

# HOME Services

## Oregon Buddhist Temple

Besides, the Nembutsu is not confined to Sundays. Think of how the Issei practiced Buddhism every day.

We learned about the use of the Kakocho, or family death record in home services. The purpose of the Kakocho is to give people opportunities to reflect upon the Dharma with a daily ritual. They can remember and show gratitude to their ancestors and family members. Within the death record are sayings that one may select and reflect upon.

For a 31 day calendar, a family member's name, age at death and date of death is written on each page along with a quotation (from scripture or poems, one's own thoughts, etc.) The person's name should be written on the date he/she passed away. After years, each page will be filled with a name.

Here are some suggestions for simple "daily religious duty" (Otsutome) one may try at home. Feel free to develop a different format that suits you better.

#1

Prepare food offering  
Turn page of Kakocho  
Light candle  
Burn Incense  
Gassho  
Ring bell twice  
Chant Shoshinge, Wasans, or Eko  
Ring bell three times  
Gassho  
Read saying and name in Death Record  
Gassho  
Extinguish candle

#2

Turn page of Kakocho  
Light candle  
Burn incense  
Gassho  
Ring bell twice  
Chant Juseige, Sambutsuge, Junirai, or other  
Nembutsu  
Eko  
Ring bell three times  
Gassho  
Read saying and name in Death Record  
Gassho  
Extinguish candle

#3

Turn page of Kakocho  
Light candle  
Burn incense  
Ring bell once  
Gassho  
Read saying and name in Death Record  
Ring bell once  
Gassho  
Extinguish candle

#4

Turn page of Kakocho  
Ring bell once  
Gassho  
Read saying and name in Death Record  
Ring bell once  
Gassho

#5

Turn page of Kakocho  
Gassho  
Read saying and name in Death Record  
Gassho

#6 Gassho

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