

今から 880 年前、法然さまのお父さま 漆間時国公は、源内武者明石定明の夜襲による負傷が元でこの世を去るときに「汝さらに会稽の恥をおもひ敵人をうらむることなかれ云々」と、息子である法然さまに敵を恨み仇を打つことを諫められました。この御遺言が、法然さまが仏の道をすすむきっかけとなり、すべての人を救う専修念仏のみ教えを広めるため浄土宗をお開きになった基となりました。

更に 昭和二十年八月六日 並びに同年八月九日 日本は世界唯一の原子爆弾の被爆国となり 戦争の愚かさ、悲惨さを思い知りました。私たち念佛の道に生きるものは、世界平和の先導者となるべく、お念仏のみ教えの心をもって、仏説無量寿経にある「兵戈無用」の教えをとこしえに尊び、平和の道をお念仏とともに歩むよう励んでおります。

このたび、およそ 2 年間に及ぶ新型コロナウイルス世界的蔓延にあたり、感染者の回復を念じると共に 死去されし方々の菩提を弔い、この疫病が一日も早く終息することを願い、平穏な社会になることを切に祈念いたします。

また、阿弥陀さまのみ光が、敵味方分け隔てなく明るく照らし、ロシア軍によるウクライナ侵攻をはじめ世界各地の紛争に巻き込まれている人々の無事と、それぞれの事態が、

これ以上恨みを募らせ暴力を拡大することなく一時も早く
平和的に終息することを願います。

令和四年三月五日

世界同時念佛 参加者 一同 敬って申し上げます。

Eight hundred and eighty years ago, Uruma Tokikuni (Honen Shonin's father) was under nightly attack by his enemy Guennai Musya Akashi Sadaakira. In the moments before his death, Honen's father forbade his son from seeking revenge against the enemy.

These final words from his father were the motivation for Master Honen to begin following the Buddhist path. This led him to practice and spread the doctrine of exclusively reciting Nembutsu, which saves everyone indiscriminately. Honen went on to found the Jodo Shu tradition.

Many centuries later, on August 6th and 9th, 1945, Japan became the only country in the history of the world to be attacked with atomic bombs. We quickly realized the stupidity and misery of war. We, the people of Nembutsu, hope to achieve peace in the world. With Nembutsu in our hearts, we adhere to the pacifist

teaching that "armies and weapons should never be used." As taught in the Sutra of the Buddha of Immeasurable Life, we must remain devoted to treading the peaceful path of Nembutsu.

We pray with veneration and sincerity the light of Amida Buddha will illuminate and promote global unity, without any distinction of enemies and allies. May the Ukrainian people cease to live under attack by Russian aggressors, and may no one ever have to experience the terror and suffering of wars around the world. May all conflicts end peacefully and immediately without more hatred and violence.

Also, as we continue to endure the COVID-19 pandemic we pray for those who have died from the virus. We hope for the rapid recovery of all who are ill, wish for consolation to the families of those lost and infected, and pray for the immediate cessation of this pandemic.

Be well!

On March 5, 2022,

All participants of C.N.I. (Chanting Nembutsu Internationally).