

<Talk by the Chairperson NAYA>

<Prayer for World Peace>

<Talk by Yuka-sensei>

Everyone, good morning. It always makes me happy to see all of you. It was said that it would rain today, but the sun is truly welcoming us, and I truly feel from the Fuji Sanctuary that the Deities are truly waiting for our prayers.

Even though it might rain today, those of you who still decided to come are, I believe, people who truly understand your own Divine Mission sincerely and straightforwardly, and who have come today once again to pray for each region and for the world.

In some cases, there may be some of you who think, “I didn’t really want to come, but somehow I was brought along,” or “I couldn’t say no.”

Such people have very powerful Guardian Spirits and Guardian Deities. And those Guardian Spirits and Guardian Deities are powerfully supporting the tremendous power and Divine Mission that you originally possess.

In any case, all of you were born into this life carrying truly wonderful work, and that is why you are sitting here now.

As the Chairperson mentioned, right now, both in various parts of Japan and around the world, various disasters caused by global warming, earthquakes, flooding, and many other situations reported in the news are truly occurring.

Amid all this, what I think anew is that it is by no means a sacrifice. I do not mean to define it as giving up one’s own life to save others—but at the next level beyond that, there is indeed becoming aware of one’s own wonderful Divine Mission, one’s own Divinity.

Precisely because we cherish our own Divinity so much, we bring forth the Divinity we possess to the fullest and offer it to the world and to people. Whenever I meet all of you members here at Byakko, I cannot help but feel anew how wonderful it is to work with that awareness.

That is exactly why the Deities support you like this, and why the Kunitsukami (Deities of the Land) also support your pure work. Through all of you, I truly feel every day the strength, the greatness, and the influence of prayer that comes from being aware of one’s Divinity and connecting straight to Heaven.

Today, at this very moment, all of you together will earnestly become aware of your own Divinity, and with all your strength, together with the Deities, offer the work and power of your own Divinity to humanity on this Earth and to all life on the Earth. You will pray for world peace.

But that is not the end. Afterward, all of you who have bathed in that light, all of you who have bathed your whole being in the vibration of prayer, will return once again to your homes throughout the country.

Today, I heard that some of you came from Akita, and from Tohoku, Hokkaido, Okinawa, or Kyushu—when the light you have now received with your whole body, the peaceful energy of prayer, returns with you to your own homes and regions, it will truly be given back there as well.

The light will spread out—whoosh—and resound once again through the existence of each and every one of you. How wonderful that is. Behind this, many Deities are grateful and supporting you, and surely the Deities of those regions will also rejoice.

That is the work you have come here to do today. I offer my deepest gratitude and respect for this. And I would like to spend today, once again, cherishing each moment in which I can earnestly pray together with all of you.

As the MC and the Chairperson mentioned, today we have guests who have come from around the world. I believe that the world Masami-sensei has spoken of is truly beginning, little by little, to take visible form like this.

For SOPP, we invite and welcome various people from overseas. Of course, for guests of honor and religious leaders, we cover the costs on our side—but today is not SOPP. Today is an important Byakko prayer—an event for praying for the world, for Japan, for people, and for the Earth and nature.

There are, of course, members living overseas who wished to come to this event, but today there are also people from overseas who are not members.

In this way, one by one, people from all over the world are joining our circle of peaceful prayer vibrations and coming to pray together with us.

And the same is true for all of you. Having bathed in your light of prayer today, they too will return to their own countries.

From what I have heard today, there are people from the United States, from Europe, from Israel, and from Ukraine.

When they return to their countries, the light of today that they prayed with all of you, and the vibration of your prayers today, will reach their countries once again through them.

That is what I wish for as well—and I feel that everything has meaning, that there is no coincidence in the people who are here today, that everything is inevitable, and that everyone is firmly fulfilling their role.

Thank you all, and I humbly ask for your cooperation again today.

<Declaration of the Seven Sacred Words – Yuka-sensei>

1. No matter how vast the world may be, there is no other human being identical to yourself.
2. Therefore, ○○○○, live this very moment with utmost sincerity.
3. To do so, let go of the preconceptions you have held from the past, and live this moment earnestly. This present moment is sacred and precious.
4. Do not be swayed by others. The Divine Self can never be shaken.
5. Live each day of your life as if it were your last.
6. And walk straight forward on your Divine Path, solely for the peace and happiness of all humankind.

7. In time, when your Divine Mission is fulfilled, GOI-sensei will come to welcome you upon the Earth, and you will soar toward the radiant Divine World.

<Time to Pray for Japan and Each Continent of the World, Forming the Divine Spark IN for Each Nation and Region>

<Special Program to Engrave the Awareness of “Divinity First” within Ourselves>

【Maki-sensei】

Thank you very much for participating today as well.

How precious and how grateful it is to be able to pray “May peace prevail on Earth” together with all of you here at the Fuji Sanctuary.

Feeling the presence of each and every one of you, forming the Divine Spark IN together—not on a screen, but truly in each other’s presence—I deeply savored how much happiness this brings, as we offered prayers for Japan and for each country of the world today.

“May peace prevail on Earth”—this prayer is a prayer that wishes for world peace, and at the same time, it is also a prayer that awakens the Divinity within each one of you here, within each one of us, and the Divinity within people all over the world.

Someone once told me a story about the yeast used in making bread.

I don’t know if any of you have made bread, but after mixing flour, eggs, milk, butter, and so on, we add yeast—the smallest amount of all. Nowadays, sometimes natural leaven is used instead of yeast—but in any case, we add just a tiny bit of such a culture, don’t we?

Without it, no matter how long you bake the bread, it stays hard. The flour remains flour, and the butter remains butter. But when you add the yeast, it not only binds the flour, butter, and milk together, but also makes the bread rise soft and fluffy, turning it into the delicious bread we eat.

When we eat the bread, the yeast does not assert its existence. It never says, “Thanks to me, this bread rose so nicely,” or “Because I’m here, this bread became delicious.”

It plays a very important role, but in the end, once the bread is complete, it makes itself disappear, and simply lets everyone joyfully eat what has been made.

Someone told me, “The existence of yeast is similar to the prayer we do.” When that person said this, I thought, yes, our prayer is indeed very similar.

When this prayer, “May peace prevail on Earth,” resonates through each one of you and each one of us, people’s kindness, love, harmony, courage, and the radiance of life that had not usually come to the surface are quietly, quietly drawn out from within them, and they overflow. Right now, this venue too is overflowing with it.

Neither the person praying nor the people touched by that prayer know what has happened. But thanks to this prayer, hearts become a little kinder, the atmosphere here becomes gentler, people come to care for one another, and new connections are born between people.

Prayer leaves no trace of itself; it connects people with peace and draws out the Divinity within them.

I believe that the prayers you sent out from here to the world today are surely also touching

people's Divinity in such unseen places, drawing out their Divinity, and resounding out to the world, and to an ever wider world.

So, in the time that follows, all of you who have sent these vibrations out into the world will now receive the beautiful vibrations of prayer back from that world.

Please relax, and use this time to heal your own Divinity and your own physical bodies, having just offered your prayers so earnestly.

Since there are people from overseas here, I will now summarize this talk in English. During that time, please feel the light of the Fuji Sanctuary, feel the energy of Great Nature, and say to your Divinity, "Well done," "You did well to come here," "You did well to deliver your prayers to the world"—please make this a time to truly acknowledge and appreciate yourselves.

While I am translating into English, please spend the time connecting with the Fuji Sanctuary and connecting with your own Divinity.

Now, if you like, please quietly close your eyes. If there is space around you, please do lie down, and feel with your entire body the energy of the earth, the energy of the wind, the energy of the sun, the energy of the green, and the energy of your own physical body.

You may also remain seated—in whatever way allows you to feel at ease and relax—and please, quietly, quietly, little by little, bring the awareness that you have directed toward the world back into yourselves.

Please breathe in slowly, and breathe out slowly.

As if receiving the air of the Fuji Sanctuary throughout your whole body, while breathing in and out, please take in a great abundance of Divine vibrations into your physical bodies.

And while breathing, I would like you to feel yourselves—you who have wished for world peace and continued to pray here today.

Please quietly, quietly connect with yourself, the one who has kept sending prayers to the world.

And now, please gently ask that self:

"What kind of Divine light has been released from my prayer into the world?"

How is it?

That Divine light was not given from outside; it was something that had always been within you, something that had existed deep within you all along. It was drawn out and released into the world through your existence.

What has been drawn out through prayer—that is your very Divinity itself.

And the Divine light you released into the world today is not illuminating only the world. That light is pouring down abundantly upon you yourselves.

You are enveloped in the Divine light released from you. The light fills your body, fills your heart, and now quietly embraces and fills your entire being.

Please receive and feel this Divine light with your whole body.

Divinity is not something somewhere far away, nor is it something to be obtained from somewhere.

Divinity exists within yourself here now, within yourself living now, within this very existence called “I.”

At this very moment, please quietly feel the Divinity within you.

To yourself who prayed for world peace today, to yourself who delivered peace and light to the world through prayer—to that Divine self, please offer your heartfelt gratitude.

May peace prevail on Earth. May the Divinity within us overflow and manifest more and more. And may the vibration of peace born through us awaken the Divinity of someone else once again.

Please open your eyes at your own timing.

Finally, layering together the Divine vibration of each and every one of you here, I would like to deliver our prayer to the world once more with all of you.

Please quietly open your eyes; you may remain lying down, or you may sit up. Let us deliver our prayer for world peace together one last time.

To the precious work that you have released and received, to your precious vessels, to your precious existence—to the existence of each and every one of you—I express my heartfelt gratitude.

<Prayer for World Peace>

<Message from Masami-sensei>

Good day to you all. It has been a while. I am very happy to see you all looking so well.

You pay a great deal of money and spend a long time to come all the way to the Fuji Sanctuary, several times a year. When I calculate it, it is a great deal.

Even so, I once again express my deep and heartfelt gratitude to you for coming here like this.

I, too, exist because of your existence, and the fruit of having continued to pray the Prayer for World Peace together with all of you is present here.

I am always, constantly grateful for your existence, thinking, “I am who I am because of all of you.”

You are admirable people who, staying healthy to the very end, have joined together with me in supporting the cause of peace.

Let us continue to walk together from now on. I ask for your continued support.

<Announcement from Maki-sensei (Goi Peace Foundation Forum)>

*The content will be omitted.

<Talks by Hiroo-sensei and Masami-sensei>

【Hiroo-sensei】

Hello, everyone. Since the talk today was a little short, I will also speak a little.

As Maki just mentioned, at the Goi Peace Foundation’s board of directors and council meeting this June, Maki was appointed as the next President, I became the Chairman, and Masami became the Honorary Chairperson—we have reached a time of generational change.

By the way, at May Peace Prevail On Earth International as well—which we have long called “the Society”—Rika will be taking over, and from now on, the new generation will take the lead in

promoting peace activities.

So, I would be grateful if the support you have given us until now could now be given to the younger generation.

Having just heard Maki's declaration of resolve, I feel reassured that I can hand things over to her.

This forum is, in a sense, also an occasion to introduce the new President, so I hope that many of you members will come and cheer on and support her setting sail. Thank you very much.

Today, guests have come from overseas as well. I think they will be introduced later, but regarding the Society, Fumi Johns, who has long looked after the United States, and Caroline Ochima, who has long looked after the Allanton Sanctuary in Scotland, have also come today.

I believe it is truly thanks to the support of our members that we have been able to come this far.

However, things will be truly difficult from here on. If you look at the current state of the world, it is truly a difficult situation.

I think we have come to a time when the question is how, through our truly steady daily prayers and efforts, we can turn things in the direction of peace and create a new future.

A large part of our work is building networks. In other words, connecting with people all over the world who are working toward the same peace, and building a large network—I think this is one of our greatest tasks.

In that sense, for twenty-some years—no, forty-some years—we have steadily built networks with people overseas in this way.

We went overseas to create each single connection, talked with people there, opened our hearts to one another, and wove this network one thread at a time.

But now, the younger generation, also thanks to the development of technology, creates connections in no time at all. It is an astonishing speed.

So our way of doing things and the new generation's way have become completely different, and this is truly promising. Moreover, among young people, there are many all over the world with a high awareness toward peace.

How the next generation builds networks and connections with such people, and creates a great spread toward peace—I believe that is what the coming era is about.

Of course, we too will do our very best with all our strength for as long as we live, but since the younger generation will be at the center from now on, I sincerely ask for your continued cooperation.

【Masami-sensei】

It is truly thanks to all of you members that I, too, have been able to come this far.

When I look back on the past, I truly could not have done this alone.

Each and every member has cooperated, become a member, and by believing in GOI-sensei's teachings together and spreading them, the whole world has become peaceful.

This too is thanks to each and every one of you—those of you who are here, of course, those who

have passed away, and the many members who are watching on screens at home and being moved. Thanks to all of you, we have been able to carry on safely like this.

It would not be possible without the support of all of you here.

To all of you who have come, despite being so busy and coming from so far—from around the world, and from all over Japan, from Hokkaido to Kyushu—I express my deepest gratitude for your efforts.

At last, a land of peace where the world is connected as one. That is truly something that all of you have created from your hearts.

Rejoicing from the bottom of my heart, I have offered these words. Thank you very much.

<Talk by Yuka-sensei and Introduction of Guests from Overseas>

【Yuka-sensei】

Just now at the end, Hiroo-sensei asked me, “What about the translation?” and I said, “Huh?” I’m sorry, I had no intention of translating at all. Please excuse me.

Also, while being called “the younger generation, the younger generation,” and thinking that I really have to do my best from now on—the three of us in the “younger generation” are all around fifty.

So that we can nurture the truly younger generation, the next generation, we wish to entrust things to them with all our strength.

In that regard, there is an HSK booth today, so if there are any truly young people in their forties or younger here at the venue, please do stop by the HSK booth.

And finally, what I wanted to share today: I would like to ask each of the guests from overseas who have been standing in line here to say a few words.

(Guest from Italy) I came from Italy. We at Living Ethics, just like all of you, bring down the higher dimensions and pray, so I am very happy to have been able to pray together with all of you today.

(Guest) Our feelings are one and the same. Thank you very much.

(Guest) I am very happy to be able to work and collaborate with MPPI, and I work within this activity of people all over the world praying together as one. Thank you very much today as well.

(Guest from Los Angeles, USA) I came from Los Angeles in the United States. I am a graduate of Nanamaru. I think your prayers are truly unbelievably amazing. I am always grateful overseas. Living overseas, I feel very strongly just how much it means that you pray for the world. I am truly grateful. Thank you very much.

(Guest from Seattle, USA) I came from Seattle in the United States. I am also a Nanamaru graduate, and I think it has been about ten years. Since it has been so long, I feel as if my heart is about to jump out of my chest. Overseas, especially in the United States, the waves are so strong that at times it feels impossible to accept things.

Once again, I am greatly helped by the words of the Declaration of Humanity’s Divinity that Masami-sensei taught us. The declaration was given a very long time ago, yet it is so relevant now. It helps me. I have lived in the United States for forty-two years, and I feel that now.

In the same way, I am grateful to Masami-sensei. The energy and vibrations of all of you praying from Japan are reaching the United States. They are definitely reaching us. We in the United States cannot do it alone, so please continue to pray for us.

(Guest from Ukraine, interpreted) Ukraine is now in a truly very difficult situation. He said that just coming here today and standing here took a great deal of courage. He said that he bows down in heartfelt gratitude for your existence, and that he expresses his gratitude to all of you on behalf of the citizens of Ukraine.

(Taekwondo master from Los Angeles, interpreted) I am a Taekwondo grandmaster living in Los Angeles. Taekwondo is education based on the same spirit as the Prayer for World Peace that we practice, so although this is my first time here today, I am very grateful and honored to have been able to offer such a prayer.

(Guest from the Los Angeles Branch) I believe the Flag Ceremony was held for the first time in Los Angeles in 1986. I took part in it, and I saw Japanese people praying for the peace of the Republic of Korea. Seeing that, I was so moved that tears came, and I could not say a single word.

Since then, I came to feel how wonderful the prayer “May peace prevail on Earth” is—transcending borders and races—that there is no prayer more wonderful than this, and I went on to become the only Korean instructor.

Since I also live in the United States, I believe this is a matter of destiny, and I have been diligently conveying GOI-sensei’s spirit, the Prayer for World Peace, to the Korean community, and praying the Prayer for World Peace together with Japanese members. Truly, I wonder what kind of life I would have had without this prayer.

(Guest from the Los Angeles Branch) I also came from the Los Angeles Branch. When we form the IN at the Los Angeles Branch, I always remember the flags of the world here at the Fuji Sanctuary, and the cawing of the crows here, and form the IN while picturing this place. I am returning to Los Angeles on a late-night flight today, so I would like to carry this energy back with me just as it is.

(Guest from the United Kingdom, interpreted) Thanks to your prayers, your sustained prayers, we too are able to continue our activities. Thank you always.

(Guest from Las Vegas) I first started in Los Angeles, and from the Los Angeles Branch, I now host the Las Vegas gathering. I have also been appointed as an instructor. Together with the members in Japan, I have been given various experiences through this activity. I continue this activity, which is beyond words, with a heart that is moved and full every time. Thank you all very much.

(Guest from Denmark, interpreted) I am grateful to be able to speak in front of you all. I express my heartfelt gratitude for your constant daily prayers. Thank you always.

(Guest, interpreted) First of all, I am deeply grateful to the Guardian Divine Spirits. I am truly grateful that I was able to come here this morning, to take part in Byakko’s work, and to pray together with all of you.

(Guest living in the United Kingdom) My name is Shantida. It is a name I was given in India, and I currently live in the United Kingdom. Thank you very much for allowing me to pray in such a place of high vibrations.

(Guest born in Australia, living in France, interpreted) I was born in Australia and live in France. I

graduated from Nanamaru in 2006, so this year marks exactly twenty years. While I am grateful for your prayers for world peace, I am happy that I am allowed to be a part of all of you. Thank you very much.

(Guest from Israel, interpreted) May peace prevail on Earth. I express my gratitude to all of you.

(Guest from Israel, interpreted) We are traveling together, and this is our first time in Japan. We are honored to have been able to come here today. We received hope—and we were able to receive hope for our own peace from all of you. Thank you very much.

Thank you very much to all of you who came from overseas.

We rarely have the chance to pray together, but when we do pray together, we are truly each individuals and also companions. For all of you, seeing those who have come from overseas is moving, but for the people overseas, the sight of all of you continuing to pray here in Japan is always their hope and their courage—I think you felt this once again from today's messages.

Today, people from the United States, Israel, Belarus, Ukraine, Korea, France, and Australia expressed their heartfelt gratitude to all of you for continuing to offer unceasing prayers here in Japan.

So let us firmly receive that gratitude too, and, as Maki-sensei said, truly feel this Divinity, return home, and continue praying.

Thank you all very much today.

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