

東京の中心で、仏の名を呼ぶ XV

"BRIGHT LIGHTS, BIG PIETY" 2020

- Radiating Amida's eternal mercy and compassion from the bright lights of Tokyo -

Sat., May. 2 at 12.30PM – Sun., May. 3 at 1.30PM

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Dear Friends,

Nembutsu chanting is the way to concentrate one's mind on Amida Buddha and his limitless light and compassion while reciting Amida-Buddha's name ("Namu-Amida-Butsu" – the "Nembutsu"). The Nembutsu is one of the most well known mantras in Japanese Buddhism.

"NAMU-AMIDA-BUTSU" can be divided into three words; the first NAMU is a Sanskrit word (an ancient Indian language), meaning "To think highly of." The second part AMIDA is a combination of the Sanskrit words of Amitabha (infinite light) and Amitayus (infinite life).

"Amita," which is common to these two words, means "unlimited." Amitabha, meaning unlimited light, also indicates beam or a gleam of hope. On the other hand, Amitayus, meaning unlimited life implies to reverence for life. The last part, "Butsu," is a phonetic equivalent of Buddha, meaning "the Awakened One".

The "Nembutsu" mantra means "I think highly of unlimited light, the gleam of hope and life, think of reverence for life." This is our credo.

Mr. Barack Obama, the former President of the United States, mentioned that Amida Buddha is a "symbol of peace and tranquility."

Let us concentrate our soul upon the immeasurable lives in the cosmos, under the sacred name of Amitabha and Amitayus (Amida's names in ancient Sanskrit). Let us find the pure light inside our soul so we can shed our greed and share Amida Buddha's limitless compassion with our fellow human beings.

Sincere thanks for your attendance,
The Steering Committee

"I looked up at that centuries-old *symbol of peace and tranquility* -- the great bronze *Amida Buddha*."

- remarks by President Barack Obama at Suntory Hall, Tokyo, November 14, 2009 (mentioning his impression of the Great Buddha statue at Kamakura)

【Japanese Buddhism Practices】

We don't impose any rules. You don't need to sit 正座 (*Seiza*: sitting upright with legs folded under). The participants are simply required to keep steady praying - thinking highly of the gleam of hope and life.

念仏 Nembutsu

"NAMU-AMIDA-BUTSU" is the mantra. But when we recite the mantra, it sounds more like "naam ahmi dahb" or "nam ami dab." Please follow our lead.

礼拝 Raihai(Buddhist mass) and 行道 Gyōdō(Walking around Buddha imagine with nembutsu chanting) would be held irregularly.

礼拝 RAIHAI (Buddhist Mass)

