accomplish the true enlightenment of universal equality.

Namu Myoho Renge Kyo
(*Strike the gong once.*)