

What is the Purpose of Faith?

Achieving Kosen-rufu

The second important purpose of faith is kosen-rufu, which means to ceaselessly and correctly protect Nichiren Daishonin's Buddhism and widely propagate it throughout the entire world in order to rid the world of misery. This will create unshakable happiness for all people and build a truly peaceful society.

From the very start, Buddhism has taught its followers to be merciful and to pursue their own happiness together with concern and compassion for others.

Nichiren Daishonin risked his life for peace in society and the happiness of humanity, and offered himself wholly for the sake of kosen-rufu. His successors, the Second High Priest Nikko Shonin, the Third High Priest Nichimoku Shonin, and each of the successive High Priests, have all fervently exerted themselves for the realization of kosen-rufu.

Those who make this admirable spirit a deep part of themselves and thereby dedicate themselves for the sake of kosen-rufu are embracing the true spirit of Nichiren Shoshu believers.

Thus, the purpose of faith in Nichiren Shoshu is to gain true happiness by attaining Buddhahood in this lifetime and to widely teach and propagate Nichiren Daishonin's Buddhism throughout the whole world in order to lead others to happiness.