

Kyoshu-sama's Message
Revision of Prayers
To the Members of Izunome Group
June 1, 2018

In deep awe and fear of God, I say that He is the One and Only God, the Creator, the source of eternal life, all light and power. His purpose of Creation is to bear children in His own likeness.

For that reason, in the Beginning, His Heaven, God prepared spiritual bodies in His likeness. Regarding them as His children, He named each one Messiah. He sent those spirits to earth granting each and every one with a physical body, thus creating human beings.

That is who we are now.

God has made it our destiny to become His children.

We have been entrusted to carry this spiritual body in God's likeness in order to fulfill this destiny. As such, we are able to breathe a physical breath because our spiritual body breathes a spiritual breath. Our breath is the breath of God. Our consciousness, life and soul are the consciousness, life and soul of God. Our body in itself is an expression of the body of God.

However, we did not realize our body was the body of God. Without recognizing this, we said things like, "I believe in God" and "I am practicing the teachings." Out of our ignorance, we disrespected God in this way. As our representative and together with us, Meishu-sama repented and asked God for forgiveness for his sins *and* our sins. Meishu-sama then offered his life to God.

God accepted the petition from Meishu-sama, our representative, and forgave him. Thus, Meishu-sama was born anew as a true child of God, a Messiah.

Meishu-sama became one body with God.

This Meishu-sama does not live in a distant place from us. He actually lives within us. Because of the love of God within Meishu-sama, we, too, have been forgiven, saved and brought back to life. Just like Meishu-sama, we are also being nurtured by God to be born anew as a true child of God, as a Messiah.

At this time, the executives of Izunome Group have requested permission to revise the *Goshinmei*¹ or "divine name" of Meishu-sama and the *Zengen Sanji*^{**} or "Prayer for Paradise on Earth" in the same way Su no Hikari Kyodan says the prayer, and begin praying this way from

¹*Goshinmei* meaning "divine name," is only used in prayers. Meishu-sama's divine name, used at the end of the *Amatsu Norito* and the *Zengen Sanji* prayers, currently is *Oshiemioya nushi no kami*.

^{**}*Zengen Sanji* or "Prayer for Paradise on Earth." See *Izunome Prayer Book*, p. 8.

the upcoming Paradise on Earth Service.

All of you from Izunome Group, as with Su no Hikari Kyodan, are following Meishu-sama as our example and making efforts to learn and practice in this entirely new faith that Meishu-sama is revealing to us in order to be born anew as a true child of God, a Messiah.

As many of you from Izunome Group pray daily the divine name of Meishu-sama in the *Amatsu Norito* and the *Zengen Sanji*, I have come to believe that the divine name of Meishu-sama should be *Meshiya no mikami* meaning “Divine Spirit of Messiah,” rather than the current name of *Oshie mioya nushi no kami* simply meaning “Our religious teacher.”

In addition, I have come to believe that it is preferable to say the *Zengen Sanji* with the newly revised wording, namely in three places.

Accordingly, along with approving the request from Izunome Group, I would like to say the prayer with the newly revised divine name of Meishu-sama and the *Zengen Sanji* together with all of you at the upcoming Paradise on Earth Service in Osaka.

From now on, all of you will be saying the prayers with the divine name *Meshiya no mikami* or “Divine Spirit of Messiah.” You are able to voice out this divine name of Meishu-sama because this very divine name exists within all of you. It is because the forgiveness in the name of Messiah exists within all things.

I, too, together with all of you, accept the forgiveness that is embedded in the name of Messiah, and return to the Heaven that is shining brilliantly within me.

Let us offer our entire life to God. Let us pray that while we are far from perfect, we may be used by God in this entirely new work of salvation, even if just a little.

Meishu-sama wrote the following poem:

I am not worthy, God,
To serve in Your work.
But my heart yearns for You!
O God, I pray to You –
Please use me as You wish!

In this way, Meishu-sama himself, representing us, is always offering prayers to God for us in the name of Messiah. It is precisely because of Meishu-sama’s prayers that we ourselves, who are also unworthy to serve in the work of God, are able to offer prayers to God.

In the name of Messiah, which is one with Meishu-sama, I praise God who accomplishes His Will within us and within all things and who shares His blessings with all.