

## WORDS TO THE WISE THE POWER OF DAIMOKU

**Though one might point at the earth and miss it, though one might bind up the sky, though the tides might cease to ebb and flow and the sun rise up from the west, it could never come about that the prayers of the practitioner of the Lotus Sutra would go unanswered. (*The Major Writings of Nichiren Daishonin*, vol. 7, p. 46)**

*From SGI President Ikeda:*

\* The first thing is to pray. From the moment we begin to pray, things start moving. The darker the night, the closer the dawn. From the moment we chant daimoku with a deep and powerful resolve, the sun begins to rise in our heart.

Hope — prayer is the sun of hope. To chant daimoku each time we face a problem, overcoming it and elevating our life-condition as a result — this is the path of “changing earthly desires into enlightenment” taught in Nichiren Daishonin’s Buddhism. (July 5, 1996, *World Tribune*, p. 17)

\*When you purify your lives with daimoku, you will definitely develop an utterly indestructible state of absolute happiness that abounds with great fortune. In such a state of life, everything will become a source of joy. You will feel a deep sense of fulfillment even if you have neither worldly fame nor wealth. Each moment will be totally satisfying. Your heart will be filled with joy and all things will appear beautiful to your eyes. You can instantly discern the truth, distinguish between good and evil. You will think about the welfare of others in any circumstances. This is the state of mind you can develop through faith. (April 1993 *Seikyo Times*, p. 40)

\*Once, when encouraging a member who had begun practicing Nichiren Daishonin's Buddhism to change his angry nature, second Soka Gakkai president Josei Toda said: “You don’t have to worry about changing your personality. All you have to do is chant daimoku and live the best you can. Then, very naturally, you will see the negative aspects of your personality disappear, leaving you with the positive ones.” (Aug. 8, 1997, *World Tribune*, p. 10)

\*[Shin’ichi Yamamoto] would consistently chant earnest daimoku that those attending his lectures could savor the deep joy of faith and go about their activities with absolute conviction. This daimoku was infused with a powerful prayer, driven by a fierce determination to without fail bring forth the life force he needed to adequately convey the spirit and immense compassion of the Daishonin, whose goal was to save all humanity. (Aug. 15, 1997, *World Tribune*, p. 8)

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