

# URABON CEREMONY

*July 16, 2017*

The origin of the Urabon Ceremony performed on behalf of the deceased can be found in a Buddhist scripture known as the "Urabon Sutra." It describes how the Venerable Maudgalyayana, one of Shakyamuni's disciples, known as the foremost in clairvoyant powers, saved his mother who had fallen into the world of hunger for a period of five hundred lifetimes because of karmic retribution for her greed and miserliness. Maudgalyayana followed Shakyamuni's instructions by offering food and drink to many priests on the 15th day of the seventh month. And in this way, he was finally able to save his mother.

Since the early days of Buddhism, the Urabon Ceremony is a time set aside for people to pray for the peace and happiness of their deceased family and friends. By erecting Toba Tablets during this ceremony, we are able to send the benefits of Nam-Myoho-Renge-Kyo to the deceased to ease their present suffering and ensure that they will be reborn in a higher life condition. This is the significance of the Urabon Ceremony.

*To request Toba Tablets, please complete the application below and return it to the Temple by **July 9th** with the appropriate Gokuyo.*

*Please Print Clearly*

<b>NAME OF APPLICANT</b>	<b>NAME OF DECEASED</b>
General Gokuyo (if any) _____	Gokuyo for Tobas (\$10.00 ea.) _____