

## Invocation

### Transmuting Shared-Pain from LA Wild Fire into Compassion

- Homage *(Chant 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.

Each and every one of us recognizes the shared-pain from the Los Angeles Wildfires in 2025. Let us share a moment of silence with the hearts of everyone affected by the fires and the pain of loss including those who are known and unknown to us.

*(Take a peaceful moment of silence for one minute.)*

We earnestly pray for guidance in all things through the profound, sublime meaning of the Great Vehicle Sutra of the Lotus Flower of the Wondrous Dharma.

*(Strike the gong and chant the O-daimoku once.)*

- Opening Verse
- Sutra Recitation
- Universal Transfer of Merit
- Chanting 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

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The guardian spirits of Rissho Kosei-kai;

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The guardian spirits of member families and non-member families of Rissho Kosei-kai;

And the countless heavenly spirits in the ten directions.

*(Strike the gong once.)*

Now, having sincerely recited the sutra, we earnestly pray to transmute the pain from the Los Angeles Wildfires into boundless compassion for all living beings who suffer.

May we awaken to the oneness of compassion inherent in each one of us, and may this realization inspire us to work tirelessly for the liberation of all living beings across all time and space, and to pursue the bodhisattva way of the One Vehicle. through spreading the teachings.

Under your profound guidance and divine protection, may we dwell in the land of tranquil light in our heart and in the world.

○ Homage

*(Chant the O-daimoku three times.)*